



A Welcoming Congregation

HORIZONS Newsletter of the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PHOENIX

4027 East Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ, 85253

June 2007

Celebration of Life

Sundays, 10:30 AM

JUNE 3: YRUU SERVICE

Service Leaders: Jaynn Truran & Andy St. Clair

Here's your chance to get the inside scoop on what this vibrant group of young religious UU's are all about. What makes them tick? What brings them here Sundays? What does the writing on the wall (of Annex C) really mean? All this and more will be revealed. . . .

Soulful Sundown Service 6 PM

JUNE 10: A HOME FOR THE SPIRIT

By Rev. Jean Wahlstrom

We have overlapping, intersecting visions of the faith community which is the UU Congregation of Phoenix. No one vision will - or should - be perfectly made manifest. Yet each of us should be able to find here a home for our spirit.

Annual Meeting

JUNE 17: "FROM YOU I RECEIVE, TO YOU I GIVE"

By Rev. Jean Wahlstrom

At this point in time our ministries diverge - you to a new and different year of interim ministry, Jean to a settled ministry in Syracuse. Jean will speak about the blessings of this interim journey we have shared, and the gifts she will carry in her heart.

Rev. Jean Goodbye Party

JUNE 24: SUMMER SOLSTICE

Service Leader: Heather McLellan

The pagan chant tell us "The earth is our mother we must take care of her; the forest is our brother we must take of him." The Women's Spirituality Circle will take good care of the summer solstice service offering music, chants and dance.



We have a new minister — Roberta Haskin!

The Interim Search Committee and Board are pleased to announce we have a new Interim Minister who will join UUCP in August. Roberta Haskin is an Accredited Interim Minister who as a trained interim has served four congregations, the latest being the UU Congregation of Las Vegas.

She says about herself, "I have great enthusiasm for my ministry. I have worked as a Director of Religious Education, a Chaplain in Trauma Centers and Clinics, and a Parish Minister in Unitarian Universalist congregations of varying sizes and venues. I enjoy using my creative skills to design weddings and other rites of passage, lead worship services and learning sessions, and facilitate growth in our Unitarian Universalist congregations. I bring well-rounded skills in pastoral care and counsel, lifespan learning, steward

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Annual Meeting

June 10

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From the Interim Minister...

In the Valley, this is the season of endings... The annual canvass is wrapping up. Joan Laurence reported to the Finance committee the number upon which your '07-08 budget will be based. There's "good news and bad news". Together you pledged over \$283,000 – a record amount. The number of pledging households is up, too. On the down side, you're about \$19,000 shy of the canvass target – the amount needed

- to meet expected program and operational expenses,
- to cover the increased salary you offered to attract an accredited interim and a new settled minister, and
- to permit a cost of living increase for Connie, Kim, Heidi and Manuel.

A few of you, as I do, know or expect you will be moving out of the Phoenix area. We will contribute to UUCP while we're still here – or for as long as our hearts still call UUCP home. New members will come and, if this past year is an indication, their contributions will more than make up the difference.

You are unique in the Valley – building on a 60 year history of Unitarianism. You have a look and feel that says "We're here to stay; a strong voice for liberal religion and UU values." Like a New England farmhouse, your building hugs the road that connects you outward, while the rest of your land stretches back – used only by wildlife and the youngsters who roam out to explore it. Yet this land is a part of you, of your identity. 4027 Lincoln Drive is

the gift of those wild dreamers in your past who bought ten acres of empty county land. And just as a farmhouse takes its identity from the adjoining fields and pasture, you are this openness, this room to breathe and wander, dance or pause with the spirits in the Memorial Garden.

So come back inside now. In the Valley, this is the season of coming inside. Draw close to one another in the fellowship of your religious quest. You will have another year of "wandering the desert" in your search for a settled minister – someone to dwell with you, serve with you, minister to you for years to come. The outcome of your wandering desert year will be to recognize in her or him the one for whom you have been searching. There is still work to do in preparation – not the least of which is new entrances, sign, and frontage. The Town and its commercial concerns continue to delay you, but push through it. Hold to your faith that what you are building is more important than yet another Paradise Valley housing project. You will prevail – how could you not? In the short space of time I have been here, I have seen your strength, your perseverance, and how much you care capable of achieving. I do believe, you're indomitable.

Many of you have asked how much longer I will be here. Essentially, through June. I will be preaching

June 10th and 17th, then at the UU General Assembly for a week, then back for about a week of packing up. I'll lead a summer service July 1st, which I expect will be part sharing from GA, part a ritual of goodbye. Then I'll head east with two cats and a carload of memories. My two years in Phoenix will stay with me all my remaining years, and the warmth with which you welcomed me. It's not time yet to think of missing you, though I'll have plenty of that ahead of me, too, I know. This is the time to say how very rich I feel for having shared these two years with you.
- Blessings, Jean

New Minister Continued from pg 1...
ship and organizational development, community worship, and sensitivity to diversity. I am particularly interested in promoting healthy individuals, communities, and environments." She and her husband, Dennis, a retired businessman, have a home in Minnesota. They have four adult children, ages 25 to 31 and her parents live here in Arizona. You can read more about her on her website www.robertainhaskin.com/. We had three strong candidates who were interested in us. The two we did not choose sounded disappointed when they heard we had selected someone else. The excellent notebook made by the settled search committee showed the interim candidates what a dynamic, exciting place UUCP is.

Interim Search Committee - Marshal Smart, Sharon Hise and Charlotte Carl-Mitchell

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

Daniel Raymond McNeal
Jennifer Goyette Raines
Audrey Hope Engelen
Shannon Lea Garvin
John Charles Mitchell

Onward and Upward . . .

For us at UUCP, June is always a time for endings and beginnings. In this column, I want to acknowledge some of the people who have done so much for our community during the past year and also set the stage for some of the changes coming up.

Rev. Jean Wahlstrom's sojourn in the Southwest is ending. June 17th will be her last official day in the pulpit, and then on August 1 she will become an Easterner again. I personally have deeply appreciated her sermons and the thoughtful guidance she has brought to so much of our congregational life. She has been inspirational, compassionate and persistently tough-minded when it was needed. Most of all, she has been completely committed to our development and well being. She has, to use a sporting term, left it all on the field for us. I hope that each of you will let her know that she has served us well.

Next year, our minister will be Rev. Roberta Haskin. She comes to us highly recommended as a very effective, accredited interim minister. Rev. Haskin will begin August 12. Our thanks go to Marshal Smart, Sharon Hise, Charlotte Carl-Mitchell and to the UUA Settlement Office for this successful recruitment. Our search for our settled minister will continue, of course, with some new members of that search committee being voted in on June 10. Again, we owe thanks to those who served on the committee this past year as well as to those to whom the baton has passed.

This is a marvelous place with so many people who have done, and are doing, so much that benefit so many. When you pick up the photo directory, think of Susan Leung. When you write your stewardship check, think of Joan Laurence. When you see carpeting on the sanctuary steps instead of old paint and tassels, think of Libby Walker and the Women's Spirituality Group. We have committee members, office volunteers, covenant group leaders, class teachers, staff members, all of us together making this a home for people with open minds, helping hands, and caring hearts.

As we all know, this home of ours needs some renovation. Getting our plans through the Town of Paradise Valley has been frustratingly slow, but we are now at a point that we want to pull a building permit to do some of the basic things we have wanted for so long, such as to put in safe entry doors and replace the infamous sliding glass doors that face the patio. We will be presenting a proposal for doing these things at the end of May and early June, with an authorization vote to come at the June 10 annual meeting. That proposal will be prudent and affordable. But it is absolutely critical that everyone who wants this work to actually happen must continue to follow through on their pledges to the construction fund. If you have been holding back, waiting for things to "get real," then it is time to step up. This is real, this is happening, and this is what we said we wanted.

The new Board will have the task of helping us decide how to move beyond this first step and getting us to a point of doing the larger and equally needed work of creating an accessible lobby, fixing the restrooms, and finishing the safety improvements. The "Master Plan" submission to the Town has been a distraction for far too long. It is long past time to refocus on how we will turn the construction documents into construction. That will be our aim as we go into the fall.

Endings and beginnings. Also continuations. Normally, the June Horizons is a Board President's goodbye. This year, it is a deep breath before starting another leg of the journey. Fortunately, I am traveling in very good company. See you on the road.

In community,
Gary Ezzell

Annual Meeting June 10

The annual meeting of the Congregation will be on June 10, immediately following the service. Agenda items will include:

- Election for Board of Trustees and Ministerial Search Committee,
- Financial review and adoption of 2007-2008 budget,
- Renovation/Construction review and motion to authorize some initial renovation work.

We will have an informational meeting after the June 3 service to discuss the details of the renovation authorization.

'Tis a privilege to serve . . .

As of the writing of this article, I am in the midst of writing my sermon for the May 20th Religious Education Ministries celebration service. The centerpiece of the service is a "movie" featuring a compilation of pictures of congregational life during the 2006-2007-program year. As you can imagine, I have spend quite a few hours sorting through, arranging, and editing these images that have been captured during our journey as a faith community this past year.

What strikes me as I look at these pictures is the beauty of all of the members of this congregation. The babies' faces sparkle with their newness along side the gentle wisdom of some of our most senior members. We are truly an intergenerational congregation; we share meals together, we play together, we sing together and we worship together, no matter what age.

'Tis a privilege to have served this congregation for the past four years. Thank you never seems adequate to express the expansive gratitude I have for this rare opportunity to work with all of you. But I do thank you, and I look forward to the next program year with even higher hopes for our capacity to love, learn and worship as a community.

In faith,
Kim St. Clair
Religious Education Director
redirector@phoenixuu.org



Our preschool is wrapping up for summer with many positive developments:

- A new director - church member, Jane Armstrong, on-board full time as of June 1
- Enrollment - a nearly full roster for fall '07 promises a successful upcoming year
- Financial news - financially the EEC has maintained its fiscally self-sustaining status - our preschool serves the church and community-at-large at no cost to the congregation
- A new TK teacher - new transitional kindergarten teacher, Gail Ober, is bringing great ideas and energy to the program

Limited spaces are available for 5-6 year olds in our unique transitional kindergarten program. Please contact Jane for more information. Please watch this space for a profile of Gail and other wonderful news coming from the preschool!

Jane Armstrong
Preschool Director
eecdirector@phoenixuu.org

Greetings From Your Music Director!

We had a great service here on May 13 hosting the annual music Sunday with the Valley UU Choir as our guests. Thanks to everyone for the music and the enthusiasm. We'll all be at the Valley UU Church on June 3rd.

THANKS ED GROBE : AN APPRECIATION CONCERT JUNE 2ND AT 3:00PM

Please come to hear some of our favorite music composed by one of our composers-in-residence, and to thank Ed for his many compositions and his many years of making music at UUCP. The concert will begin at 3:00pm with a reception to follow.

NEW AT UUCP: Soulful Sundown Service June 3 ~ 6:00pm ~ Music ~ Worship ~ Celebration ~

Want to contribute to making music in the summer at UUCP? Want to help plan the next Soulful Sundown? Call or email the Music Director. That's Me!

Keep making music!
Connie Jahrmarkt
musicdirector@phoenixuu.org
480 970 8807

To Seek Knowledge in Freedom . . .

Adult Religious Education finished the “school year” with its 7th Principle class “Being Human in Nature”. Fifteen people attended, learning UU roots in transcendentalism and exploring our place in the universe. One of our texts, *Encountering Naturalism*, by Thomas Clark, became a Book Group selection and is available at the Book Table. We highly recommend it as very friendly worldview! The class also discussed the big events coming this summer—The Great Story, which you can read about at www.uuworld.org/ideas/articles/2679.shtml. On July 22nd, The Great Story will be presented at Sunday service and the ARE committee, working with the Sunday Service Committee, has arranged that event to precede another important Sunday, July 29, when we will host a Sunday Service about The Green Sanctuary Program www.uuministryforearth.org/grs_overview.htm. On that day, a speaker from UU Northwest Tucson will be our guest. ARE has gone green with great vigor and we look forward to working with the children’s programs on the new ecological efforts coming soon!

To Share Our Strength in Fellowship . . .

COVENANT GROUPS CLOSE THE PROGRAM YEAR

The Covenant Group Ministry is closing another successful program year with various celebrations or ceremonies. Groups have had potlucks, met at a restaurant, held moving closing sessions, and other meaningful final sessions to say good-bye to a year of forming deeper bonds with each other. The groups look forward to “shaking things up” in the next program year with the anticipation of returning and new facilitators, topics and further developing strong relationships. Much gratitude goes out to our fantastic facilitators this year: Ellie Anderla, Gene Cherry, Susan Leung, Jimmy Leung, Alan Levine, Ellie Murphy, Natalie Summit and Jerry Whalin

Green Tip of the Month

by Juli Harvey

June is the traditional month of weddings. If you are planning a wedding or other large event, go green. Throw bird seed instead of rice. Wear recycled gowns and suits; after all, they’ve only been worn once! Use recycled dye-free paper goods and invitations. Plan the occasion for a natural setting, perhaps by a creek or lake. Check out more suggestions at: www.ecomall.com/greenshopping/greenwedding.htm

Young Adult Group Continues Through Summer

The Young Adult group will continue to meet at 12:30 p.m. in Room C throughout the summer. We hope to get together for fun outing such as a potluck at Lake Pleasant, going to summer blockbusters together, and generally finding ways to hangout, have fun and be together. If you’re between the ages of 18-35 and would like to know more about this wonderful group of people, contact Kim St. Clair at redirector@phoenixuu.org or at 602-741-2539.

PARTY AT LAKE PLEASANT

It’s summer, it’s hot, and if you are reading this you are more than likely still in Phoenix, so come join our Young Adult Group (ages 18 - 35) for a day at Lake Pleasant recreational park in Peoria. There will be swimming, hiking, boating, floating, eating, music, and games.

We will do an assigned potluck BBQ by last name as follows:

A - D Something to Grill
E - H Fruit
I - L Salad
M - P Chips & Dip
Q - U Dessert
V-Z Paper plates, Napkins
BYO. . .

- drinks
- chairs, towels, sun block
- boats & floats
- games & music

Contact Heidi in the office for directions and more details.

602-840-8400

administrator@phoenixuu.org

Love is the Doctrine of this Congregation . . .

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- June 3 – YRUU service (all ages begin in sanctuary – 5th grade and older stay for service; Pre-K-4th grade – “Water Play Sunday”)
- June 10 – Begin in sanctuary for Together Time; Ice Cream Sunday on the playground
- June 17 – “Going Green: A Summer of Hands-on Nature” begins – 10:30 a.m. – Room 10 (see article below)
- June 20 – “Going Green” – Room 10
- June 27 – “Going Green” - Room

SUMMER SUNDAYS GOING GREEN THIS YEAR!

June 17, 2007, will mark the kick-off of our Summer Sunday School in the “green room” (Room 10) with a whole new focus – “Hands-on Nature.” Tiffany Lipkeman and Daniel Mendez will be our leaders for this all age summer program (as opposed to having two classes – one for older and one for younger children – as we have had in the past). We are recruiting 5th graders on up to commit to assist at least one class summer (up to four per class period). The idea behind this new configuration is to more fully involve our older youth in the community by giving them a sense of empowerment and ownership. Plus, big kids love working with little kids and little kids love having big kids in the room!

We also need at least one adult coordinator (two or three would be preferable) to interface with the class on Sunday mornings and to make sure there is coverage when Tiffany and Daniel are at camp (July 15 and 22).

Please contact Kim St. Clair at redirector@phoenixuu.org or at 602-741-2539 if you are able to be a part of this program (either as an adult or youth).

1ST & 2ND GRADERS COMPLETE OWL

The first and second graders have completed their eight weeks of Our Whole Lives (OWL), our UU lifespan sexuality education program. They learned all about their bodies and the fun things they can do with their bodies, like jump and dance. They learned how to keep their bodies healthy and safe. They talked about all kinds of families, and the joys and changes that occur in families, like when a baby is born. The kids enjoyed learning about how babies “happen”; in an age appropriate way, of course. On the last day we had a birthday party and made a beautiful paper quilt, which is hanging in the hall. Please stop by and admire it! Tom Brookshire, Diana Saylor, and Lee Spencer

YRUU – BUSY, BUSY! BY BRIANA NOONAN

What has the youth group been up to recently? Well, we are as busy as ever. We have our service coming up in three weeks and we are still working out the details for that.

We want it to be a great service that everyone can enjoy! Also, just recently District Assembly took place in Riverside, California. One of the main ideas of this service was to help integrate the youth into the adult community. While there, the youth managed to participate in three main workshops that revolved around what youth enjoyed about church. Also, it showed statistics as to what teens thought about their particular church and if they felt connections to anyone who was an adult. Throughout these meeting everyone worked as a group to come up with new ways and ideas as to what we should do to mesh the adults with the youth. Hopefully, these workshops were helpful and now we can start making our way into a more connected community. There’s much more that the youth is up to and we would love it if you would make your way over to see us once in a while so we can tell you all about what were so busy doing. Plus, we would love to see you guys too!

Women's Spirituality Circle

Summer Meetings

The Women's Spirituality Circle will meet in members' homes during June, July and August. Please call the congregation office for information. 602-840-8400

UU Crafters at Work

Since March, crafty UUs have been meeting regularly to share skills and plan a holiday craft sale to benefit UUCP. In October, watch for a preview table at coffee hour so you can see our crafts and make suggestions for things you would like to buy at the sale in early December.

All are welcome to join the UU Crafters, a busy, beloved community of people of all skill levels who like to work with their hands. To add your name to our email list contact Sandy Thomson sjthomson@cox.net or Libby Walker libndave@msn.com

Open Art Studio

There will be open art studio in Johnson room from 9 am. to 11:30 AM on Tuesdays from 05/22/07 through 06/26/07 and on Saturdays from 07/3/07 through 07/28/07. Some teaching will be provided. For more information, call Jay Alagia at 602 -952-8889.

Outdoor Group

SATURDAY, JUNE 9: GUIDED BIRDING HIKE

Where: Nature Conservancy's Hassayampa River Preserve, Wickenburg

Leaders: Bill Wardlaw
wwardlaw@cox.net
623/587-4479

Jimmy Leung
jcleung@cox.net
480/551-2090

Hike: A 3-hour easy, shaded birding stroll led by a professional birding guide. Great for kids/families. (Fee for non-Conservancy members; see flyer for details)

Meeting Time/Place: Meet at 5:45 AM for 6:00 AM departure. Early birds see the birds!! McDonald's at 23rd Ave. & Deer Valley Road (just east of I-17).

SATURDAY, JUNE 23: BANNING CREEK TO GOLDWATER LAKE, PRESCOTT

Leaders: Sylvia Tucker
ds6tucker@earthlink.net
480/664-4143

Pauline Peverly
ppeverly@cox.net
602/274-8342

Hike: Pine- shaded 6 mile hike along a creek to the lake. Good for families and/or gentle hikers.

Meeting Time/Place: Meet at 6:00 AM McDonald's at 23rd Ave. & Deer Valley Road (just east of I-17). Depart promptly at 6:30 AM to avoid the heat!

Traveling 2nd Fridays

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

JUNE 8: THE SPLENDORS OF ANCIET EGYPT
BY BARBARA CAWTHORNE
Cairo was the cradle of civilization founded in 150AD, while today it has 15 million people. The pyramids were built 4500 years ago and are on the outskirts of Cairo. 400 miles down the Nile is a civilization 3,500 years old with the magnificent temples of Luxor & Karnak. Continuing down the Nile to Lake Nasser, which began to fill after the completion of Aswan Dam in 1902, flooded Abu Simbel which was totally removed & carried to another location as were many of the Egyptian temples.

If you have any questions about Traveling 2nd Fridays, call Barbara Cawthorne at (480) 994-1452. Remember – MARK your calendars!

A Different View

Please join Rev. Dr. Walt Wieder as he hosts "A Different View" on KPHX, 1480 AM from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings. For those of you who prefer the computer, the show can also be heard worldwide via webstream using the links found at www.aaphx.com. Each week the show looks at different ethical, theological, spiritual and
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Partner Church Council News

HELP THE TRANSYLVANNIANS VISIT UUCP!

The UUCP Partner Church Committee is sponsoring a visit from four members of our partner church in Szekely Udvarhely, in October 2007. If you would like to help, please complete this form. You can return it to the Partner Church table in the sanctuary today, or leave it in the church mailbox for the Partner Church Committee. We will contact you to make arrangements.

Thanks!

Name:

Contact information:

I can help with:

A financial donation (any amount welcome)

Donating frequent flyer miles

Name of airline(s) _____

Approx. # of
miles _____

Hungarian/English translation

Entertainment (event tickets, outings, etc.)

Organizing a church reception

Hosting a dinner party

Home hospitality for one couple

Other: _____

I am interested in:

Joining the UUCP Partner Church Committee

Visiting Transylvania in 2008

On March 18th, members of our congregation who had traveled to Transylvania spoke to the congregation in celebration of the roots of our faith and of the deepening relationship with our partner church in Szekelyudvarhely. Now we want to bring friends from our partner church (minister Domi and his wife, Eva and the lay president, Gyuci and his wife, Csilla), to our congregation in the fall. We do need some help to do this. If you are able, please complete the pledge form to the left of this article and return it to the office or send it to Paula Kulina, 8918 N. Drey Lane, Phoenix, 85021.

Archive Committee's Biographical Canvass

The every member canvass turned up so many wonderful personal stories, the Archive Committee thought it would be a nice idea to do a biographical canvass. We have our lovely and useful photo directory, wouldn't it be nice to have bios on the people along with their contact data and pictures? If you're willing to contribute such a biography, please e-mail it to Charlotte Carl-Mitchell, ccm@tic.com. Or you could leave in the archive committee mailbox. It can be any length and cover your religious history or your entire personal history - whatever you'd like the congregation to know about you. My plan is to post the bios on a password protected section of my website so only members could view them. It has been very interesting to have the descriptions of new members in Horizons, but if they're posted on a website, they'll be together and easy to access. As the congregation grows larger, as we continue to build community, it would be helpful to know more about each other. So start writing!

Charlotte Carl-Mitchell
Archive Committee member

Calendar of Events....

Friday June 1

6:30 PM YRUU Rehearsal

Saturday June 2

3:00 PM Ed Grobe Appreciation Concert

Sunday June 3

Water Sunday for RE Classes
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
12:00 PM New Day Center Meal
6:00 PM Soulful Sundown Service

Monday June 4

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday June 5

9:00 AM Open Art Studio

Wednesday June 6

8:30 AM Kids Kamp
2:00 PM Covenant Group
5:00 PM Choir Preparation
6:00 PM ARE Committee
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday June 7

8:30 AM Kids Kamp
6:00 PM YRUU Service Rehearsal
6:30 PM Children's Ministry
7:00 PM Construction Committee

Friday June 8

COA Graduation Trip
8:30 AM Kids Kamp
7:00 PM Traveling 2nd Fridays

Saturday June 9

COA Graduation Trip
Outdoor Group: Birding Hike

Sunday June 10

Ice Cream Sunday
No RE Classes
COA Graduation Trip
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM Canvass Wrap Up
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
11:45 Congregation Annual Meeting
2:00 PM SAWUURA

Monday June 11

8:30 AM Kids Kamp
7:00 PM Women's Spirituality

Tuesday June 12

8:30 AM Kids Kamp
9:00 AM Open Art Studio
7:00 PM Amnesty International

Wednesday June 13

8:30 AM Kids Kamp
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday June 14

8:30 AM Kids Kamp
7:00 PM ARE & SAC Movie Night

Friday June 15

8:30 AM Kids Kamp

Saturday June 20

YA/CM Party at Lake Pleasant

Sunday June 17

10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
10:45 AM Summer Sunday School
11:45 AM Rev. Jean Goodbye Party

Monday June 18

8:30 AM Kids Kamp
7:00 PM Women's Spirituality

Tuesday June 19

8:30 AM Kids Kamp
9:00 AM Open Art Studio

Wednesday June 20

8:30 AM Kids Kamp

Thursday June 21

8:30 AM Kids Kamp
7:00 PM Construction Committee
7:00 PM Finance Committee

Friday June 22

8:30 AM Kids Kamp

Saturday June 23

Outdoor Group Hike

Sunday June 24

10:30 AM Celebration of Life Ser-

vice

10:45 AM Summer Sunday School

Monday June 25

8:30 AM Kids Kamp
7:00 PM Women's Spirituality

Tuesday June 26

8:30 AM Kids Kamp
9:00 AM Open Art Studio

Wednesday June 27

8:30 AM Kids Kamp

Thursday June 28

8:30 AM Kids Kamp

Friday June 29

8:30 AM Kids Kamp

Calendar Submissions

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

Facilities Communication Task Force Update

We had hoped to have a different report for you by this time, but some key aspects of our facilities construction project are further delayed. The Town of Paradise planners have raised objections to aspects of our project that previously had not been noted, thus further delaying the project. Our architect has submitted additional information which we feel responds to all questions from the Town, but as of press time we have not heard back from the planning staff. Given other major projects on the Town's agenda, our UUCP project continues to get pushed back, to the point where there is no possibility of it being reviewed by the full Planning Commission or Town Council until the fall. This is disappointing, but also affords us an opportunity to brainstorm other options.

At its May 10 meeting, the Construction Committee voted to present to the Board a proposal to proceed with a portion of the Phase 1 project that focuses on accessibility, safety, and maintenance. You will be hearing more about this proposal through emails, a special mailing, pulpit announcements through the month of May, a congregational workshop on June 3, and an update "info sheet" published by the Facilities Communication Task Force. At the June 10 Annual Meeting, we hope to be asking the Congregation (under the Board's approval and leadership) to approve the following:

Replacement of external doors and windows in the west wing of the 1961 (main) building, including the sliding glass doors along the patio, the west automatic door, the door near the water fountain and kitchen, and the east door of the main entrance.

Moving forward with completion of the Lincoln Drive frontage part of the project. Per the "Campus Renovation Frequently Asked Questions" document found on our website, this would include completion of the new sidewalk (a requirement by the Town of PV that will be going in this summer, at our expense); closing the existing west driveway along Lincoln Dr. for safety reasons, and opening a new driveway from 40th Place to ease access; leveling the east driveway along Lincoln to ease moving into traffic on Lincoln; a wide landscape buffer between our parking and the street (including a new UUCP sign and resolving water retention issues).

Authorize expenditures to proceed on the above.

We are currently assessing the permitting and funding required to accomplish these two elements.

On this latter note, we are approaching the end of the Congregation's 6/19/2005 \$250,000 authorization for approval for our master plan/ Phase 1 designs. Despite a one-year delay in our timetable, we are essentially on track for accomplishing this within the spending authorization. We have asked our architect and construction partner to provide hard cost

estimates specifically for the frontage road/ external doors and windows project by 5/31.

At our communication sessions earlier in the year, we had anticipated bringing various financing and construction options for the overall Phase 1 project to the Congregation by the June 10 Annual Meeting. We simply aren't prepared to do that. We do hope to have an opportunity to explain to you where we are financially on the project, and whether you are in agreement that we proceed with the frontage road and glass door parts of the project as soon as this summer. We see many advantages, if we can bring it all together:

The first real visualization of our Phase 1 project, and the Congregation's contributions.

Focused improvements in accessibility and safety.

More of a "pay as you go" approach to the project.

We'd say more, but we're already over our space limit. Please join us June 3 for informational meetings, and look for written information over the next month.

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Achieving Beloved Community

We become most fully human and our lives have their greatest meaning when we give our loyalty to seeking truth and understanding in ever-widening circles of community. As we strengthen our Beloved Community we move closer to this vision.

Well, the 2007-08 Every-Member Canvass is drawing to a close. We've done a great job toward Achieving Beloved Community and toward our \$302,000 goal.

As I write this, we've reached 91% of the goal. As we hear back from a few more folks and their pledges come in, I am confident we will reach the goal. This year has already exceeded the past—both in dollars and in the number who have pledged. Many have shown their faith in our community by increasing their pledges. Others, who had not pledged in the past, have done so.

We have compiled all of the input about UUCP that we received during the canvass. All the comments will be shared with the board, the staff and the appropriate committees. They want to know your concerns.

So, congratulations to us all! Thank you to those who pledged. Thank you to those who canvassed and to all who helped in other ways.

The coming year will be a great one

for UUCP!
In community,
Joan Laurence
Canvass Coordinator
canvass@phoenixuu.org

P.S. If you have not pledged, it's not too late. You can see me any Sunday, you can email to canvass@phoenixuu.org or you can request a pledge form in the office. Each pledge, whether small or large, is important.

Quarterly Financial Statements for Members and Friends of the UUCP

As you may know UUCP changed accounting systems recently. Since that time the Finance Committee has been getting our processes in place and has resumed producing quarterly financial statements. Two reports have been produced this year:

- A 2006 tax statement in January
- A pledge status statement in April

We have identified several "areas of improvement" for how the contributions were processed (posted to accounts). Alright, they are not really areas of improvements, they are just plain mistakes. The common ones are

- Some Pledge Commitments for this fiscal year were not entered so amounts paid were not credited to the pledge. The payments were credited to 'other contributions'.
- Some pledge contributions for

this fiscal year were credited towards last fiscal year's Pledge Commitment.

- Some pledge contributions were credited to "other contributions" (contributions that are not associated with a pledge)

You can rest assured that no money is lost. The makers of the new accounting system put the necessary controls in place. Your contributions go into the UUCP bank accounts and the money is being used as budgeted. We just need to get the labels correct so that the quarterly reports generate properly. This is a new accounting system for us and, as with any new system, there is a learning curve.

We need your understanding and your help:

- If your statement has mistakes, please (nicely) tell the office by E-mail (so we have a written record). Telephone and in-person also works.
- Please be patient and give us some time to get it right.

The Finance Committee will also review the existing pledge entries and contribution transactions to spot errors. All corrections will be approved at the June Finance Committee meeting. The Bookkeeper will then make journal entries to fix the errors.

The next quarterly statement will be mailed in late July. There will still be mistakes, but hopefully not as many and not the ones that you have already reported.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue our quest for an accurate and open accounting system.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

Mary Dokes, Chair

Don Weir, Member

Joan Roberts, Member

Ellie Murphy, Member

Smoot Carl-Mitchell, Treasurer

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Arts & Aesthetics

Committee

We will be taking down the children's art display and hanging up art from the church's archive on Saturday, July 7th 10am-12pm. Any help would be appreciated. The archives art will be shown in July and August. Get ready for the UU members art show in Sept-Oct!

Jen Nelson - Arts & Aesthetics

Committee Chair

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Social Action Committee

News

PLANNING POTLUCK

On June 3, 2007, there will be Social Action Committee pot-luck and meeting off-site beginning at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome, but please rsvp to Libby Walker at libndave@msn.com no later than June 1 for time and directions.

ADULT RE & SOCIAL ACTION MOVIE NIGHT JUNE 14

Thursday, June 14, 6:30 p.m.: "The Ground Truth" will be shown in UUCP's sanctuary. The film closely follows ordinary Americans who have served in Iraq through their respective military experiences—recruitment, training, combat, homecoming, and re-integration into society. It is the rare documentary that lets the soldiers speak for themselves. A suggested donation of \$5 is requested and a light supper will be provided beginning at 6:00 p.m. Following the screening there will be discussion period. Members, friends and the public are invited. The showing is co-sponsored by the congregation's Social Action and Adult Religious Education Committees, who thank the Arizona Advocacy Network for their participation. For additional information, go to: www.thegroundtruth.net.

JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST NEED YOU!

PLEASE sign up to help feed the homeless families at the New Day Center. The board is at the back of the sanctuary near the bolos. Each month it takes a minimum of 1 shopper, 2 cooks, 4 servers, 5 brownie bakers, a total of 12 UUCP members and friends to keep our long time commitment to those in transition. In return, you will receive much personal gratification and gratitude from those you serve. Feeding your soul while feeding the hungry goes a long way to fulfilling someone's dream.

Thank you so much to the following volunteers these past months: Sally McCade, Kathy Kruse and OWL members, Terry Slugocki, Donna and Alec Featherston, Caren Lewton, Aida Cochran and family, Laurie Folson, Robert Back, Jeff, China Rae and Cayenne Newman, Mike Lopach, Lillian Habeich, Jane and George Pauk, Mary Plettenberg, Lydia and Lyle Yanak, Kathy Baughman, Cleo Van der Veen, Sandra Lynch, Carolyn Allenby, Pat Shannon, Jenny, Garret, and Tyler Scrivner, Sarah Carlson, Libby Walker, Sara Burchard, The Outdoor Group including Julie Smart and Pauline Peverly.

If I've forgotten some names, please forgive me and know that your assistance has been invaluable to the success of this UUCP project the first Sunday of each month. Approximately 150 very hungry individuals are thankful for UUCP. Sign up!! WE NEED YOU!

Membership Committee

News

Next New UU class July 1 and 8, 9 am! Please email membership@phoenixuu.org

Please be sure to transfer the new member information from your copy of Horizons to your UUCP directory! Look for these wonderful people on Sunday, and invite them to join with you in UUCP activities.

From the UU sage, Robert Fulghum:

"Enlightenment: seeing one's self as an integrated part of the creative forces of life and not just an occasional contributor. One prays by Being and Doing that which is in harmony with the best interests of all living things."

Our congregational participation in the Gay Pride Parade, with all ages from pre-schoolers through seniors; the dedication of our Coming of Age mentors and their mentees, youth and adult social action programs; these are some of the ways we live in harmony in our community. Let our songs rejoice!



Unicare

There has been a whole lotta joy bubbling up around UUCP this month. First we had the Coming of Age Ceremony where 17 of our now new members gave their statement of belief in an awe inspiring service (complete with a Mariachi band and margaritas) I'd like to say that it was magic because that is how it all came off, but behind the scenes were the staff, mentors and parents and some incredible young people. One definition of class is "grace under pressure". If I have ever seen this demonstrated it was by our own Kim St. Clair!!

If this wasn't celebration enough, we had the combined UU choirs and instrumentalists from Valley UU and UUCP give us a morning of rousing African American spiritual music. How lucky we are to have Connie Jahrmarkt and our choir to help put together a true celebration of life.

With all of this joy, there is really very little reason to fret over a small concern--some of us have volunteered, yes, volunteered to chaperone the COA kids in San Diego. This may include surfing

lessons--gulp!!

May the joys of your lives far outweigh your concerns. For more information on how Unicare helps to serve our caring community, please contact me.

Julie Smart
Unicare Chair
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religious issues with the goal of understanding more clearly the differences we genuinely hold and the common ground we share.

Upcoming Guests

- May 19th - Charlie Clements, President and CEO, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.
- May 26th - Bryan S. Howard, President/CEO, Planned Parenthood of Central and Northern Arizona. Bryan has been affiliated with Planned Parenthood since 1984 and has been PPCNA's CEO since 1997.
- June 9th - Marge Clark, Eve's Place founder and past president.
- June 16th - David Pape, President PFLAG Phoenix.
- June 23rd - Carolyn Modeen, Program Coordinator for Sun City/West Valley Chapter of NOW.

Jane & Rod Armstrong

I was raised in the Methodist Church by a Christian mother and agnostic father only to find the Unitarian Church at age 16 through my best friend and her family. Rod and I have been members of many UU Churches over the last 36 years including the Unitarian Church of Albuquerque, Hope Unitarian in Tulsa, OK, Unitarian Church of Overland Park, KS, Casper UU Fellowship, Casper, WY, First Universalist Church of Denver (where I served as DRE and acting minister when minister was on Sabbatical), and the UU Fellowship of Williamsport, PA. We are the parents of two grown children. Daughter, Erin, an ASU grad is a Realtor in Gilbert and son Brock, a biologist with T-Gen, is married to Cary, a Genetic Counselor for Scottsdale Health Care. They are the parents of Emily (who will be in the UUEEC 3 year old class in the fall) and 5 month old Norah. It is with great pleasure that I serve this congregation as the UUEEC Director where the balance of being UU and 35 years of early childhood education experience can intersect.

Diana Ashley

A native of Evanston, Illinois, I have lived in the valley since I was a toddler. I attended Sunday school and UU high school classes at UUCP and after a few years hiatus, am returning with my sons Ryan (18) and Michael (14). I am returning for my own spiritual growth and that of my two teenage sons, Ryan 18 and Michael 14, who need to understand their place in the world and how they can make it a better place. Since rediscovering UUCP, I have worked with the fellow members in ushering, providing refreshments for coffee hour and recently joined the choir. I hope to get both my spouse and my boys interested in some outdoor activities as well

as absorbing the welcoming spirit of this congregation.

Sherry Celine

Sherry has lived in the valley since 1978. Her professions are many. As an entrepreneur she owns a pet sitting & boarding service & is a karaoke dj for private parties. Hobbies include all kinds of dancing, especially contra, international folk dancing & ballroom, rescue & rehab wildlife for the state game & fish dept and she operates a singles club called Live It Up. Sherry is a foster parent for the AZ poodle rescue & mentors a foster child. {human}. She does fundraising for animal organizations and facilitates a pet chicken buff group.

For our congregation she will be running the mucho gusto pot lucks & teaching a class called "Be Happy" plus other volunteer duties where needed. Other than this she has nothing to do!

Ruth Clark

Ruth comes to the UUCP from the liberal Catholic tradition. She has lived in various places - currently the Woodland Historic District in downtown Phoenix, Tucson, Michigan, Washington DC, and Indiana. Ruth is working as an environmental planner and spending the rest of her time with her son Cruz, now nearly 15 months old, and husband Clint. She is wrapping up the final requirements for a masters in urban planning from the University of Arizona. Ruth has worked and studied in Mexico, Argentina, Venezuela, and Brazil. She enjoys yoga, travel, baking, quilting, and bike riding.

Alicia Estevez

I grew up in Mexico City and came to the United States on April 30th. 12 years ago. Since then I have lived in

Arizona. I have a huge family that includes a mom, eight brothers and sisters (I am number 8), 16 nieces and nephews, and 3 great-nieces and nephews. All of them live in Mexico. I have a bachelor's and a master's degree in bilingual education. I have been teaching third grade for a few years and this coming year I will be teaching junior high mathematics. I am looking forward to teaching young teenagers full of energy! Teaching is one of the things I love to do. I also like hiking, dancing and although I have not traveled as much as I would like to travel, I had the opportunity to visit Peru and China during the last couple of years. But what I enjoy the most is spending time with friends and family.

UUCP's values called my attention and were just the fit I was looking for. The services, including the sermon and the music, are just the right food for thought and heart. I am happy to be here.

Elise Leonard & Lahcen Fatimi

Elise is a psychiatrist at Phoenix Indian Medical Center. She is originally from Philadelphia, and enjoys music, hiking, and cooking. Lahcen is a nurse at Phoenix Children's Hospital. He was born in Morocco and lived in New England before coming to Arizona. He likes to run and has been in many races including the Boston Marathon. They have a son Sam who is 9 years old and in the 3rd grade at Arcadia Neighborhood Learning Center. He likes soccer, jazz, and penguins. He has a hamster named Ted.

Kelly L. Madison

Kelly Lynn Madison was born and raised in Grand Forks, North Dakota where many of her friends and family still live. She earned a degree in Journalism (B.A.) from the University of North Dakota and completed her Mas-

ters in Education Technology from the University of Phoenix in the spring of 2000. Kelly married Ron B. Madison on April 1, 1998 and has a wonderful step-son, Tyler, who is currently attending Shadow Mountain High School in Phoenix. The Madisons make their home in Scottsdale with their three dogs (Kaos, Mayhem & Scarlett) and a senior parakeet citizen named "Frodo". Kelly keeps a very busy schedule - she is Sr. Instructor for New Hire Executives at Insight in Tempe as well as an Adjunct Faculty member of Rio Salado College. In her spare time, she is Vice President of the Meningitis Foundation of America and is sponsor of the "Rebels without Applause", a wildly creative bunch of drama students at Mountain Pointe High School in Phoenix. If her voice sounds familiar, you might have heard her on the radio as local host to Weekend Edition Sunday & Arizona news reporter for National Public Radio affiliate, KJZZ 91.5FM. After enjoying a 20 year career in the radio business, Kelly left the airwaves in December 2006. Kelly is involved in many local and national civic & educational groups. She truly believes that if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

Kelly has been known to tell her students her personal motto: Reach Out, Speak Out or DO WITHOUT! After quite a bit of personal research, Kelly began attending UUCP in February 2007 and couldn't be happier to be singing with the UUCP Congregation Choir. She said that in her short time with UUCP, she has never felt more at home and is looking forward to continuing her spiritual path in the company of this UU congregation.

Becky J. McGill

I'm 26 years old with a fine husband,

Tom, and a wonderful 6 ½ month old baby boy, Tavin. I moved to the Valley in 2004 to find work as a geologist, but I haven't learned to like it yet. I grew up in Massachusetts with a brief stint in Thailand, and spent most of the last ten years in Socorro, New Mexico. My principles of faith include respecting my fellow human beings and the natural world, and celebrating as many holidays as possible. I also believe that green chile is a staple food and Star Trek Deep Space 9 is a high point of American culture. I've been coming to UUCP off and on since September, looking for community and connection and finding it a little bit at time.

Karl McKinney

I just came from Panama City Fl. (last week in November) due to a medical emergency with my mother. I belonged to the U.U. Fellowship of Bay County. Prior to living in Fl. I lived in the Phoenix area for about 40 years, own a house in Scottsdale, and am now retired and a caregiver.

Mo & Dawn Ostroff

Dawn is originally from Missouri but has lived here since 1963. She has been in the mortgage business for over 20 years. Mo was born and raised in Germany on a U.S. military installation. He came to Arizona in 1973 to attend ASU. Mo's career has been in law enforcement and the military. Mo and Dawn have 3 children and are avid Sun Devil football and Diamondback baseball fans. Mo attends the UUCP book club and Dawn joined the recently formed UUCP crafters club.

Dan & Carol Wergin

Dan and Carol Wergin are pleased and surprised to be joining the UU Congregation, since they have never

attended nor joined a church in their 42 years of marriage! When their son, Lon, married a Catholic woman, she said, "Our family will belong to a church. You find one you can tolerate and I'll join it!" They've been happy UUers ever since. A similar situation occurred with their daughter, Tonya. And, about four or five years ago, Carol's sister was instrumental in founding a UU fellowship in Fond du lac, Wisconsin. So, it only seemed right that they join their family's commitment to Unitarian Universalism. Although, they will only be here for four months of every year, they will try to make a similar commitment to the fledgling UU Fellowship in their home town of Manitowoc.

*****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 Mission

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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