



*A Welcoming Congregation*

HORIZONS Newsletter of the  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PHOENIX

4027 East Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ, 85253

September 2007

## Celebration of Life

Sundays, 10:30 AM

### SEPT. 2: HYMN SING

Service Leader: Connie Jahrmarkt  
Connie and the Choir will lead us in a Sunday filled with hymns.

*Poetry Coffeehouse  
New Day Center Meal*

### SEPT. 9: "WATER CROSSINGS"

Interim Minister, the Reverend Roberta Haskin, will engage the community in an interactive story and offer words of reflection on the theme of "Water Crossings." Bring with you a small bottle of water from a place that is special to you for the water communion rite.

*Water Communion  
Intergenerational Service*

### SEPT. 23: "THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL, TECHNOLOGICAL AND SUSTAINABILITY DIALOGS"

Service Leader: Carolyn Allenby  
Speaker: Brad Allenby  
Brad is Lincoln Professor of Engineering and Ethics, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Law, at Arizona State University.

*21 Praises of Tara*

### SEPT. 16: "WALKING TOGETHER"

The Reverend Roberta Haskin  
How shall we be together during this year of transition? Unitarian Universalist historians describe our congregational way of organizing as "walking together." At this juncture in the life of UUCP, let us explore more deeply what it means to be a faith community in our tradition.

*Teacher Dedication  
Social Action Luncheon*

### SEPT. 30: "ATTENDING TO TRANSITIONS"

The Reverend Roberta Haskin  
Transitions are not simply changes. They are the internal and spiritual work we must do in order to cope with change. What might be gained by paying attention to transitional times?

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## Attention Committee Chairs and Activity Group Leaders!

Mark your calendars for an important calendaring and programming day **Saturday, September 29 at 9 AM** here at UUCP. This Board sponsored event is an integral part of our Strategic Plan. If you haven't read our Strategic Plan go to our website at [www.phoenixuu.org](http://www.phoenixuu.org) to download a copy or request one from the office.

## In the Betweentime

We live

*In between winter cold and  
summer heat*

*In between birth and death  
In these perpetual between-  
times,*

*Let us celebrate life.*

Jean Rickard

I am the “inbetween” minister ministering with you as you search for a new minister to whom you will extend a call next year. Some people may think the Interim year is a time to prepare for stability. Ostensibly, only my interim ministry is the primary period of upheaval. This is an illusion. Actually, I am preparing you to live with change. People say, “Change is the only constant.” The cliché is a statement of truth. Few of us change easily. Even for people like me who move constantly, change is not an easy task. I have to pay attention to sleep and eating cycles or my body will let me know by succumbing to a cold sore. I always

have the virus, but I manage to keep from an outbreak by paying attention to stress. Paying attention is the key to living with the stress and constancy of change.

During the month of September, I would like to pay attention to what is happening at UUCP. I want to go to at least one meeting of each group that meets under the auspices of UUCP. Don’t hesitate to invite me to your meeting or event! The reason I like to go to every meeting in the initial months of an interim is so I might learn your ways and join you in the efforts you choose as a congregation. I need to get a good picture of who you are before I know where to lend my efforts. I work from the assumption that I must have clear goals in order to accomplish anything. I am here to accomplish what you have asked me to do.

The main accomplishment I hope I will be able to meet adequately is the goal of “walking together.” I

first encountered this term, “walking together,” when I was learning what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. The Reverend Conrad Wright wrote extensively on the meaning of our way of religion as “walking together.” Typical of our way of religion, we reflect upon ordinary human activity to speak about the deeper quality of the human spirit. I hope that you will join me in September as I enter into a covenant with you for the coming year so we might glean all the riches available to us in this walk we are about to embark upon together.

I await our September ingathering, where we will celebrate with the annual Water Communion. Together, we will cross both stormy and calm seas this year. We shall walk in beauty, touch hands, grow to love more deeply, face fear with courage, fail, go on, and succeed. - all the while attending to one another.

Blessings on our betweentime,  
Roberta Haskin

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

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Sarah Patterson Ingersoll  
Thomas Stephan Kole  
William Blauvelt Bishop  
Arthur Wilfred Olsen  
Betty Halsema Foley  
Betty K. Irvine  
Phillip Kevin Bliklen  
William Eugene Swineford  
Julia Michelle Fritts  
Mary Ellen Mussman

## Some Assembly is Required

Welcome, and welcome back. Welcome first to our interim minister, Rev. Roberta Haskin, who has been on duty since mid August but officially will be “in the pulpit” for the first time at our ingathering ceremony on September 9. She is an accredited interim minister and comes to us after finishing a year in Las Vegas, where she was very well regarded. I am confident that this will be another good year of ministry as our Search Committee presses on in its work.

Welcome also to those who have been traveling and are now returning to relative normalcy. Of course, not all of us escaped, so thanks to the Sunday Services Committee for the programs that have engaged us this summer. At one of those services, some of us who attended the UU General Assembly in Portland described highlights that struck us as most meaningful. Let me reproduce here the opening words from that service:

Some assembly is required.

Why do assemble in this place, at this time?

We come together to find meaning,  
to discover what to us is most sacred.

We come together as a free people, knowing that to live is to choose, and that our choices matter.

We come together because we are mortal, and to celebrate life, each life, as precious.

We come together because we are alone. That is our fate as humans. But to be fully human, we cannot remain solitary.

We must come together.

Some assembly is always required.

The “assembly” phrase, used by Robert Fulghum in a recent essay, works because it metaphorically applies the common box cover advisory to our reason for existing as a congregation. In kind of a double twist, we should recognize that the advisory also applies pretty much straight up. There is a lot of assembling going on. We are improving parts of our building and our organizational procedures to keep us healthy. During August, we improved the drains from the air conditioning system that have plagued us with dripping ceilings for many years. We have also arranged for the doors and windows to be replaced as the first stage of our renovation program, and this project should begin in early October. At our Board retreat on September 8, we will be looking at ways to identify more effectively the talents and interests of our members so that we can keep UUCP and its ministries functioning well. On September 29, we will be assembling our congregational calendar for the year, attempting for the first time in my memory to coordinate prospectively our many activities such that they cohere and not conflict. We are trying hard to put our Legos together.

The body of those opening words come from an observation by Denny Davidoff that being human means dealing with four challenges: meaning, freedom, mortality, and solitude. UUCP exists in large part because most of us find some of our meaning in working toward a goal with people we care

about. The meaning and the pleasure come from both the work and the communion. Our job as a Board is to help people find their common interests and give them the resources to do good things together. The doing, however, is an active process. Get involved. Some assembly is required.

In community,

Gary Ezzell

President, Board of Trustees

## Greetings from Your Music Director!

If you've traveled: Welcome Home. If you've made music: Keep up the good work. If you've stayed in Phoenix all summer: Congratulations! You've weathered another summer.

First the fun announcements:

### FAMILY CHOIR

Family Choir will begin right after services in the Sanctuary during October

So clear your schedule now! Be watching for a really irresistible invitation to this fun group.

### UUCP'S SOULFUL SUNDOWN BAND

The UUCP Soulful Sundown Band will rehearse on the first Sunday of the month starting October at 5pm in the Sanctuary. Our Soulful Sundown Celebrations of Life will be at 6pm in the Sanctuary on the First Sunday of each month, also starting in October.

### CONGREGATION CHOIR

The Congregation Choir begins with rehearsals on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Singers are needed on all parts, high and low. If you want to sing or be a part of the leadership in Soulful Sundown Services – Call Connie - 480 970 8807 or email: [musicdirector@phoenixuu.org](mailto:musicdirector@phoenixuu.org). Below is just one good reason to do so:

LORENZAGO DI CADORE, Italy, JULY 22, 2007 (Zenit.org).-

Benedict XVI says "Training in singing, in singing in choir, is not only an exercise of the external hearing and voice; it is also an education of interior hearing, the hearing of the heart, an exercise and a education in life and peace," the Holy Father said in his improvised remarks.

"Singing together in choir and with other choirs together, demands attention to the other, attention to the composer, attention to the conductor, attention to this totality that we call music and culture. And," he added, "in this way singing in choir is a training in life, a training in peace, a walking together. I am certain that precisely this beautiful music is a commitment to peace and a help to live in peace."

Thank-you Lorenzago Di Cadore!

### UU MUSICIAN'S NETWORK

You may or may not know that I'm currently enrolled in the UU Musicians Certification Program being developed by the UU Musician's Network. I am in my second year as one of the pilot candidates for UU Musician certification.

Also the UU Musicians' Conference will be in Boston next year. If you've always wanted to have an excuse to visit this part of the country, I can think of no better reason.

### GA CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

And in 2009, GA (General Assembly) will be held in Salt Lake City. That's close by and there will be a GA children's choir!!!

This wonderful choir only happens

once every 3 years. I hope that some of our great young singers will audition for this exciting, fun choir. (I'll be glad to coach anyone who wants to audition. You have plenty of time to prepare.)

Connie Jahrmarkt



## To Seek Knowledge in Freedom . . .

LOOK FOR THE BLUE ADULT RE BROCHURE FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF THIS YEAR'S OFFERING!

Greetings from your Adult Religious Education committee as we enter our new fall season. Lots of great classes will be yours for the taking this year, starting with Chosen Faith for the entire month of October. Please e-mail me or the Kim St. Clair at [redirector@phoenixuu.org](mailto:redirector@phoenixuu.org) to sign up. Or stop by the Book Table. Passes are available in the office and at the Book Table.

## BOOK GROUP

We'll be announcing Book Group's September selection in the order of service, or you can e-mail [books@phoenixuu.org](mailto:books@phoenixuu.org) to find out what's next. (No, we are not organized enough to have a new book each month. It just worked out this time!)

## BOOK TABLE

New selections at the Book Table include three books by Robert Fulghum, author of *It Was on Fire*

*When I Lay Down on It*, and others. We have new selections from UUA, Beacon Press, and local bookstores. Please visit after service.

## GREEN SANCTUARY

ARE is partnering with Social Action in launching UUCP's new Green Sanctuary program. Please read the article elsewhere in this Horizons issue, and join us in participating in this inspiring new endeavor!

Thanks, and happy autumn!

Terry Simmons  
Chair, Adult Religious Education

## GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH BY JULI HARVEY

No one has to tell me it's "Back to School" time--I'm a teacher! Yikes. But the thought got me ruminating on the question, "What's a good place to find green "Back to School" tips?" Would you like to discover a website and a green sanctuary way of life? Well then, surf on over to [www.newdream.org/buy/bts/index.php](http://www.newdream.org/buy/bts/index.php) for some great green ideas. Not only will you find back to school ideas, but also you might alter your consciousness in the process--not in the way that consciousness was altered in the '60's--in a new green way. Newdream.org is a cool spot to make plans to turn your home into a green sanctuary and its inhabitants into little green men and women. First we change ourselves; then we change the world. Teach your children well. Peace.

## To Share Our Strength in Fellowship . . .

At the risk of sounding redundant, once again here's a primer about covenant groups (also known as small group ministry--don't let the name "covenant" scare ya!)

A covenant group is a small group that includes no more than 10 participants. Groups meet twice a month to share in life's joys and struggles, to deepen connections to 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 ARE:

Larry Agle  
Ellie Anderla  
Ellie Murphy  
Gene Cherry  
Gene Harvey  
Pam and John Gill (co-facilitators of Sunday parenting group)  
Jimmy Leung  
Alan Levine & Natalie Summit (co-facilitators)  
Jerry Whalin

Specific dates and times of groups have yet to be determined at the

writing of this article as the facilitator training has yet to take place. However, be on the lookout for lots of information throughout September!

### Young Adult Group Provides Leadership and Fun Times!

The Young Adult group (18-35 year olds and their older "allies") is happy to welcome back Michelle Gates who spent the past seven months teaching English in Japan! Our Young Adult group members are proving to be outstanding leaders in our congregation as Sarah Henkel joins the Ministerial Search Committee, and numerous others have committed to teaching Sunday school. Come join us any Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in Room C!



### Love is the Doctrine of this Congregation . . .

Look for our new gold brochure for a complete description of the Children's Ministry 2007-2008 program!

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Sept. 2 - No Class – Labor Day – Nursery Open
- Sept. 9 – Water Ingathering Service – children begin in the sanctuary and move to Johnson Room
- Sept. 16 – First day of Sunday school – begin in sanctuary – Teacher Dedication
- Sept. 23 – Class – begin in sanctuary – UU Pals begin
- Sept. 30 – Class – begin in sanctuary

#### LET YOUR LITTLE SHINE AND TELL YOUR STORIES!

The beginning of the program year brings a fresh new batch of opportunities to light the chalice and tell your stories for Together Time!

Chalice Lighters – children are encouraged to sign-up to light the chalice on the 2-4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month throughout the program year. A brief biography is read about the child, which gives the congregation an opportunity to get to know a little bit about you! Together Time – adults and families are invited to tell story, present a skit, or lead a song during the "Together Time" portion of the service on the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month throughout the program.

Presentations should be no longer than 5 minutes.

Email Kim St. Clair at [redirector@phoenixuu.org](mailto:redirector@phoenixuu.org) or call 602-741-2539 to be a part of these exciting opportunities!

#### UU PALS TO KICK OFF AN- OTHER YEAR

By Susan Leung

The UU Pals program matches children and adults within our UU community and helps them develop friendships. Sign up by completing a UU Pals application found in the Children's Ministry registration brochure or in the UU Pals mailbox in Office 2. Pal matches will be announced in October in time for the kick-off event on Sunday, October 21. There will be lots of fun activities to do including a hike with the Outdoor Group, two community service projects, ice skating, and a spaghetti dinner. If you have any questions, please contact UU Pals Coordinators Susan Leung ([shbleung@yahoo.com](mailto:shbleung@yahoo.com)) or Ann Ciemny ([cciemny@juno.com](mailto:cciemny@juno.com))

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

Thanks to the wonderful work of Carey Crabbs, our spiffy new brochures are ready for distribution. The brochure also includes the entire Children's Ministry calendar for 2007-2008 and registration form. All children and youth (0-18 years old) need to be registered yearly. The UU Pals form is on the back – what could be easier!?

### ROOTS & SHOOTS IS HERE! COME JOIN US

Have you ever thought about doing more for our planet? Now you can help animals, people, and the environment. Join the new Roots and Shoots group. Roots and Shoots was started by Dr. Jane Goodall as part of a worldwide network of people from over 100 countries. We have fun planned, while we learn more about the world, and how we can help. Join us for our kickoff meeting October 14th from 12:15-2:00pm. We'll meet by the piano. Bring a brownbag lunch, and a friend. Contacts: Nancy Cruse, Susan Leung, or Todd Cruse  
Recommended age is 8 to adult. Supervision of young people is requested. An opportunity for families to do something meaningful together. For more info check out [rootsandshoots.org](http://rootsandshoots.org)

## Our Children & Youth

### Search for Truth &

### Meaning

Here is a brief description of each curriculum being offered this year. Tell your friends – it's going to be a rocking year at the UUCP!

#### NURSERY

**A World of Friends** – Tiffany and Daniel continue to provide a safe and predictable routine for our youngest UU's.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 3RD - 4TH GRADE (8-9 YEARS OLD)

**Holidays & Holy Days** teaches children about the origins and meanings of holiday and holy day celebrations

#### 5TH - 6TH GRADE (10 – 11 YEAR SOLD)

**Bibleodeon** introduces Hebrew and Christian scriptures by presenting the best-known Hebrew and Christian stories through interactive challenges. Students explore connections between biblical events and UU principles, and between biblical ideas and their own lives.

#### 7TH - 8TH GRADE (12-14 YEARS OLD)

**Junior YRUU/Fighting Invisible Tigers** 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.

#### 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 (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade), the senior high group will follow a small group ministry format with topics chosen and led by the group.

## Do you openly identify as LGBTQI?

(lesbian, gay, bi, transgender, queer or intersex)

Do you like sharing your story and discussing the interesting questions that 7-8th graders might ask you about finding out, coming out, your journey, your struggle, your celebration? The OWL (Our Whole Lives) team is looking for 2-4 people for a dynamic panel discussion with our 7-8th grade class on Sunday, November 4 from 1:00-3:00pm. This panel complements OWL's diversity, orientation and identity sessions, and will be lead in to our discussions surrounding relationships and commitment. Additional information about the OWL program, including the "Sexuality and Our Faith" component, can be found by exploring the links within [www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/ourwhole/](http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/ourwhole/). If you are interested in helping out with our panel, please contact Jaynn Truran at [JATruran@aol.com](mailto:JATruran@aol.com) (480-600-8816), or Lee Spencer at [lee.spencer@asu.edu](mailto:lee.spencer@asu.edu) (602-717-1710) by October 15.

## Renovation Task Force

### Update

A quick note to let you all know what has been happening with the facilities and construction progress.

#### NEW DOORS THIS FALL!

First, we'll let you know about what you're likely to see in the near future. As was discussed at the annual meeting in June, there has been progress with respect to getting glass doors and windows replaced. We received a permit from the Town of Paradise Valley and have signed a contract with Porter Construction. Doors and windows will be replaced as follows:

- All glass adjacent to patio along Lincoln (kitchen, Johnson Rm., etc.)
- Current entry
- Sanctuary / meditation garden
- Automatic door at North end of West wing

Some notes: All sliding doors converted to hinged doors; Automatic opening doors will be at current location AND sanctuary/patio doorway; All materials are as currently specified on architectural plans; Only work that will be "undone" is current front entrance and those materials will be re-used or maintained as replacement.

The estimated cost of this work is \$125K and could begin as soon as the first weekend in October. Gene Rowley is coordinating all work with the schools and contractor to minimize disruption to school programming. In a great example of the

community-building that a project like this represents and engenders, the schools are involved in targeted fundraising to help defray the costs of this portion of the project.

#### FAWNING NEW AWNINGS

With all of the doors and windows on the patio being replaced, the condition of the awnings begs to be addressed. Terry Simmons is coordinating this project. This is something that we enjoy not only on Sunday morning and afternoon, but the shade helps with energy consumption by reducing heat gain in the West wing throughout the week. This is a cost that will be budgeted regularly (roughly every 5 years) and is currently estimated at \$3.5-5.5K.

#### GOODBYE INDOOR WATERFALLS

Another project that is long overdue relates to the puddles that frequently appear in the hall of the West wing. This occurs because the drainage for 8 air handlers is currently routed into one line. The condensation will now be handled by a dedicated drain for each air handler. The estimate for this work (including ceiling repair) is \$8K.

It is exciting to see the efforts of so many dedicated volunteers (and donors) finally being realized. Give someone a pat on the back or a hug and share a congratulatory cup of coffee.

#### SIDEWALK UPDATE

During the spring, we began learning about and talking about the Paradise Valley sidewalk project

planned for Lincoln Dr. That work is currently scheduled to reach us no earlier than December 2007. We are still pursuing answers with regard to when the bill will arrive and whether we'll benefit from the grant that exists for this project. We are talking to the Town of PV about coordinating that work with the planned frontage improvements (including new signage) called out for in the planned construction.

#### TOWN NEWS

That brings us to the status of the plan approval process with Town. The Town Planning Commission has "work sessions" before any meetings where they consider their recommendation to the Town Council. We've had two of those "work sessions" this summer. There has been good discussion and the Town is appreciative of our professional approach. We have learned what the current hot buttons are with the Town Planning Commission (traffic, lighting and landscaping) and our design meets or exceeds all Town standards. Another result of the work sessions is that our application for an amendment to the special use permit (it's what allows us to exist as a congregation on these premises in the Town of PV) is on track to be handled as one complete package – saving time (and money) as we begin to move into construction and consider workable construction packages. The Town planning staff will present their review of the complete package at a Planning Commission work session on September 4.

## PROJECT FUNDING

Funding for the door/window replacement and sidewalk is coming from the Capital Building Fund; funding for the A/C and awning repairs is from the operating accounts. We have enough in our Capital Building Fund and our reserves to cover these costs, but it is critical that we keep up with our pledges - both Stewardship and Capital Building Campaign. We are making tangible improvements to our property, and in so doing are keeping the promise we have made to each other, to those who came before and to those who will come after us.

We appreciate the recent efforts of Gary Ezzell, Smoot Carl-Mitchell and Sandy Weir (representing us at the Town along with the architect, Doug Sydnor), Don Weir (developing funding options for construction) and Gene Rowley and Terry Simmons for their project leadership.

And again thanks to all of you for your support, questions and contributions. We are making progress and I hope we can all agree that we are making progress that makes sense.

Submitted by Glen Lockwood

## To all UUCP Contributors,

The Finance Committee appreciates your patience as we develop our processes within the new accounting system. A good faith effort has been made to enter the corrections you have provided. The Finance Committee has also reviewed the existing pledge entries and contribution transactions to spot errors. All corrections were approved at the June Finance Committee meeting.

As you review the mailed statement, please note that:

- Contributions from you between 7/1/06 and 6/30/07 are considered payments toward your 2006-7 fiscal year pledge unless they were specifically designated as an 2007-8 contribution.
- Contributions from you after 6/30/07 will be considered payments against your 2007-8 fiscal year pledge.
- If your 2006-7 fiscal year pledge is not completed by 6/30/07 it will be "written off" so the records for the year may be closed out. Of course, the contributions are still welcome, but they will be applied to your 2007-8 fiscal year pledge.
- Pledge statements will only report contributions up to your pledge amount. If you pay in excess of your pledge in any fiscal year, it will be reported

as a non-pledge contribution on your end of year statement. However, this year's statements still reflect pledge overpayments that will be applied to next year.

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

The Finance Committee

Mary Dokes, Chair  
Smoot Carl-Mitchell, Treasurer  
Don Weir  
Julie Erfle  
Ellie Murphy

## Reminder About Stock

### Donations

Please make sure to contact the office immediately after donating stock to our Scottrade account. Unfortunately Scottrade has no way of knowing who transfers stock to our account. Unless you notify us that you have done so, we do not know to apply it to your contribution statements. Thanks for your assistance - and donations!

## Social Action News

The Social Action Committee is gearing up for another active and productive year. If you would like to be a part of this dynamic UUCP committee mark your calendar for the 2nd Sunday of each month for the business meeting, and the 3rd Sunday each month for the luncheon.

- Sept. 9 - Business meeting - Annex B - 12:15 pm
- Sept. 16 - Potluck luncheon - Lora Sanders, attorney, Al Gore environmental ambassador, guest speaker - Johnson Room - 12:15 pm (please use Sarah's more detailed announcement if she has sent it)
- New Day Center - Committees and individuals, please sign up to reserve your spot to cook, serve and bake brownies for the folks at the family shelter the first Sunday each month. This endeavor has been ongoing at UUCP for over 15 years and continues to be a loving, community-building experience for us. Katie Raife is coming on board with Lydia Yanak and Heather McLellan as coordinators. Thank you Katie!

## SAC LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 16 at 12:15 p.m. in the Johnson Room, Lora Sanders will discuss former Vice President Al Gore's **Climate Project** at the Social Action Luncheon. Following the success of *An Inconvenient Truth*, Gore

established the Climate Project, an initiative to spread awareness and challenge citizens and governments to act against the effects of global warming. Lora, a local attorney, was selected as one of 1,000 volunteers who trained with Gore to disseminate information to local audiences and foster discussion regarding solutions, including small steps that individuals can take to help make a difference. Please join us for this important discussion—all are welcome!

## Arts & Aesthetic News

Attention all UU member artists! September-October is the month to show your art in the sanctuary. Please come to the church Sat, Sept. 1st 9-10Am to meet and hang up your artwork.

Jen Nelson  
UU Art Committee Chair  
623-434-0340  
jennifer\_d\_nelson@yahoo.com



## Unicare

Our UU Community has been out and about the country connecting with family and friends over the summer. This is always a rewarding time and a treasure of memories for time to come. As the Fall season approaches it reminds me that I am anxious to see "my Arizona" once again and be back with our UUCP friends.

Some of us have been busy settling into new homes and getting established in new neighborhoods. May the new homes be a good fit and the dust settle soon!

Our caring thoughts go out to Jean, Janice, and Libby who have been dealing with medical challenges. We hope this finds them all recovering and ready to be out and about very soon.

A great loss to our community is the departure of Mary and Bill Wardlaw for their new home in Salt Lake City. Bill has started a new job there and they have sold their Phoenix home. They will be missed by all and especially by their hiking buddies. I am sure they would enjoy hearing from their UUCP friends.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again!

Julie Smart

## Poetry Coffeehouse

The next meeting of THE POETRY COFFEEHOUSE will be on Sunday, Sept. 2 at 9:00 AM in Annex Room C.

If you have poems of your own you'd like to share or those of a favorite author, we encourage you to attend our next meeting! Writing of any kind that is of poetic quality is welcome! We always have a thought-provoking discussion about the poems that are shared.

See you there!

John Williamson  
Facilitator



## Women's Circle Invites You to Celebrate the 21 Praises of Tara

Tara is the embodiment of wisdom and compassion. She is the Great Mother who is swift to assist all that call out to her, overpowering obstacles, dissolving ignorance. She is a deity of Buddhist Tantra, a potentiality latent within everyone. The 21 Praises of Tara Mandala Dance is based on a traditional Tibetan text, in which Tara's 21 aspects are praised for the purpose of sending blessings and healing to all beings.

Introductory Evening :

Friday Sept 21st 7:00 – 9:00pm

\$10 donation

(included in full workshop fee)

Weekend Workshop :

Fri Sept 21st 7-9:30p.m.

Sat Sept 22nd 10a.m-6p.m.

Sun Sept 23rd 1:00 p.m-9:00p.m.

Reserve your place now!

\*\*\*Pre-Registration suggested \*\*\*

Donation \$108 to \$150

(work scholarships available)

In this workshop the dancers are led into a mandala of dance, sacred movement and mudra. Learn the philosophy, meditations, and visualizations of the traditional Tantric Buddhist practice. At the end of the workshop the dancers are adorned in silk saris and jewels provided and dance for the community in an offering ritual. In the spirit of community celebration, enrollment as a musician is also welcome.

For more info contact Heather McLellan 602.334-7835



September brings back the happy sounds of children and their parents to the UUEEC. We welcome many new families and our returning families. Teacher Doug and Teacher Kelly, who worked in Lunch Bunch last year and is the parent of an EEC child and an EEC graduate, will lead the 2's in a exciting new adventure. Teacher Josie returns with Teacher Jane in the 3 year old class. Teacher Val and Teacher Rosita, who worked with the 2's last year and is an EEC parent, will work together with the 4's. We

welcome Gail Ober as the new Transitional Kindergarten teacher. Teacher Gail plans lots of learning opportunities such as yoga, math, science and language acquisition....all with lots of fun and games.

We have a limited number of openings in the Transitional Kindergarten, which many of you may remember was added last year to give children who just miss the kindergarten deadline or whose parents wish to give them a little more time to enjoy childhood, more practice with social and emotional development and an individualized learning environment. Today's kindergarten is the new first grade. Many children turning 5 in the summer months are not ready for the kindergarten experience and just need a little more time. The TK program gives them this additional time for growth and learning in a safe, encouraging environment with a low child:teacher ratio.

If anyone is interested in volunteering with the EEC, we have a variety of opportunities ranging from Friday Friends (4 year olds), TK and office assistance.

September will fly past as we join DVLC getting ready for the October 4 fundraiser for the doors and windows. If you enjoy square dancing, join us in a wonderful evening of fun. For more information and details, please call or email the EEC.

Director Jane  
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## Calendar of Events...

### **Saturday September 1**

10:00 AM Choir Retreat  
10:00 AM Art Committee

### **Sunday September 2**

No Children's Ministry  
9:00 AM Poetry Coffeehouse  
9:00 AM Music Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service  
12:00 PM Prepare New Day Center Meal  
12:00 PM Young Adult Group

### **Monday September 3**

OFFICE CLOSED  
7:00 PM Women's Circle

### **Wednesday September 5**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday September 6**

7:00 PM Construction Committee

### **Saturday September 8**

OWL Overnight  
9:00 AM Art Committee  
9:00 AM Board Retreat

### **Sunday September 9**

Ingathering  
9:00 AM Music Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service  
10:30 AM Children's Worship & Water Service  
12:00 PM Young Adult Group  
12:00 PM Social Action Meeting  
12:30 PM Singletarian Outing

### **Monday September 10**

7:00 PM Women's Circle

### **Tuesday September 11**

7:00 PM Amnesty International

### **Wednesday September 12**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday September 13**

6:30 PM Executive Meeting

### **Saturday September 15**

5:30 PM Circle Dinner

### **Sunday September 16**

Teacher Dedication  
9:00 AM Music Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service  
10:45 AM Children's Ministry  
12:00 PM Young Adult Group  
12:00 PM Social Action Luncheon

### **Monday September 17**

7:00 PM Women's Circle

### **Tuesday September 18**

11:30 AM President's Council Meeting

### **Wednesday September 19**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday September 20**

7:00 PM Construction Committee  
7:00 PM Finance Committee

### **Friday September 21**

6:00 PM Women's Circle Tara Weekend  
7:00 PM Singletarian Meeting

### **Saturday September 22**

Outdoor Group: Boynton Canyon

### **Sunday September 23**

UU Pal Together Time  
9:00 AM Music Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service  
10:45 AM Children's Ministry Classes  
12:00 PM Young Adult Group  
1:00 PM OWL  
4:00 PM 21 Praises of Tara

### **Monday September 24**

7:00 PM Women's Circle

### **Wednesday September 26**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday September 27**

7:00 PM Board Meeting

### **Saturday September 29**

9:00 AM UUCP Calendaring & Programming Day

### **Sunday September 30**

9:00 AM Music Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service  
10:45 AM Children's Ministry  
12:00 PM Young Adult Group

### **Calendar Submissions**

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



### Events You Can't Miss...

- 9/2 **Poetry Coffeehouse** meeting in Annex C all poets and poetry lovers welcome!
- 9/2 Help prepare our monthly meal for the **New Day Center** directly after service.
- 9/2 Join our **Young Adult Group (ages 18-35)** for a relaxed covenant-style meeting and usually lunch at a local restaurant to follow. They meet every Sunday after services.
- 9/5 Attention all singers- have you thought about joining our beloved **choir**? Word has it that the goodies they bring for break are just as uplifting as the music they practice!
- 9/9 Don't miss our **Ingathering** service. Make sure to bring your water offering!
- 9/9 Interested in learning about our very active **Social Action** projects? Then attend this monthly meeting to see how you can participate.
- 9/15 Don't forget to RSVP for the kick-off **Circle Dinner** here at UUCP.
- 9/16 Join us after the service in the Johnson Room for our monthly **Social Action Luncheon**.

- 9/22 **Outdoor Group** invites you to put your hiking boots on and get moving on up Boynton Canyon.
- 9/23 Ladies get in touch with your inner goddess and join the **Women's Circle** in their **21 Praises of Tara** weekend.

### Circle Dinners (aka Mucho Gusto)

Join us for fun, food & a circle of friends, the third Saturday of each month. These assignment potluck dinners are held at homes and are a great way to make new friends, especially if you're new to our congregation. The first kick-off dinner is scheduled **Saturday, September 15** at UUCP in the Johnson Room. For reservations & dish assignment call your hostess Sherry 602-840-4611 or [muchogusto@phoenixuu.org](mailto:muchogusto@phoenixuu.org). Hope to see you there!

### Love Kids?

Jane is looking for both volunteers and paid positions to help out at the preschool. The paid positions are for substitutes (time vary) and Lunch Bunch helpers (11:30 AM - 3PM). Please contact Jane at 602-840-0746 if interested.



### WHEN YOU WEAR YOUR NAME TAG..

You are saying something about yourself beyond your name. By putting on a name tag at UUCP, you say...

I am an OPEN person, who wants to get to know others.

I am a COURTEOUS person, who relieves others of the struggle of trying to remember all our names.

I am an AWARE person, who knows it is difficult, in our changing congregation, for me to know everyone and for everyone to know me.

I am a THOUGHTFUL person, who remembers how I myself have suddenly blanked on the name of a dear acquaintance.

I am a REALISTIC person, who knows that there are always visitors to our congregation, and that to get to know us they need the help of our nametags.

Thank you for wearing yours regularly!

## See you in October!

As you get this I will be on my maternity leave. My last day was Friday, August 24 (and at the time of typing this I hadn't delivered yet!). I am scheduled to be back in the office, full time, Monday, October 30th. While I am out of the office rest assured that we have a spectacular crew of volunteers holding down the ship. Below is a table showing

the volunteers who have signed up and some specific tasks that they can help cover (see the calendar posted outside of Office for specific dates and times).

Please make sure to give them all a great big hug for me while I am gone so that they know how much we all value their time and efforts. Though I will be out of the office for the most part, I am still going to

be doing Horizons (take pity on a new Mom and make sure to get your submissions in on time!) as well as checking my email and checking in with the office periodically.

Thank you EVERYONE for your love and support. I will make sure to get pictures out and available as soon as possible!

LUUV, Heidi

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- 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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