



A Welcoming Congregation

**HORIZONS Newsletter of the
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PHOENIX**

4027 East Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ, 85253

July/August 2007

**Celebration of Life
Sundays, 10:30 AM**

**JULY 1: "A ROCK, A RIVER, A
TREE": THE ELEMENTS OF
SUMMER**

By: Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

This service will be a simple ritual in celebration of the full moon, of the Arizona summer (with its rocks and sky, lakes and lightening), and of our time together. Jean will have just returned from GA in Portland, Oregon, and will be finishing up packing for her move back East.

*Poetry Coffeehouse, New UU Class,
New Day Center; Young Adult
Group*

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**JULY 8: FINDING OUR
VOICES: ONE STEP AT A
TIME**

Guest Speaker: Rebecca Glenn of
CrossWalk America

Service Leader: Gene Harvey
In 2004, after frustration with the face of Christianity in America, Rebecca Glenn traded in business suit & briefcase for walking shoes & backpack to embark on a 2500 mile group journey from Phoenix to Washington, D.C.. CrossWalk America shared their progressive Christian faith & beliefs - authentic inclusion of all people, care for the earth, separation of Church and State, ending systemic poverty, artistic expression, and more (check out

www.crosswalkamerica.org for the complete 12 Affirmations). And find out this Sunday morning what she learned during 4 ½ months on the road about America's deepest beliefs, fears, doubts, and hopes.

*New UU Class; Young Adult
Group*

**JULY 15: GENERAL ASSEM-
BLY MESSAGE**

Service Leader: Gary Ezzell
A service report from some of the 14 UUCP members who attended the UUA General Assembly in Portland Oregon June 20-24. GA, an annual event since 1962, averages approximately 4500 attendees who participate and learn the

"ground truth" message of our faith community. You, too, will get the message.

Young Adult Group

**JULY 22: THE GREAT STORY
"THE EPIC OF EVOLUTION IS
PROBABLY THE BEST MYTH
WE WILL EVER HAVE."**

EDWARD O. WILSON

Service Leader: Terry Simmons
Join Connie Barlow and Rev. Michael Dowd to learn how "The Great Story" opens the future to hope and inspired action and how it can energize and support our efforts to further the work of peace, justice, and environmental sustainability.

*Singletarian Outing, Young Adult
Group*

JULY 29: GREEN SANCTUARY

Guest Speaker: Vincent Paulowski
Vincent Paulowski from Northwest Tucson UU visits us to tell us about the Green Sanctuary Program. Vince is the PSWD Green Sanctuary Coordinator. This is an important beginning step for UUCP. All of those involved are enthused about our hopes for involvement in this fast-growing UUA program.

*Green Sanctuary Forum, Young
Adult Group*

Celebration of Life...

AUGUST 5: ZOROASTER: AN ANCIENT PROPHET

Service Leader: Jay Bastani, MD
What is a Zoroastrian? Jay will speak about Zoroastrianism, its origins and teachings. Jay, who was raised in that faith, is a retired psychiatrist and an active grandparent. He and his wife Shoba joined UUCP this spring.

Poetry Coffeehouse; New Day Center, Young Adult Group

AUGUST 12: DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

Service Leader: Heather McLellan
Dance Leader: John Hinton
The Dances of Universal Peace are simple, meditative, joyous, multi-cultural circle dances that use sacred phrases, chants, music, and movements from many traditions of the earth to touch the spiritual essence within ourselves and others. Begun in the late 60's, they promote peace

and integration within individuals and groups worldwide. No prior experience is necessary! Come dance with us!

Singletarian Outing, Young Adult Group

AUGUST 19: "LIFE IS JUST A BOWL OF CHERRIES"

Service leaders: Nostalgia Barbershop Quartet: Don Richardson, Greg Lewis, Scott Holcomb, Dick Gray

Life got you down? Troubles everywhere? Count your blessings - at least you're alive! Join Nostalgia once again as we celebrate life in all its ephemeral glory, in word and song. "We're not here to stay; we're on a short holiday - so live, and laugh at it all!"

Children's Ministry & UU Pal Registration Begins; Young Adult Group

AUGUST 26: THE LOST BOYS
Service Leader: Jean Rosenberg
Since the mid 1980's Sudan has experienced brutal civil war. Thousands of innocent children have experienced mind-numbing horrors and intense hardship. Some, as young as four, fled to Ethiopia only to be forced at gun point to leave. They began another long walk to a refugee camp in Kenya. In 2001 some 550 "Lost Boys" have made Arizona their home. (Summarized from www.azlostboyscenter.org)

Parent Sunday School Orientation; Young Adult Group

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

July

Carl Roland Ely
Melvyn Earl Fair

August

Rose Ruttkay
Lawanda Jane Roach Mc Vey
Roberta Chamberlain
Howard Irvine

I feel as though this year has flown by. Yet the past two years, taken as a whole, feel very substantive to me – and I hope to you. As a congregation, you have accomplished much in terms of stewardship, clarifying your mission, and shifting your patterns of leadership.

I am so very glad, now, that I have been here for this second year of Interim ministry; that I have been here... to see the EEC preschool clearly “in the black”; to see the strength of membership and giving you have maintained through this “wait and see” interim period; and to see you very solidly behind the most immanent pieces of the Renovation project.

What fills my heart even more than those achievements, however, is the change in the way you interact and engage with one another. At the June 10 annual meeting, Gary walked the gathered members through information relating to decisions to be made, and presented the Board of Trustees’ recommendations. Members responded with thoughtful questions, asked calmly and respectfully. You received thorough, equally respectful answers. Also, the Covenant Group program, begun in the fall of 2005, has thrived. It is bringing together small groups of members, friends, and newcomers for spiritual enrichment and personal connection.

All this has not been my doing, of course. But it is marvelous to witness. From here on, I believe, it will get easier for you to come to consen-

sus about each next step. Not a “cake walk”, but easier.

And because of you, because of this time we have shared, it will be easier for me to remember that people and congregations change, evolve, grow healthier with our efforts over time. Thank you so much for this gift of the opportunity to serve here among you these past two years.

As you go forward into your future – the UU Congregation of Phoenix – I wish you a renaissance of Hope. I wish you a rebirth of your Dreams for UUCP’s future in the Valley. I wish you the Optimism and Energy of Youth. As I said last Sunday, you are not ‘past your prime’ as a congregation. I do believe that what holds you back from achieving your potential is Confidence. Believe in yourselves. Do not for a second be apologetic for who, or what, or where you are. This land, this building, this sanctuary... this is a good place. And you are a gem of a congregation. Believe it.

Blessings always and forever. -
Jean

Rev. Kenneth Sawyer, a presenter at this year’s General Assembly, wrote a piece many years ago which Rev. Jean used as a closing reading on June 17th. Several of you asked to see it again. Here it is:

“Acknowledgement: A Meditation”

And the most embarrassing statement, the hardest thing to say, is this:

I love you.

I love you for who you are.

Perhaps you worry in the night because it comes to you that you are different:
I love you because you are different, and I love your differences.

Perhaps you have known yourself unworthy of love, a spotted, flawed creature;
I have, too, and yet have been loved.
And I love you, spotted and flawed.

Perhaps there come voices, the callings of evil, the knowledge of an inner nature less noble than we would proclaim;
Yet I proclaim you, waverings and all;
I know them, too, and I love you.

A noble race, God’s very chosen,
Or pathetic, cruel, destructive, and hopeless?
Yes, you are both.
Yes, I am both.
Yes, we are both.
and I love you.

Perhaps you are less than you would have yourself
Perhaps the glory ends up inevitably mixed with shame and the greatness with pettiness
Perhaps you feel at times unworthy of the blessing that is life.

Yes, so do I.

In the end it comes to this: you are human.

Yes, so am I.

And I love you for it.

And I love you for yourself.

~ Kenneth Sawyer

...Board of Trustees...

SUMMERTIME, AND THE LIVING ... ARE LEAVING?

The summer diaspora has begun. Tomorrow I join the veritable crowd from UUCP heading to Portland for the UUA General Assembly. I'm not sure quite what to expect, this being my first GA, but I look forward to carrying our banner with the "Fair Share" ribbon proudly displayed for the first time in some years. We are sure to come back with energy and ideas, some of which we will undoubtedly be sharing on July 15. Our delegation will also have a chance to meet our incoming interim, Rev. Roberta Haskin, who will be officially starting in mid August and will be in the pulpit on Sept 2.

Our own annual meeting this past June 10 went very well, with unanimous votes for the budget, the authorization to begin the replacement of the doors and windows, and the nominees for the Board, Nominating Committee, and Ministerial Search Committee. The annual report was distributed and should be posted on the website by the time you read this. It is a big document, because UUCP has been a busy place this past year. One new addition is the summary following the Board section of how we are doing on the various measures in our strategic plan. That will be a recurring theme over the next year and more as we grow, adapt, and track our progress.

We are ending the year in good fi-

ancial shape with operating reserves exceeding \$100,000. We will see in July just how we finished the year, but it clearly has been a good start toward our long-term financial goals. Compared to last year, the stewardship campaign netted a substantial increase in total pledges and in number of people pledging. More importantly, the sense of positive energy and common purpose is strong. We are well on our way.

For those who are here in the Valley this season, I hope to see you at UUCP. I have always found the summer programming to be a delightful series of surprises. For those who are traveling, safe journeys. May the road rise up to meet you and the wind be at your back. And may you return with water and stories to share.

In community,

Gary Ezzell
President, Board of Trustees

...Music Director...

June was amazing! An Appreciation Concert honoring Ed Grobe's giant contribution to music at UUCP, a combined service with Chandler's Choir in their church, and our first Soulful Sundown!

SOULFUL SUNDOWN

Here are some quotes from people attending that service:
"It was excellent! There was poetry, music (drums, electric guitars, piano, singing), guided meditation and some invocation of the spirits."

"This is my enthusiastic pre-invitation to all of you to attend the next one. (Sometime in the fall.)"

"The balance between elements of performance and participation was just right."

Thanks to Rev. Jean Wahlstrom for planning the Soulful Sundown and participating in it with me. And thanks to "Duke" Plattner, guitar; Rich Staats, guitar; Sarah Henkle, voice, guitar; Drea Rhodes, voice; Don Weir, drums, our Soulful Sundown band!

Thanks to our Chalice lighters: Cayenne, China Rae, Andrea & Jeffrey Newman, Lydia & Lyle Yanaks, Gary Ezzell, Diana Saylor, Jaynn Truran-Persidskis.

Thanks to our reading participants: Heidi Parmenter, Jayne Truran-Persidskis and Richard Jahrmarkt.

We'll have monthly Soulful Sundown Services starting in September. So keep watching my column for details.

GET READY FOR CHOIR

If you want to participate in music this fall send me an email or give me a call. Choir rehearsals begin August 29 at 7:00pm.

FAMILY CHOIR

Family Choir will begin on Sundays, immediately following services during October.

SACRED CIRCLE DANCING WITH EUROPA!

August 18 will be a special Sacred Circle Dancing. My band, Europa will play. I will teach folk dances from East European Countries. UUCP members can attend for free. For others, the admission is \$15. If you like our Winter Solstice Celebration, you will like this evening of dancing.

That's all for now,
Connie Jahrmarkt



...Administrator...

“OFFICE HELP!”

By The Office Administrator

(adapted from The Beatles “Help!”)

Help, I need somebody,
Help, not just anybody,
Help, you know I need some office help.

Soon my life will change in oh so many ways,
My regular office volunteers will seem to vanish in the haze.

And every now and then I feel so insecure,
I know that I just need you like I've never done before.

Help me if you can, my hands will soon be bound,
And I do appreciate you being round.

Help me, get my maternity leave schedule nailed down,
Won't you please, please help me?

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With summer vacations and my upcoming family medical leave, you are needed. Learn what goes on in our Congregation by agreeing to volunteer in the office. Office Volunteers receive a special training manual and my heartfelt gratitude. Shifts are three hours long.

Want to try it out? Choose a short-term commitment.

Ready to jump in? Choose one of the slots that are available on a permanent basis.

TRY IT OUT

- June 12 – September 12, 2007
Mondays 12 PM – 3 PM
- July 8 – October 31, 2007
Wednesdays 9 AM – 12 PM
- September 7 - 28, 2007
Thursdays 12 PM – 3 PM
- July 1 - September 7, 2007
Fridays 12 PM – 3 PM

JUMP IN FULL TIME

Fridays 9 AM – 12 PM

Please contact me in the office 602-840-8400 or e-mail at administrator@phoenixuu.org for more information.

In Community,

Heidi Parmenter
Congregation Administrator



Greetings from the EEC!

School is out until September but many things must be done over the summer. Many days, you will find Director Jane in the temporary school office in Room 9 working on the new staff handbook, organizing files, preparing to move to Annex C, planning training events for staff, preparing for a licensing visit and enrolling children. (to name a few!!!)

The preschool is at full enrollment except for the TK program. The Transitional Kindergarten is a unique program. It provides emergent curriculum that is child lead providing individualized learning. It is designed to provide a meaningful, developmentally appropriate program for older fours and young fives whose parents have chosen to give them the gift of an additional year of childhood instead of work. Many children today are waiting to attend kindergarten until they are 6 or almost 6 due to the first grade type of program kindergarten has become. Many educators feel most children gain social skills, maturity and better self control by waiting, therefore, giving them a higher chance for success in elementary school. It is many times a difficult decision for parents but one that must be made on an individual level. Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact the Preschool Director Jane

To Seek Knowledge in Freedom...

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TO UNVEIL NEW LOGO!

The ARE Committee has revamped its logo for the third time (we began with “Broad Wings, Deep Roots” then moved to the “Seven Spokes of the ARE Umbrella). We hope to have really captured what Adult RE is all about – to develop and offer courses that help our adult members grow intellectually, spiritually and to make stronger connections as a community. We are excited that we have finally hit upon an image that captures our intent!



NEW BROCHURES

Our new brochure will be included in the September issues of *Horizons*, but here's a sneak preview of what we have in store:

- “A Walk with Four Spiritual Guides”
- “A Chosen Faith”
- “The Shades of Happiness”
- “Exploring Unitarian Universalist Identity”

- “Parenting with Spirit”
- “A Bridge Called Respect” (to be offered as a Friday night and all day Saturday workshop in March)
- “Eco-Spirituality”

Additionally, the Adult RE Committee will continue to offer a monthly social action awareness movie and hopes to be on the forefront of working with other groups in the congregation in making the UUCP a “green sanctuary.”

So, stay tuned for a year full of “mind, spirit and community!”

To Share Our Strength in Fellowship . . .

We are excited that we have another fabulous group of covenant group facilitators lined up for the coming program year! For those of you new to covenant group ministry (CGM), a little explanation is in order. A covenant group is a small group that includes no more than 10 participants who “covenant” to meet twice a month to share in life’s joys and struggles, to deepen connections to the each other and the community, and to encourage spiritual growth. The meeting format is simple and predictable: an opening reading, a check-in followed by a focused discussion, a check-out or sharing of likes and wishes, and a closing reading. The group decides on its meeting place, time and subjects at its initial meeting as well as forms the group’s covenant for the year.

The groups remain open until the magic number of 10 is reached and last throughout a program year.

Our 2007-2008 facilitators will have an orientation on August 18, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in the Johnson Room.

Our 2007-2008 facilitators are:

Larry Agle

Ellie Anderla

Gene Cherry

Gene Harvey

Pam and John Gill (co-facilitators of Sunday parenting group)

Jimmy Leung

Alan Levine & Natalie Summit (co-facilitators)

Ellie Murphy

Jerry Whalin

Keep an out for the September Horizons and Order of Service announcements in August for specific days and times of day groups will be offered.

If you are interested in becoming a trained facilitator, please contact Kim St. Clair at redirector@phoenixuu.org or 602-741-2539.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON COVENANT GROUP BIDS FAREWELL FOR 2006-2007

The Wednesday afternoon Covenant Group had to meet on Thursday this last time in order to accommodate everyone's busy schedule. We brought sandwiches so we could share lunch before the official part of the meeting. One of our members, Sally McDade, is recuperating from double knee surgery and missed out on the farewells, but two

of us called her afterwards for a friendly chat. Bob Hanson is off soon for cooler climes, Barb Cawthorne will be traveling (of course!), and Pauline Gay and I plan to stick around and try to keep cool. The consensus seems to be that our group should stick together for another round!

Young Adult Group

The Young Adult group will continue to meet at 12:30 p.m. in Room C throughout the summer. We are also hoping to continue our ASU Campus Ministry once the academic year begins. 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.



Love is the Doctrine of this Congregation . . .

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 8/5 Sunday Summer Sunday Classes
- 8/12 Sunday Summer Sunday Classes
- 8/18-19 YRUU Lock-in
- 8/19 Sunday Summer Sunday Classes; Children's Ministry Program (CM) Registration Begins UU Pals Registration – Adult & Children

- 8/25 Teacher Training (paid teachers – 9-10 a.m.; volunteers & paid teachers – 10:15-noon)
- 8/26 Sunday Welcome Home Party; Parent Orientation and No Muss, No Fuss; OWL Parent Orientation

THE SUMMER SUNDAY PROGRAM IS OFF TO A "HOT" START

By Tiffany Lipkeman

No pun intended. :) During week one of "Hands-On Nature," we learned all about habitats. Who needs a habitat? What kinds of habitats are there? The children all shared their views and came up with: houses are for people, water is for ducks, the desert is for reptiles and the forest is for bears. We will build on these ideas throughout the summer.

We are particularly focusing on frogs in our "Hands-on Nature" study, so we also learned that many frogs are becoming extinct. As a frog lover myself, I cannot stand by and let this happen! So, following our 7th principle, we are going to set up fundraisers and raise money to adopt some froggies. We do not get to keep them; however, we will receive a beautiful picture of the cute little frog and a certificate of adoption. The adoptions start at \$25, and make fun gifts. :) So look and think about us during this hot summer as we HOP into action.

If anyone has any fun and exciting stories about habitats or saving the

environment and would like to share, we love visitors. Just shoot me and email and tell me about it. I will fit you right into the schedule – childcare@phoenixuu.org. And, we are still looking for volunteers on Sunday mornings to assist (especially volunteers going into 5th grade and older).

Have a fun and safe summer and remember that the children in your life would love to say that they have an adopted frog in the Rainforest... be sure to catch our play on August 26th and treat yourself to coffee hour hosted by the Summer Sunday class!

"NO FUSS, NO MUSS" ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

We have a lot going on this date, so bring a light lunch for your family and join other families in the Johnson Room for our first "No Fuss, No Muss" event of the year! "No Fuss, No Muss" is a way to encourage families to stay after services to allow time to eat, chat and to let kids play. We usually do it on the playground, but it can be a little hot in August! Also, the Sunday school parent orientation is at 12:00 p.m. and the 7th-8th OWL Parent Orientation is at 1:00 p.m., so it's a perfect way to make sure everyone eats and is occupied before these events. Childcare will be available for the orientations. The Children's Ministry Committee will provide lemonade, paper goods and dessert.

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY THIS YEAR

Thanks to the "Achieving Beloved Community" raffle during the Canvas Kick-off Dinner in March, the Children's Ministry Committee was able to buy an exciting set of curricula from the Shelter Rock UU Congregation. The reason this purchase is exciting is because the curricula are connected to one another in intent and theme providing consistency from year-to-year in developing a strong UU identity. The curricula also incorporate the most current methods to engage the minds and hearts of children and youth.

Here is a brief description of each curriculum to be offered next year.

Tried and True - Pre-K – Kindergarten (4-6 years old) – Treasure Hunting is the theme that creates a concrete way for children to become involved in the excitement of the search for the meaning of life. It addresses issues that children face daily, explores the meaning of Unitarian Universalist principles and values; and emphasizes an accepting and caring community.

New! - 1st - 2nd Grade (6-7 years old) – Free To Believe explores UU principles and sources while nurturing the social, emotional and spiritual lives of children. The curriculum focuses on UU principles, values and beliefs and on life's "big questions" (about God, death, the creation of life) through hands-on activities, stories, games, songs and discussions.

Tried & True - 3rd - 4th Grade (8-9 years old) – Holidays & Holy

Days teaches children about the origins and meanings of holiday and holy day celebrations. The author states, "Holidays are the natural, age-old vehicle of religious socialization. Their festivities tell a story which children absorb with delight, through experiences far more than through words."

New! 5th & 6th Grade (10-11 years old) - Bibleodeon introduces Hebrew and Christian scriptures by presenting the best-known Hebrew and Christian stories through interactive challenges such as investigating the Cain-Abel crime scene! Students explore connections between biblical events and UU principles, and between biblical ideas and their own lives.

New & Tried & True - 7th - 8th Grade (12-14 years old) – Junior YRUU/Fighting Invisible Tigers (Sunday mornings – 10:30 a.m.) This class will focus on creating a trusting community focused on discussing issues important to the lives of its participants. The "Fighting Invisible Tigers" curriculum helps teens discover how to manage stress in their lives. The remainder of the year will use a small group ministry format of an opening reading, check-in, a focused discussion, and a closing reading.

Tried & True - 9th -12th Grade (14-18 years old) –Senior High/YRUU

Our high school group, Young Religious Unitarian Universalist will meet regularly on Sunday mornings for worship, fellowship,

and all around fun! Like the "junior" YRUU group (7th-8th grade), the senior high group will follow a small group ministry format with topics chosen and led by the group. This group also participates in Pacific Southwest District events such as attending mini-conferences, camps and District Assembly.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) Orientation – A Must Attend for Parents!

OWL is the award-winning sexuality education program that provides teens with the information needed to understand their emerging sexuality and to make informed choices as they grow into adulthood, including values, faith and sexuality, communication and gender relations. The class is taught by a team of trained facilitators, and attendance at the parent orientation on August 26 and signed parent consent is MANDATORY for participating in this program. Parents are encouraged to visit the OWL website at www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/ourwhole/

The class is being offered to 7th and 8th graders on alternating Sunday afternoons from 1-3 PM for approximately 25 weeks. Please feel free to share this information with parents outside of the congregation and invite them to the orientation on August 26th. **Parents are asked to RSVP to Kim St. Clair at redirector@phoenixuu.org by August 24.**

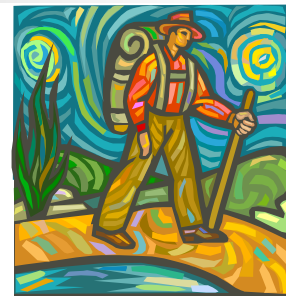


Young Religious UU (YRUU) closed its year with a wonderful worship service during which we honored four very special young people who will be moving off to college in the fall: Kirin Goff, Nicole Murphy, Jennifer Raife and Pamela Weir. Thank you to everyone who attended our service and for all of the delightful feedback we have received. On June 23, we laughed, we ate, we swam, we cried and we hugged at our annual end of the year "Quaker Goodbye" party. This has become a YRUU tradition and allows us to reflect on our year together and the special connections we have to each other and the greater community. Five of us will make the trek up to Camp DeBenneville Pines for Senior High Summer Camp this year and plan to enjoy a week filled with friends, music, workshops and great food. Everyone who has been to our camp and conference center in the San Bernardino National Forest claims that the experience is life-changing so we are all very excited to go and represent UUCP on the Mountain.

For the 2007-2008 church year, we will continue using the Small Group Ministry program that was adapted for specifically for our UU teens. Each session allows us to explore subjects that challenge us to look honestly at our feelings and

beliefs and to examine how we got there. YRUU will kick off the 2007-2008 year with an overnight at UUCP tentatively scheduled for August 18. In addition to food and frolic, we will begin to draft our covenant and discuss projects and events for the coming year. If you would like to help with food, nighttime supervision or fun activities, please let Kim St. Clair know at redirector@phoenixuu.org. As always, we encourage friends and allies of all ages to stop in and visit with us (Room C of the Annex) any Sunday morning. Here's to a great, homework-free summer!

Submitted by Jaynn Truran, Andy St. Clair and your YRUU group



Outdoor Group

No events planned for July; stay cool!

Saturday, August 11: Saguaro Lake Cruise

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

A sunset cruise is planned. This could involve a meal, if enough interest is shown; otherwise we'll eat ashore at lakeside restaurant.

Cost for cruise alone \$20. Cost with food not yet calculated.

Let leader know your interest/preference.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5: WOLF CREEK OUTER LOOP TRAIL

Where: Prescott

Leaders: Sylvia Tucker
ds6tucker@earthlink.net

Weekdays: 480/664-4143

Cell: 480/773-2512

Pauline Peverly

ppeverly@cox.net 602/274-8342

Hike: 6 mile hike through the pines along part of the Hassayampa River then on to Wolf Creek Falls, a 90-ft. drop over a sheer granite bluff. See great views of Maverick Mtn., Mt. Tritle and Mt. Francis along the way. Little elevation change.

Meeting Time/Place: Meet at 6:00 AM at McDonald's, 23rd Ave. & Deer Valley Road (just east of I-17). Prompt 6:30 AM departure.



International Unitarian School Trivia

By Janice Brunson

First there was Raymond's Paradise School in India, named after our minister emeritus Raymond Manker and the location of our congregation, Paradise Valley. The school was started with the \$200 we sent from UUCP to Unitarians in Northeast India. The community there, some 20,000 of them, is nearly 150 years old.

Then there is the brand new school on Masai land in Kenya Africa, started by Unitarians from the neighboring district of Kisii. They were given two acres of Masai land in support of the school. It will be dedicated during the first tour ever by American Unitarians to African Unitarians. The congregations in Kenya were established about five years ago, as were those in the Congo, Burundi and Uganda. But congregations in Nigeria started 90 years ago.

For more information about Unitarian's abroad please contact our Partner Church Council at partner-church@phoenixuu.org

Singletarian Events

JULY

- TUESDAY 10 - 7:30PM
Hyatt Hotel 7500 E. Double-tree Ranch Rd. & Gainey Ranch. (Lower Lobby) Cuban & Southern Spain Music by Mosaico. RSVP 480 661-0840
- FRIDAY 20 - 7:00PM meeting TBA
- SUNDAY 22 - 12:30PM
Meet at UU Lincoln Drive for lunch & movie.

AUGUST

- SUNDAY 12 - 6:00PM Organ Stop Pizza - Mesa - Call Organ Stop for directions.
- FRIDAY 17 - 7:00PM Meeting TBA

For more information about any of these or other events please contact Judy & Marilyn at: Singletarians@phoenixuu.org

Poetry

Coffeehouse



The next POETRY COFFEEHOUSE will be held on Sunday, July 1, at 9:00 AM in Annex Room C. The theme of our meeting will be "Poems of Independence." Please bring poems you have written or poems of a favorite author to share. Any writing of poetic quality is welcome!

See you there!

John Williamson

Facilitator 480-607-9726

Traveling 2nd Fridays

We've finished our season in June and will be starting the next season in January. I wish to thank everyone who attended or presented the various monthly programs from January through June and hope there's a few who have something new to share for the coming 2008 year. We need a travel program from anyone who's experienced a special place and would like to share it for an hour. We've had slide programs, digital photos, and lectures about special travels.

Please notify me if you'd like to be a part of our Traveling 2nd Friday at (480) 994-1452 or by e-mail at: thetravellers@cox.net.

Looking forward to our next season, Barbara Cawthorne



POIKILOS Underway

Poikilos is being edited now and will start production soon.

We hope to have it to you by September, if not earlier.

The painting "Blue Green Heaven" was auctioned off for \$230 and was won by Michael Hoesch, a participant in the Poetry Coffeehouse. Thanks to all of you who participated! By the way, none of you have been rejected in the editing process. We got all quality stuff.

Regards,

Tish Gauntt

What do PBS, NPR and UUCP have in common?

A CHALLENGE GRANT

A long-time UUCP member who has already pledged generously, increasing their pledge for 2007-08, has issued a challenge to anyone who has pledged in past years but not yet for 2007-08: Pledge now and this member will increase their pledge by 1% for each of your pledges. Pledge now and leverage your contribution!

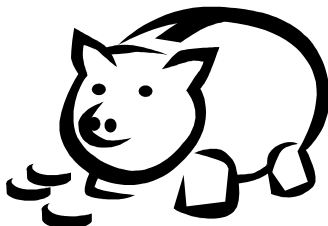
ACHIEVING BELOVED COMMUNITY

Last Sunday the Rev. Jean spoke of how far UUCP has come over the past two years and how much we can accomplish if we believe in ourselves.

I echo those sentiments as I congratulate us on the fine job we have done in demonstrating our financial support for this beloved community. The 2007-08 Every-Member Canvass is winding down and so far we have pledged \$294,000 toward our \$302,000 goal. This total far exceeds those reached in past years and pledges are still being received. In July we'll be putting together our tribute to all who pledged to keep this congregation going through 2007-08—a roster of names (no amounts) to be displayed prominently at UUCP. There's still time to get your pledge in and be included.

Again, my thanks and congratulations to all who pledged and all who helped with the canvass. Have a

wonderful summer!
Joan Laurence
Canvass Coordinator
canvass@phoenixuu.org



Finance Committee News

The new fiscal year begins July 1 and with that begins the 2007/08 budget we approved at our Congregational meeting on June 10, 2007. This new budget is based primarily on your new pledge for the new fiscal year. Please be sure to begin paying your new pledge amount in July. In case you have not finished paying your pledge from last year, please do so as soon as possible.

UUCP Overview

We are ending the 2006-2007 fiscal year in good financial shape. Highlights as of May 28, 2007 include:

Total cash on hand of \$358,000.

Long-term liabilities of \$77,000 which includes:

- \$46,000 note payable to Bank of America for the Construction Project
- \$31,000 payable to the Unitarian Universalist Foundation of Phoenix

Short-term liabilities of \$51,000,

which includes mostly prepaid pledges and Early Education Cooperative (EEC) tuition.

Of the cash on hand \$106,000 is not restricted for any specific use, such as the Construction Project, EEC or other internal funds. This represents a cash position improvement of \$62,000 over the same time last year.

UUCP has a diverse source of revenue to fund its operations. Sources of revenue include:

- Pledges from members
- EEC tuition
- Rental income from the Desert View Learning Center (DVLC)
- Designated gifts
- Fundraising events from church sponsored groups

UUF support for Strategic Plan
Sources of income and what they are spent on are shown in the UUCP 2007 Annual Report available in the congregation office.

Submitted by,

Mary Dokes
Finance Committee Chair
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Calendar of Events...

Sunday July 1

9:00 Poetry Coffeehouse
9:00 New UU Class
10:30 Celebration of Life Service
10:45 Summer Sunday School
12:00 Prepare New Day Center Meal
12:00 Young Adult Group

Monday July 2

7:00 Women's Spirituality Circle

Thursday July 5

7:00 Construction Committee Meeting

Saturday July 7

9:00 Art Committee
9:00 Open Art Studio

Sunday July 8

9:00 New UU Class
10:30 Celebration of Life Service
10:45 Summer Sunday School
12:00 Young Adult Group

Monday July 9

7:00 Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday July 10

7:00 Amnesty International
7:30 Singletarian Outing

Saturday July 14

9:00 Open Art Studio

Sunday July 15

10:30 Celebration of Life Service
10:45 Summer Sunday School
12:00 Young Adult Group

Monday July 16

7:00 Women's Spirituality Circle

Thursday July 19

7:00 Construction Committee
7:00 Finance Committee Meeting

Friday July 20

7:00 Singletarian Meeting

Saturday July 21

Music Workshop
9:00 Open Art Studio

Sunday July 22

10:30 Celebration of Life Service
10:45 Summer Sunday School
12:30 Singletarian Outing
12:00 Young Adult Group

Monday July 23

7:00 Women's Spirituality Circle

Saturday July 28

9:00 Open Art Studio

Sunday July 29

10:30 Celebration of Life Service
10:45 Summer Sunday School
12:00 Social Action Green Sanctuary Forum
12:00 Young Adult Group

Monday July 30

7:00 Women's Spirituality Circle

Wednesday August 1

ARE Committee Meeting

Thursday August 2

7:00 Construction Committee Meeting

Sunday August 5

9:00 Poetry Coffeehouse
10:30 Celebration of Life Service

10:45 Summer Sunday School
12:00 Prepare New Day Center Meal
12:00 Young Adult Group

Monday August 6

7:00 Women's Spirituality Circle

Thursday August 9

12:00 Children's Ministry Committee Meeting

Saturday August 11

Outdoor Group: Lake Cruise

Sunday August 12

10:30 Celebration of Life Service
10:45 Summer Sunday School
6:00 Singletarian Outing
12:00 Young Adult Group

Monday August 13

7:00 Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday August 14

7:00 Amnesty International

Wednesday August 15

9:00 DVLC: CPR Class

Thursday August 16

7:00 Construction Committee
7:00 Finance Committee Meeting

Friday August 17

7:00 Singletarian Meeting

Saturday August 18

YRUU Lock-In
9:00 Covenant Group Facilitator Orientation

Calendar of Events...

Sunday August 19

Children's Ministry & UU Pal
Registration Begins
10:30 Celebration of Life Service
10:45 Summer Sunday School
12:00 Young Adult Group

Monday August 20

7:00 Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday August 21

11:30 President's Council Meeting

Saturday August 25

Outdoor Group: Prescott Hike
8:00 EEC: Work Day
9:00 Sunday School Teacher
Orientation

Sunday August 26

10:30 Celebration of Life Service
10:45 Summer Sunday School
12:00 Parent Sunday School Orientation
12:00 Young Adult Group

Monday August 27

7:00 Women's Spirituality Circle

Wednesday August 29

5:00 Choir Prep
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

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.

Summer Events You Can't Miss...



- 7/1 & 8/5 **Poetry Coffeehouse** 9 AM in Annex C. Join this poetic group for coffee (or iced coffee!) and readings.
- 7/1 & 8/5 Prepare **New Day Center** Meal in the kitchen after service. If you have yet to do this wonderful service project what a great time to sign up. Summer is busy time for shelters and your time would be much appreciated.
- 7/10, 7/22, 8/12 make some merry with the **Singletarians** with lots of different events throughout the Valley.
- 7/29 Attend **Social Action's Green Sanctuary Forum** and continue the theme from the day's sermon.
- 8/11 Can't hike? How about boat? Join **Outdoor Group** for their annual Lake Cruise.
- 8/14 Attend our local **Amnesty International** meeting held every month at UUCP.
- 8/25 Put those hiking boots back on and join the **Outdoor Group** for their Prescott Hike.
- 8/26 Gear up for **Children's Ministry** for the upcoming year and attend the Parent's Orientation to learn more about all the wonderful programming we offer

for our youth.

- 8/29 **Choir** is back for their Wednesday evening rehearsals. All our welcome to join!

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

Open Art Studio

There will be an 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.

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

Art Committee News

We will be taking down the children's art on Saturday, July 7th from 10am-12pm. The art from the UU schools will be stored in the art storage room, and the art contributed by UU Sunday School kids can be picked up in the office. Any art not picked up will be put in the art storage room after 3 weeks. We will be hanging up art from our UU archives for the months of July/August. Any help taking down and putting up the new artwork would be appreciated. Get ready for the UU member art show in Sept/Oct!

Jen Nelson, Art Committee Chair
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Get Green!

Bill Mee will facilitate a discussion of the Green Sanctuary movement, and how UUCP can work towards becoming one, at a forum to be held at **Noon in the Sanctuary on July 29, 2007** following a Green Sanctuary service. The forum is sponsored by the Social Action committee. Refreshments will be served!

Green Tip of the Month

by Juli Harvey

July is a great month for Green Unitarians and Green Unity. July 4th, an important date for America, is also significant for Henry David Thoreau's move to Walden Pond. Thoreau's birthday also falls in July--the 12th. What better time to commemorate this famous green UU than July, and what better way

to celebrate than to rock the planet?

Alicia Keys, Bon Jovi, Corinne Bailey Ray, Dave Matthews Band, Melissa Etheridge, The Police, and Madonna... What do they have in common? Check out: <http://liveearth.msn.com/artists/list> Not only will you discover a complete list of artists playing The LIVE EARTH Worldwide Concerts for a Climate Crisis on 7/7/07, but you will also find a link to green tips, green community, green artists, and (as Billy Idol would say in the midnight hour with a rebel yell), "More! More! More!" Check it out, watch the concert, and then make some green plans!

Get Involved! Try this . . .

If you want to be more involved in UUCP but your time is limited, consider joining the Sunday Services Committee (SSC). It's fun and takes little time.

SSC meets once a month to plan special services. Members share ideas and periodically coordinate a service with a guest speaker.

The service schedule is already set through the first Sunday in September, so now is a great time to join and see just what SSC is all about. It's fun. It's easy. And it's a good way to become involved with a nominal time commitment. Call:

Heather McLellan 480-941-1038
Terry Simmons 602-625-2829 or
Gene Harvey 602-251-5063 to

join or for more details.

Instructions on Donating Stock to UUCP

Before transferring your stock please email (administrator@phoenixuu.org) or write the UUCP office (no phone calls please!) with:

- the name of the company and number of shares donated.
- instructions of where to apply the donation (i.e. Stewardship Pledge, Capital Campaign Pledge, Memorial Garden, etc.)

To complete the transfer of your stock to Scottrade your broker must know:

- The DTC number 0703
- The Scottrade Account number and name: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix Acct number 80491162

After the stock sale you will receive a letter from UUCP confirming the stock donation. Please consult your tax advisor as to the dollars you may deduct on your personal tax return.

Submitted By,
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Stock Coordinator
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Unicare

The question is still asked from time to time - What is Unicare? The answer is "Our whole caring community". There definitely is a core group that is the guiding force of Unicare, however, without all of our members caring for one another, the tasks involved would not be possible. This year as in many past we have:

- * sent cards in times of joys and sorrows
- * made phone calls just to say hi
- * visited the homebound
- * offered rides to Sunday services for those in need
- * made hospital calls
- * serenaded the homebound
- * brought a warm dish cooked with love
- * accompanied a friend to the doctor, lawyer, chief
- * given relief to the caregiver
- * planned, prepared, attended memorial services
- * been there after all words have been spoken

This year we continued our pastoral care through "Friendship Pairs" pairing members of our Congregation with homebound members. Many

of you have stepped up to make this loving connection and many of you continue to make these visits and phone calls have you always have in the past. Only those of you who have taken this opportunity to reach out know how very much your presence and attention is appreciated.

Please e-mail me at sambasmart@cox.net if you have any suggestions for Unicare or if you wish to alert Unicare to a special need being experienced by one of our members. Bless your caring hearts.

Julie Smart
Unicare Chair

Greetings from the UU General Assembly in Portland, Oregon!

How truly cool is it to go sightseeing in a new city, and find that your entire tour group of the Japanese Garden is full of UU's from all over the country?!! Restaurants around the convention center fill with UU's in animated conversation. There's an incredible array of workshops, lectures, and worship services to choose from. Seventeen of us from UUCP are among the 6,000 UU's from all over.

You can have this experience ...next year in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and closer to home in 2009: Salt Lake City.. both in late June.

At home, join Sherry Celine for lunch connections after Sunday Services to enjoy more time with UUCP'ers. And special advance notice for the coming year: Adult Religious Education will offer the course: "A Chosen Faith" at 9am on Sundays in October, and "Exploring UU Identity" in February.

Our formal "guiding" system is less structured in the summer, so we're counting on each and every UUCP'er to be extra hospitable and friendly to the visitors who come for the first time. Please be sure to invite them to social hour with you, and help introduce them to other UUCP people. Share the joy of our UU faith!

Have a great summer!

Carolyn Allenby
membership@phoenixuu.org

Other fellow GAers include:
Ellie Anderla
Toni Collotte and Greg Holmberg
Gary Ezzell
Jesse and Sharon Hise
Richard and Connie Jahrmarkt
Ray and Gretchen Manker
Melissa Schwartz
Marshall and Julie Smart
Kim St. Clair

Be sure to attend our **July 15th service** where some of the attendees will share their experiences of this amazing annual event.

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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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