



A Welcoming Congregation

HORIZONS Newsletter of the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PHOENIX

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Celebration of Life

Sundays, 10:30 AM

NOV. 4: BUILDING A GREEN CULTURE

Service Leader: Terry Simmons

No, we will not be talking about the green culture you get when the leftovers stay in the refrigerator for too long. Our focus will be on creating a culture based on environmental awareness and sustainability. The Green Sanctuary Committee will present this service on how we – as individuals, as a congregation, and as a larger community – build a foundation and mindset so “it is easy to be green.”

New UU Class, Poetry Coffeehouse, A Walk with Four Spiritual Guides, New Day Center, Soulful Sundown

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NOV. 11: FORGIVENESS

By Rev Meghan Conrad Cefalu

"Forgiveness and Atonement" We know that forgiveness is the glue that holds us in relationship and community with one another yet for so many of us it is a challenge. In this service we will explore the concept and experience practical means of fostering forgiveness of ourselves and others.

Rev. Meghan Cefalu serves the Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains in Grass Valley, California - a beautiful town in the northern foothills of the Sierras between Sacramento and Lake Tahoe. She is a graduate of UC Davis and Starr King School for the Ministry. She and her high school sweetheart were recently married and are delighted to share their lives and hearts with Libby, a black lab/pointer mix.

Empty Bowl Luncheon, New UU Class, A Walk with Four Spiritual Guides

NOV. 18: GATHER IN THANKS

By Rev. Roberta Haskin

At this time of giving thanks, let us gather around the common table as a congregational community. You are invited to bring some bread broken into bite size pieces on a plate or in a basket from your family custom, e.g. Poteca from the Slovenians, Tortillas from Hispanic homes, Challah from Jewish customs, Russian rye, German apple pancake, rustic Italian bread,

etc. We will present and share the different breads among us during the service. The community will gather round the table for song, story, food, and fellowship.

Guest at Your Table, A Walk with Four Spiritual Guides, Social Action Luncheon

NOV. 25: HUMAN RIGHTS SUNDAY: THE STORY OF ASTER

A service planned by the minister and members of the Social Action Committee, Joe Gutierrez and Heather Mc Lellan to highlight the congregation's commitment to social action, its involvement in Amnesty International, and its relationship with Aster.

Covenant Group Ministry

The small group ministry is ongoing. Would you like to join a group on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening or Wednesday afternoon? Would you like to specifically focus on "What would UU Do?" on Friday evening or UU parenting on Sunday morning? Brochures are available in the pamphlet rack. You may sign up by contacting the minister by email or phone her at the office.

In the Betweentime...

This November, let us ponder the words of one of the most famous of America men who shaped the Unitarian tradition, Ralph Waldo Emerson:

We are not born free; we are born with a mortgage. That mortgage is a debt, a debt that we owe to the past and to the future. While we live we pay interest and then pass it on to the next generation. That's how churches, communities, and nations survive; by accepting what has been bequeathed and passing it on to those that come after them. This ritual of receiving and giving is an act of Thanksgiving.

The Thanksgiving Holiday reminds us of the gifts of those who have gone before us. At the season of harvest in the Northern farmlands, the earth delivers its bounty for the delight of our bodies and spirits. Year in and year out, these gifts sustain us.

My hope is that you will find

UUCP a place to receive and give sustenance for your minds, bodies, and spirits. We have a congregational home, good food, and good fellowship for which to be grateful. I am grateful for the excellent music on Sunday morning. I am grateful for those among you who without fail work tirelessly for the benefit of everyone, especially the volunteers for Building and Grounds, led by Terry Simmons, Bill Mee, and Gary Ezzell. I am grateful for the facilitators of covenant groups. There is always room in this ministry. If you would like to join a small group, just call me at the office. I am grateful for the countless hours that the Search committee and the Board have contributed this fall. Leadership is not always "glory." There are congregational challenges ahead. Yet, there is much to be thankful for. In this interim year, I invite you to stop and celebrate who you are and who you are becoming. November is that time to show your gratitude.

We gather on Sunday to worship,

which means to "celebrate what is of worth." Your voices, your energy, and your care for each other are the backbone of worship. I hope you will join your fellow members on Nov 18 for a unique service adapted from the Illif School of Theology in Denver. It is based on the 6 sources of our living tradition and includes a time to share bread. I rest assured that this service and indeed, each Sunday service together will heighten our awareness about giving and receiving in this beloved community. I am grateful to be among you.

Blessings on our betweentime,

Roberta

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

Richard Charles Malmleaf
Rose Elfenbein Egeland
William Harold Gooding
Elizabeth Wright McNeal
Alvena Isobel Cranmer
Barbara Lusby Hise
Walter R. Pepper
Shirley R. Sarasohn

UUCP's New Doors

As I write this in mid October, the new doors and windows are going in. By the time you read this, we will have new entry doors to the building, to the Sanctuary, and to the classrooms: new doors with hinges instead of sliders, with crash bars instead of deadbolts, and with energy-efficient glass. The building is safer and more accessible now. Just what we have been wanting.

My last November Horizon's article was called "One Step at a Time," and it was all future tense. Now we have taken that step, and we have reason to celebrate and be thankful to each other for getting this done. We also should take the time to thank some individuals, notably Don Weir and Rev. Jean Wahlstrom, who lobbied hard last spring to have this piece of the renovation pulled out of the big project and done immediately. So shake Don's hand when you see him and send Jean a note (jwahlstrom@mamuus.org). Also thank Gene Rowley and Jane Armstrong for helping to organize the work around the children, weddings, and other activities.

This was not a small effort. The construction cost was about \$140,000, over \$26,000 of which was raised by the school communities in early October. The families of the preschool and Desert View Learning Center wanted to contribute to this improvement that so clearly benefits everyone using these buildings, and we appreciate their help. The rest of the money

came from our Capital Building Fund, and it is satisfying to see tangible results from that ongoing effort.

The doors are tangible and real, but they are also a great metaphor for what is going on at UUCP. The doors are easy to open and invite people in. Let's make sure our own doors are open and our windows clear so that our lights can shine out and others' shine in. One of the breakthrough congregations featured at the Portland General Assembly has a fine tradition of starting each committee meeting with a question: who did you meet this month? It is a good question, and I would add another: who did you get to know better? Let's open these new doors with pride and be glad that we have so much to give to each other.

In community,

Gary Ezzell
President, Board of Trustees

From the Music Director...

Greetings From Your Director of Music!

November! Thanksgiving! It's hard to believe this time last year I was sending out wedding invitations! Whew! Glad it was last year! If you missed out on Family Choir this year then mark February 2008 on your calendar! We will rehearse after services and perform at the end of the month.

This year I've left many services so excited by what I'd just experienced. I just want to thank everyone present. We all make UUCP a special place to be. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude. What a precious gift we have, this community.

Keep singing!

Connie Jahrmarkt



Are You Coming?
to
Soulful Sundown
Sunday
November 4
6pm

laugh ~ play ~ clap ~ shout ~ sing - dance ~ give ~ move

A New York New Years

Eve Ball



PROPOSAL

Held: December 31st, 2007 from 7PM to 10:30 (or so) in the UUCP S Sanctuary

Why: Building Community using the combined energy of a multi-generational, multi-group fund raiser for the Capitol Campaign and the General Fund

Dress: Black Tie, Dress-up—Dress down—Masks—or not—Pajama Party for the kids of all ages

Goings On: Fabulous finger foods with a coffee, tea and juice bar, cash bar, movies in the Johnson Room, musicians jam, skits, comedians, magician, singers and dancers

INTERESTED?

Please fill out the survey and sent to the main office or to the music committee at music@uucp.com

I would like our group to be involved

I/we would love to attend

Not available or think it is a bad idea (comments are welcome)

Personally would like to help make it happen

Have a skill or talent that would be needed

Able to lend a hand

Would love to attend but need a ride

PLEASE FILL THIS OUT!!



To Seek Knowledge in Freedom . . .

Be sure to visit the **Book Table** for new winter selections! We also have one copy left of Al Gore's Assault on Reason at half price.

Our class for November is "A Walk with Four Spiritual Guides: Krishna, Buddha, Jesus, and Ramakrishna"

Four spiritual guides, four classic texts, timeless wisdom for our complicated world introduced by Andrew Harvey, one of today's great teachers of spirituality. Krishna, Buddha, Jesus, Ramakrishna: four of the world's most interesting and challenging spiritual masters. A Walk with Four Spiritual Guides contains selections from four

classic texts:

Bhagavad Gita (Krishna),

Dhammapada (Buddha),

The Gospel of Thomas (Jesus), Selections from the Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna (Ramakrishna)

The selections focus on the inspiring themes of devotion and selfless action; serenity and the mind; mysticism and the indi-

vidual's search for answers; and the direct path to the Divine.

Instructor: Gene Cherry

Date & Time: Sundays @ 9:00 a.m., 11/4, 11/11, 11/18

Location: Room 9

Fee: \$10.00 or presentation of UUS Pass (book by Andrew Harvey for sale at Book Table - \$15.00)

Green Tip of the Month

By Juli Harvey

Green Thanksgiving? You bet. Ten tips for a Green Thanksgiving, abridged from: http://environment.about.com/od/greenthanksgiving/tp/ef_thanksgiving.htm

Don't make too much food and reduce waste. Use leftovers; recycle the rest. Buy and eat local and organic. Eat at home or better yet with neighbors. If you must travel over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house, don't leave a trail of hydrocarbon emissions – tune and inspect vehicles before journeying. Finally, observe the spiritual aspect of Thanksgiving, in quiet contemplation of blessings . . . the original spirit of the holiday before the gluttony, sloth and the NFL came along!

New UU Class

Sundays January 13th & 20th

Register today by emailing

membership@phoenixuu.org

Love is the Doctrine of this Congregation . . .

IMPORTANT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DATES:

November 4 – Children's Worship (grades Pre-k-6th) – Johnson Room

November 11 – Class; Empty Bowls Luncheon (bring your bowls and bugs to recycle!)

November 18 – Class; Guest at Your Table Kick-off

November 25 – Class

November 30-December 2 – Junior High Winter Camp – de Benneville Pines

GRATITUDE & FAMILY RITUAL

Andy (my husband) and I met in the fall of 1986 when I was 19 years old, and he immediately began inviting me to his parents' home for dinner. I was struck by the fact that his parents joined hands and said a simple grace before each meal, which was something my family had never done. Even more surprising to me was not only the grace we said before every meal but also the St. Clair tradition of stating on Thanksgiving our gratitude for the gifts in our lives. Even though I had long rejected "prayer" in an orthodox sense, I was deeply moved by this simple family ritual of which they made me a part. I admit to not being terribly consistent about maintaining a grace before meals in my home, but we do attempt to maintain the tradition of expressing our gratitude on Thanksgiving. Happily, we have a

table full of not only our family but also others who are a part of UU family who also seem to appreciate our ritual.

Your family might not care for the terms "grace" or "prayer" as they can be loaded religious terms for some of us. I think, however, the ritual of articulating gratitude in some formal way is good for the soul. Hence, I offer to you one potential "grace" that you might use this Thanksgiving or at any family meal. Feel free to change it up as you see fit in good UU fashion!

Here at the table now we pray; keep us together day by day may this, our family circle, be held fast by love and unity.

John S. Mackey

In faith and community,

Kim St. Clair

Director of Lifespan Religious Education

ROOTS & SHOOTS IS BOWLING OVER. . .

The Roots & Shoots group had our first meeting getting to know each other and creating magazine bowls and picture holders to sell at the UUCP Holiday Fair in November. The proceeds from these beautiful bowls will become the 'seed' money for our Roots & Shoots group as we determine how we will help specific causes that focus on the environment, people and animals. We meet the second Sunday of the month room H, from 12:15-2:00pm. Bring your lunch and a friend.

Look for us at the Holiday Craft Fair.

Questions? Contact Nancy Cruse

or Susan Leung.

HOLIDAY & HOLY DAYS CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE

by Hannah Roberts

This year, the third and fourth graders are studying Holidays and Holy Days, and I think that it is a great overview of world religions and their traditions, as well as how these traditions fit into our UU faith. In fact, I was taught this curriculum at this age, and it was a great foundation to build upon with later learning. We celebrated Id al-Fitr (the end of Ramadan) this past Sunday, and everybody there feasted on pita, hummus, and strawberries!

UU PALS START ANOTHER FUN-FILLED YEAR

by Susan Leung

The UU Pals – 15 pairs strong – kicked off the year on Sunday, October 21. They prepared Halloween and Thanksgiving treats (some of the chocolate variety) for distribution through Unicare. Next up, the pals will join the choir for caroling on December 16.

EMPTY BOWLS LUNCHEON CONTINUES TRADITION OF FEEDING THE HUNGRY

The Children's Ministry will host our sixth annual Empty Bowls Luncheon on November 11, 2007, after the Celebration of Life on the patio. The concept is simply – folks bring in fun, funky or interesting bowls, mugs or plates to be then purchased by others and filled with a simple lunch. The proceeds all go towards the Social Action Committee's New Day Center meal

fund. The cost is \$8 for a dish plus lunch or \$5 for a paper bowl and lunch with a \$25 family maximum. A collection box will be available in the foyer and on the patio on November 4 and November 11th.

HONORING THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB OF OUR UUCP CAMPUS

For those of you new to our community, we share the campus with our weekday preschool, the Unitarian Universalist Early Education Cooperative (Rooms 9, 10, 11 and 15 and the playground adjacent to the patio). All too often, the UUEEC teachers have had the experience of coming in on Monday morning to find the playground in complete disarray. I'm sure we can all agree that it is not in our UU community spirit to leave behind a mess that someone else has to clean up the next day.

As such, I'm asking that our children (with the exception of the nursery Sunday school class) and youth not use this particular playground as it is very difficult to monitor whether it is left in appropriate repair for the preschool teachers. The playground adjacent to the basketball court and annex buildings will still be in use, and we have collectively done a good job in making sure that this playground is clean for the Desert View teachers and children on Monday morning (Desert View is the weekday elementary school that rents space from the UUCP).

Of course, it could be likely that some young people in the neighborhood paid us an unwelcome visit on Sunday afternoon, but I hope that by making the playground off-limits during Sunday mornings and afternoons we can know for certain that it was not our doing.

Parents, please pass this message along to your children, especially the older children and youth (5th grade on up). Thank you for understanding and attention to this matter.



From the EEC

Many thanks to all the church members and Board members who enjoyed a wonderful Bar-B-Que dinner under the stars, with EEC and DVLC parents to help raise money for the new doors. They are beautiful! Our classrooms look fresher and feel larger. It is so nice to have doors that work!

Now that the school year is underway and we have one successful fundraiser behind us, we want to make sure that all of you have your calendars marked for the **EEC annual fundraising auction - Hooray for Hollywood - on Saturday, February 23, 2008**. In keeping with the Oscar buzz that time

of the year, please plan to join us as we salute the spirit and glamour of Hollywood, with a preschool twist as we pay tribute to the little stars of the EEC! The money raised in this event goes directly to the preschool's operating budget, which funds operational expenses, salaries, supplies and scholarships. We need and love your support and participation.

How can you participate you ask? Donate your talents (cooking, photography, handyman, personal trainer to name a few), donate items that can be put into themed baskets (we have many ideas so if you are stumped, let us know), ask your favorite vendors to donate products or services, underwrite things such as printing, decorations, food or drinks, a cash donation, and last but not least, attend the event!

Please contact Director Jane if you have donations or any questions and watch this article each month for updates!

From the Past Presidents Council...

UUCP History

The Presidents' Council has looked through old records and foggy memories to produce a list of all Presidents of the UUCP since its formation. They think that the list is reasonable and accurate. Please enjoy this trip though time of our leadership. If you know of any errors, please let the office know by email at administrator@phoenixuu.org.

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| | 1965 | Wilson B. Wood | 1996-97 | Ellie Murphy |
| | 1966 | Floyd McCracken | 1997-98 | Susan Goldsmith |
| | | | 1998-99 | Bob Olson |
| | 1967 | Floyd McCracken | | |
| | 1968 | Archie Walker | 1999-00 | Jesse Hise |
| | 1969 | Bill Gooding | 2000-01 | Betty Saylor |
| | | | 2001-02 | Betty Saylor |
| | 1970 | Bill Gooding | | |
| | 1971 | Harry Hobart | 2002-03 | Peter Fears |
| | 1972 | Harry Hobart | 2003-04 | Don Weir |
| | | | 2004-05 | Ellie Anderla |
| | 1973 | Virginia Frogge | | |
| | 1974 | Elaine Warner | 2005-06 | Joan Roberts |
| | 1975 | Elaine Warner | 2006-07 | Gary Ezzell |
| 1947 | | | 2007-08 | Gary Ezzell |
| 1948 | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | |
| | 1976 | Gordon Patterson | | |
| | 1977 | Muriel Osder | | |
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| 1951 | | | | |
| | 1979 | Barbara Eastman | | |
| | 1980 | Muriel Flood | | |
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| 1953-54 | | | | |
| | 1982 | Randy McCraw Helms | | |
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| | 1985 | Anne Upshaw | | |
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| | 1987 | Jeanne Peters | | |
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| | 1988 | Hal Howard | | |
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| | 1993 | Rod Engelen | | |
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| 1963 | | | | |
| | 1994 | Joanne Michael | | |
| | 1995 | Jan McCall | | |
| 1964 | | | 1995-96 | Bill Hall |

Finance Committee

While we're all celebrating our beautiful new safety windows and doors, we should also give ourselves a pat on the back for how well we're doing in making our pledge payments to the general budget! We have, in fact, contributed well over one-third of our 2007-08 pledge total after only one quarter of the fiscal year.* Considering that July and August have always tended to be extremely slow income months, that's a real accomplishment, folks. And our other, non-pledge contributions are right on track, too, according to Treasurer Smoot Carl-Mitchell.

Now you need to start watching your mailboxes, because the first quarterly statements (July 1 through September 30) will be arriving before long. Once again, please be patient as we continue to iron out some difficulties in modifying Quick-Books, a business-oriented program, to meet our needs as a religious, non-profit organization. If you find any errors or have questions, you may email the administrator at administrator@phoenixuu.org or call the congregation office at 602-840-8400.

Still another cause for celebration -- and our deep gratitude -- is the highly successful fund-raising party hosted by Desert View Learning Center and our own UU Early Education Cooperative. These energetic, creative people actually raised a whopping \$26,635 to help pay for the new windows and doors we're all enjoying, so when you see any-

one from DVLC or the EEC, a heartfelt "thank you" is definitely in order.

On another note, the corrected 2006-07 year-end statement, as well as the first quarter reports, will be posted on the file cabinet in Office 2 for those of you who are interested.

Thanks to all of you who so generously support our beloved community,

Ellie Murphy, for the Finance Committee; Mary Dokes, chair

* Pledge payments totaled \$109,055.55 as of Sept. 30, and our yearly budget for this category is \$290,000.

Membership News

As Horizons goes to press, we look forward to greeting new Members from the Summer New UU on October 21st. Another welcoming, for the New UU's taking New UU in November, will be December 2nd. If you're ready to explore the meaning of membership at UUCP, please email membership@phoenixuu.org to register for the **New UU Class on January 13th and 20th**, or see us at the membership services table at social hour!

Happy Thanksgiving,
Carolyn Allenby



Unicare

The heart aches that we have experienced in our community over the years have been at times unbearable. Where would we all be without the comfort that is offered by our caring and loving community? Our resources, talent, and consummate consideration are amazing.

Sometimes life's smaller crises go unheard unless someone takes notice. Soon the Unicare committee will meet to discuss ways to care for those who are not able to be in ready connection with UUCP. Many of our older members are without transportation and have lost many of their dear Congregation friends. We are trying to close those gaps. It requires all of us to keep our antenna up to recognize those in need.

Please forward any of your concerns to me at sambasmart@cox.net. Together we can continue to build loving connections.

On October 28th we remembered our dear friend Mary Ellen Mussman. Our love to Jeremy and his family.

To all who are struggling with life's concerns or health problems we send our love and positive thoughts.

Julie Smart

Green Sanctuary Committee

The Green Sanctuary Committee will be leading the Sunday service on November 4. Information about how it is easy to be green (or not so easy, but really worth doing) will be presented. The committee will also conduct an online survey in order to comply with the Green Sanctuary certification process and to see what projects interest you. Watch for a mass email with the link to survey monkey.

The Green Sanctuary Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday and the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the church. All interested people are invited to attend. Please contact Susan Leung at (480) 551-2090 green@phoenixuu.org if you want more information.

Social Action News

CIRCULO DE AMIGAS

The new director of Circulo de Amigas, Dawn Tripp, will meet with student sponsors of CDA girls on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 12:30. Everyone is welcome to join the meeting to learn more about UUCP's long-time involvement in Jinotego, Nicaragua.

LUNCHEON NOV. 18

UUCP member Harriet Williams will share her long time interest in solar technology and the "green" lifestyle in general. She has "retrofitted" her home to produce

more electricity than it actually uses. All are welcome to enjoy a delicious lunch for a \$5 donation while learning the conservation secrets of a UUCP member.

BUSINESS MEETING

Social Action Committee business meetings are the 2nd Sunday each month (November 11 has been cancelled but business will be conducted by email). Luncheons are the 3rd Sunday each month.

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

Each December the Social Action Committee chooses three Holiday projects for UUCP members to contribute. This year we have chosen:

Booker T. Washington Head-start in central Phoenix "Books for Booker T". Our 40 year association with Booker T makes this long-time project an extra special one. Books appropriate for ages up to 5 years will be collected and donated.

New Day Transitional Shelter - Adult accessories for Christmas gifts: day planners, watches, wallets, cologne, makeup, pedicure/manicure sets, gift cards, etc.

Interfaith Cooperative Ministries (ICM) - Non-perishable food items: rice and beans (pinto), pasta, tomato sauce, peanut butter, tuna or other canned meats. Personal care items: shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste/brushes, deodorant, razors, laundry

detergent. Baby needs: diapers all sizes (including pullups), wet wipes, formula. Toys and books.

This is a time of year when we realize how much we have and then learn how much others don't have.

TAX CREDITS

- it is not too early to begin thinking of how to spend down your taxes. If you have been searching for a way to do some good for your community - at absolutely no cost to you - the Arizona Welfare Reform Tax Credit is a great way to accomplish this. If you qualify for the credit - it is a means to direct your state tax dollars to a worthwhile cause of your choice. The state will give you a credit against the tax you owe for 2007, dollar for dollar, up to \$400 for those filing a joint return or \$200 for a single return of the amount you contribute to a qualifying charitable organization.

This credit has some eligibility requirements. Many in this congregation are eligible. You must itemize deductions and deduct charitable contributions on the Arizona state income tax return at least once in order to establish a baseline year. The credit is then figured on the amounts over and above the baseline amount. The baseline year is 1996 or the first year since then that you itemized deductions. Confused? We have more information at the Social Action Table.

The Booker T. Washington Child Development Center serving three

to five year old children most living below the poverty level is a qualifying charitable organization. Since 1968 UUCP has been actively involved in supporting this wonderful program and your donations over the years have helped build new classrooms, an administration building and a literacy building. Many of our members have served as board members and volunteers. Now, once again we have a new challenge! BTW has received a grant from the city to build two additional classrooms and offices for social workers. However \$167,000 of matching funds must be raised. So you can see that your Tax Credit donations are especially important this year. Please consider a donation which is more than your allowed tax credit amount (it's still deductible) or if you are not eligible for the credit please consider a donation toward the building fund. It will help give a Head Start and improve the life of a central Phoenix child.

Donations should be made to Booker T. Washington Child Development Center with notation "Welfare Tax Credit" and mailed to 1519 E. Adams St, Phx 85034 or left at the Social Action Table.

Art Committee News

The art and aesthetics committee will meet at 10:00 on Saturday morning, Nov. 3, to hang our next show. There will be a meeting afterwards where we can share our recent creations.



JOSIE YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHY

Before Josie Young was "Teacher Josie" she was a photographer in Atlanta, where she graduated with a B.A. from the women's college Agnes Scott. Since coming to Phoenix she has taught for 27 years in the UUC preschool. About 5 years ago her husband, Walter, began insisting that she buy lots of camera equipment and enter the digital world. So she did. She was surprised that her photographer's eye has not dimmed. Josie combines in her work a knowledge of early childhood with the ability to selectively show the magic of what happens in those few all-important years. Enjoy her sight and insight!

What to do with old UU Worlds?

In a casual re-read of an old issue of UU World, summer 2004, I came across this insightful article on creative ways to recycle copies of UU World. A good thing I'm behind in my recycling!

- Leave in hotel desk drawer beside Gideon Bible
- Place in seat pocket of airplane for future travelers
- Leave in waiting rooms, bus/train stations, university student centers
- Donate to local retirement and senior centers
- Do a complimentary exchange of religious literature with Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons who knock at your door
- Gift wrapping
- Line guest room drawers with eye-catching covers
- Stand outside neighborhood store wearing a sandwich board plastered with UU World covers and offer free copies!
- Stack them on Membership/greeter/book table
- Leave copies in church restroom
- Have copies available at community social justice activities
- Mail copies of UU World instead of holiday cards
- **DONATE TO THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR UU CLASSES**

Don't forget to cut out your name and address!

Submitted by,
Heather McLellan

Calendar of Events...

Thursday November 1

7:00 PM Construction Committee

Friday November 2

Friday Night Covenant Group

Saturday November 3

10:00 AM Art Committee

11:00 AM DREAM Act Forum

Sunday November 4

8:30 AM New UU Class

9:00 AM Poetry Coffeehouse

9:00 AM Music Rehearsal

9:00 AM ARE: A Walk with Four Spiritual Guides

9:00 AM Book Discussion

9:00 AM Sunday Covenant Group

10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service

10:30 AM Children's Worship

12:00 PM Prepare New Day Center Meal

12:00 PM Young Adult Group

12:30 PM Circulo de Amigas Meeting

12:30 PM Lunch Bunch

1:00 PM OWL

6:00 PM Soulful Sundown

Monday November 5

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday November 6

10:00 AM UUCP Staff Meeting

12:00 PM Tuesday Afternoon Covenant Group

Wednesday November 7

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

6:00 PM ARE Committee

Thursday November 8

7:00 PM Finance Committee

6:00 PM Children's Ministry Committee

7:00 PM Green Sanctuary Committee

Saturday November 10

Outdoor Group: Red Rock State Park

9:00 AM Art Committee

Sunday November 11

Children's Ministry Empty Bowl Lunch-

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8:30 AM New UU Class

9:00 AM ARE: A Walk with Four Spiritual Guides

9:00 AM Lead Teacher Meeting

9:00 AM Book Discussion

9:00 AM Nominating Committee

10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service

10:45 AM Children's Ministry Classes

12:00 PM Young Adult Group

12:15 PM Roots & Shoots

12:30 PM Lunch Bunch

12:30 PM Singletarian Outing

6:00 PM MUUvie Group

Monday November 12

6:30 PM Covenant Group Facilitator Meeting

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

7:30 PM Campus Ministry

Tuesday November 13

10:00 AM UUCP Staff Meeting

6:30 PM Executive Meeting

7:00 PM Amnesty International

Wednesday November 14

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM Wednesday Night Covenant Group

Thursday November 15

7:00 PM Sunday Serv. Com

Friday November 16

7:00 PM Singletarian Meeting

Saturday November 17

Back Wedding

6:00 PM Circle Dinner

Sunday November 18

Guest at Your Table

9:00 AM ARE: A Walk with Four Spiritual Guides

9:00 AM Sunday Covenant Group

10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service

10:45 AM Children's Ministry Classes

12:00 PM Choir Meeting

12:00 PM UU Crafter's Holiday Craft Sale

12:00 PM Young Adult Group

12:00 PM Social Action Luncheon

12:30 PM Singletarian Outing

1:00 PM OWL

Monday November 19

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday November 20

10:00 AM UUCP Staff Meeting

11:30 AM President's Council Meeting

Wednesday November 21

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday November 22

6:00 PM Roots & Shoots

7:00 PM Sunday Services Committee

Friday November 23

Friday Night Covenant Group

Saturday November 24

Outdoor Group: Superstition Mtns. Hike

Sunday November 25

10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service

10:45 AM Children's Ministry Classes

12:00 PM UU Crafter's Holiday Craft Sale

12:00 PM Young Adult Group

12:30 PM Lunch Bunch

Monday November 26

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday November 27

10:00 AM UUCP Staff Meeting

12:00 PM Tuesday Afternoon Covenant Group

4:00 PM Committee on Ministry

Wednesday November 28

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Green Sanctuary Committee

Thursday November 29

7:00 PM Board Meeting

MUUVie Group

The MUUVie Group meets the second Sunday of each month for potluck and discussion at the home of a group member. We start at about 6 p.m. for potluck, followed by discussion of our current movie selections, and end with choosing two movies for the next month. Our next meeting will be November 11 at 6 p.m. at the home of Barbara and Dave Cawthorne. Movies up for discussion in November will be "Lust, Caution" and "Michael Clayton. If you're interested in joining the MUUVie Group, please e-mail sharonhise@aol.com to have your name added to the list for updates and information.

Bridge is Fun and Good for the Brain

For sometime now members of the congregation have been talking about organizing a Bridge Group here at UUCP. There doesn't seem to be any better time than the present so we're gathering names and ideas from those who are interested. Suggestions are for a once a month social game (party bridge) to be held at the congregation on a set evening. Some experience required. A meeting and round of play will be held on November 10th at 7PM. Bring a partner or get paired here. A small monthly fee will be asked of the players to defray room cost and provide prize money. RSVP to Sandy Thompson 602-955-8664 or Sally Boyd 480-948-5847. If you can't attend this session but are interested for the future please call.

Outdoor Group Hike

SATURDAY NOV. 10TH.
Red Rock State Park-Sedona
A loop trail with several options for all hikers.
Meeting Place: MacDonalds at Deer Valley Road and I-17 interchange. Mickey D's is located just East of I-17 on Deer Valley Road.
Meeting Time: 7:00AM leave 7:30AM
Be sure to bring sack lunch, water, and sunscreen.
Hike leaders: George Karas at ggkaras@cox.net and Marshal Smart at Sambasmart@cox.net.

Lunch Bunch Schedule

Join us for food, fun and friendship! We meet at local restaurants in the area every Sunday at 12:30. For more info contact Sherry 602-840-4611.

11/4 1 Wildflower bread Co.
4290 E. Indian School Rd.

11/11 Pei Wei Asian Dinner
4340 E. Indian School Rd.

11/18 Social Action Presentation
& Luncheon

11/25 Pita Jungle
4340 E. Indian School Rd.

Poetry Coffeehouse

The next meeting of THE POETRY COFFEEHOUSE will be on Sunday, Nov. 4 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

Yoga Classes at UUCP

Yoga meets Tuesday evenings from 6-7PM in the Johnson Room. The class focuses on basic postures to increase mobility and breathing techniques to aid relaxation. The slower pace of this class helps develop greater self-awareness. All levels are welcome. Fee \$10. Contact Mary Engel @ engelm@cox.net or 602-265-7584.



And the Survey Says. . .

The Ministerial Search Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's congregational survey. We were thrilled to receive nearly 100 responses, and the opinions we gathered will help guide us in the search process. We would like to share with you what we learned from the survey, both about our congregants and about our future minister.

ABOUT US

The majority of the responses were from married white females with masters degrees, ages 40 to 60. The vast majority—70.7%—identify as humanists, and the committee was somewhat surprised to learn that more people feel an affinity with Buddhism than any other non-UU faith tradition (57.4%). Judaism and Christianity represent 20.4% and 33.3% of respondents, respectively. One question that we decided to add this year asked whether you prefer a more emotional or intellectual sermon, and the responses leaned toward the intellectual side. We asked this question because candidates often ask whether our congregation is more about the “head or the heart”, and now we know how to respond. You said

that we were doing an excellent job in terms of intellectual stimulation and also lauded our children/youth religious education program, music enrichment, and involvement with social concerns; you identified our young adult program and denominational involvement as needing improvement. When we asked about increasing the membership size of our congregation, you gave a resoundingly positive response. Not a single person said he or she would want to have a smaller congregation.

ABOUT OUR IDEAL MINISTER

You consistently told us that you want a minister who takes a collaborative approach, who works as part of a team to build community and strengthen communication. You would welcome enthusiastically a white or non-white, male or female, heterosexual or homosexual minister. Unsurprisingly, you would feel uncomfortable with a politically conservative minister. You told us that the most important factors to consider are the minister's professional competence and ability to present stimulating and challenging Sunday services. Second was the minister's character, his or her strong moral consistency and reliability. You want to hear sermons on coping with life, psychological perspectives on life's issues, and personal and spiritual growth. When we bring our pre-candidates to Arizona to preach at neutral pulpits, we will ask them to touch on these topics. In this way the committee can judge not only how well they

give sermons, but how well they give sermons on the topics that interest our congregation.

This survey will be invaluable to the Search Committee over the next six months. In many ways you confirmed our sense of what UUCP is looking for in a minister, but we were surprised by the responses to a number of questions. The committee can now represent our congregation accurately to potential ministers, and your frank and honest responses will help us answer their questions. The search for a new minister is a long and difficult one, and we sincerely thank you all for supporting us on this journey.

I'm Back!

I am now 100% back in the office and as the saying goes...back to business as usual! Except so many things have changed in just 9 weeks and I'm not even thinking about the fact that I now have a son! As much as I had enjoyed the time with my newborn I am also excited to be back in the thick of things. Now, on to the business at hand...

Calendaring, Mass Emails, Deposits, & Bills

A huge thank you to Ellie Murphy, Larry Agle, Sharon Hise, Tish Gauntt and Pauline Peverly for handling these very important tasks. They did a fabulous job dealing with these not so fun chores.

Now, don't you want to show your appreciation to them by letting them rest and giving those responsibilities back to me? Please, contact me in the office either by email: administrator@phoenixuu.org or phone 602-840-8400 concerning these tasks.

That brings me to email...

Email

I know many of you have received emails from me from all different accounts since I have been gone... administrator@phoenixuu.org, uuheidi@gmail.com, parmenter79@yahoo.com. Please, please, please only use administrator@phoenixuu.org from now on. As a matter of fact, I will

be deleting the Gmail account. The Yahoo one is my personal email for friends and family which of course you are all my friends but since you don't email me to talk about your lives it is probably better to send business email to administrator@phoenixuu.org.

Holidays = Cards

And cards equals addresses and addresses means it's time to print an updated directory! So, take a peak at your address in the Photo Directory and report any needed changes to me in the office by Monday, November 19th and I promise to have copies of an updated directory ready for you by Sunday, November 25th both via print and electronically. And hey, let's be on the safe side, if you have emailed me or called or wrote a note with corrections to your contact info in the past—be redundant and do it again. Many thanks!

Sincerely,

Heidi Parmenter
Congregation Administrator



Beau and his daddy, Joel.



Office work may not be spiritual but these people are surely a blessing!

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Jan Wise

Sandy Thompson

Sherry Celine

Tish Gauntt

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Thank you all for your nine weeks of hard work, perseverance and commitment to keeping the office running.

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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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