



*A Welcoming Congregation*

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

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## Celebration of Life

### Sundays, 10:30 AM

#### JAN. 6: "GOOD ENOUGH"

By Rev. Roberta Haskin

No matter how hard we try, sometimes it isn't good enough. What are the struggles and joys of being good enough?

#### SOULFUL SUNDOWN 6 PM

A Service on Civil Rights: Celebrating our journey. Exploring where we've yet to trod.

#### JAN. 13: "SO YOU WANT TO CALL A MINISTER"

By Rev. Roberta Haskin

What preconceived notions do we have about who can be a minister?

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We are analytical beings who like to think in categories. What might your new minister look like? What is ministerial authority? What are current trends in our professional ministry?

#### JAN. 20: "BUILDING BRIDGES TO OUR DREAM"

By Rev. Roberta Haskin

On the occasion of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, let's take stock of the bridges and roadblocks to reaching our dream of racial equality.

#### JAN. 27: "TRUTH AND TRUST IN MINISTRY."

By Rev. Dr. John Weston,

Transitions Director of the UUA  
What is the art of preaching? How is it analogous to jazz performance?

## UUF Notice

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Foundation of Phoenix will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2008 in the Sanctuary at the Church following the morning service. Members of UUCP are also members of the Foundation. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1 Determination of Quorum. At least 40 members required.
2. Reports of President and Controller.
- 3 Any new business.

4. Election of directors. The nominating committee of Jan Kaplan and Dave Walker will propose Richard Plattner and Marshall Smart for regular three-year terms.

## Notice of Congregational Meeting

On January 27, right after service, we will have our mid-year Congregational Meeting. It will be mostly informational, with a review of our financial state, progress on the strategic plan, and an update on the renovation project. We will also be voting on a proposed Bylaws change: Section IVA currently includes the sentence: "The Minister is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and the Committee on Ministry." The proposal is to strike the exception, so that the sentence will read: "The Minister is an ex-officio member of all committees."

This change has the support of the Nominating Committee, the Committee on Ministry, and the Search Committee, as well as the Board of Trustees.

## In the Betweentime...

"Stay-Home Time" was the name for January/February in the ancient Celtic calendar. That's exactly what I feel like doing after I put away holiday decorations, clean, dust, and weigh in. I just want to crawl under a down comforter and snuggle in for popcorn and a good movie. It takes a lot to get me out of the house. If every one at UUCP felt like me, it would be lonely around here. Fortunately, you consider UUCP home. Consider the coming months as a "Stay-Home at UUCP Time." I invite you to settle in here once your decorations are down and guests are gone.

Time and space are two spiritual categories I find meaningful in my life and particularly meaningful in my present vocation of Interim Ministry. We have a brief time together in this embodied space. You are in search for a settled minister. Two Sundays in January will be related to your search. First, the Director of the Transitions Department at the

Unitarian Universalist Association office in Boston, the Reverend Doctor John Weston, will be visiting here. I know we will extend Phoenix hospitality to him. He is one of the best preachers I have heard. I think you will find the service he leads to be very enriching.

Second, I will be preaching on the nature and call of professional ministry. It may surprise you to know that many of us professional ministers say that we are called to serve Unitarian Universalist faith communities. Who bestows the call? To whom is the call bestowed? Some congregations in search experience a workshop called, "Beyond Categorical Thinking." Other congregations discuss the topic at cottage meetings. Some worshipping communities focus on the topic at a Sunday service. This is what we are doing this year. I will be preaching on what it means to be a minister, what expectations and assumptions we make about our minister,

and how these are embodied in the relationship of minister and congregation.

Please come and make yourselves at home! Consider UUCP an extension of your community, yourself, and your family. It is like being at home to participate in services and activities. It is like being at home to make new traditions and renew old ones.

Blessings on our time together,

*Roberta*

## Join a Covenant Group

Would you like to get to know other members of the congregation by joining a small group for spiritual growth and support? There is room in our covenant groups on Wednesday afternoon and evening, and Thursday evening. See the minister, phone or email to join a group

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

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Wendell Charles Manker	Gertrude Posner Ganseberg
Robert Klaus	Thomas Roberts Foltz, Jr.
Jane Horswell	Gordon Woods
Frances Johnson Bishop	Gladys Lillian Klaus
Joanlynn Davis	John Connair Cummings
Hubert Lambeth Gay, Jr.	James Lynch
James Francis Bauman	

## Circles and Arrows . . .

This is a season of milestones for my family. My son just finished nursing school and is on his way to a career he clearly regards as his calling. My daughter, who is still in graduate school, is getting married in March to a superb young man. The seasons cycle and the year turns. I can get shamelessly sentimental sometimes, quietly singing “Turn around and you’re tiny, turn around and you’re grown, turn around and you’re a young wife with babes of your own...” or calling up Joni Mitchell’s “Circle Game”: “And the seasons they go round and round . . .” It’s all very much in line with our recent classes on Hinduism and Buddhism, with their emphasis on cycles, the never-ending mandala of life.

Khalil Gibran’s “On Children” uses a very different metaphor: “You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.” It is all we can ask that the arrows fly true; it is not for us to choose the targets.

Circles and arrows – cycles and progressions. Which of these views of life is truer? Silly question – well, both, depending on how you look. How shall we look at UUCP? On the one hand, we are always cycling. Each year, new people come, new leaders emerge. Keeping that leadership cycle rolling continuously is fundamental to our congregational health. On Saturday, January 19, we’ll have our Leadership Day. There is more about that from our

Nominating Committee in this issue; I just want to emphasize that it is part of our strategic plan to make sure we have such a day each year to teach and encourage our current and future leaders. Come, come, whoever you are – you make UUCP what it is and what it will be.

We are not just cycling, we are also progressing. We are both arrows and bows for each other, at times sending off, at times flying free. As Gibran writes:

Let our bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;  
For even as He loves the arrow that flies,  
so He loves also the bow that is stable.

Circles and arrows . . . the metaphors blend wonderfully in Unitarian minister Theodore Parker’s iconic phrase: “The moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” Let us bend our lives, and UUCP, and our bit of the universe toward the common good. Can we do it? In faith, we shall.

In community,

Gary Ezzell  
President, Board of Trustees

## Proposed Bylaws Change

The Board of Trustees recommends a change to the Bylaws, which we will vote on at our next Congregational meeting, on January 27, 2008. Section IVA currently includes the sentence: “The Minister is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and the Committee on Ministry.” The proposal is to strike the exception, so that the sentence will read: “The Minister is an ex-officio member of all committees.”

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## Greetings from Your Music

### Director!

Whew! Thanks to everyone who came together for this full holiday season. What a community!

Upcoming fun: Feb 24th Sunday morning – Famous UU musician, Jim Scott will be in our sanctuary, leading some of the most fun singing on the planet.

So, why do we make music together? When I was in grad school, replies varied: “It’s good for us.” “It increases our capacity for learning other subjects.” The answer I liked best was, “Because it feels good.” So why does it feel good?

Singing together is being a community. We sing our joys and sorrows, we sing honor for our heritage, and we sing our dreams for the future. Singing together is the act of having a common voice.

I know some people think either they cannot sing, or they do not deserve to share in such obvious joy. So right here and now I apologize for anyone: teacher, sibling, elder, who said to you, “Please just mouth the words. You can’t carry a tune.” Please forgive that person now, and forget the sad legacy you’ve carried around that has stopped you from singing. I like what Ysaye Barnwell told us, “If you made it through that door, and are in this room, your voice has a right to be heard.”

So come ready to make your voice

be heard. I want to hear you!

Sincerely, Connie Jahrmarkt

## Home Grown Religion: A Vision for Family Ministry

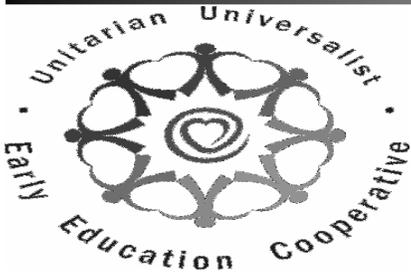
William J. Doherty, a UU community organizer in Minneapolis, delivered a lecture entitled “Home Grown Religion” at the General Assembly this past June. He makes numerous salient points in the lecture, but the one that struck me was his view about family ministry:

The central venue for faith development is the home linked to an intentional community. The key active ingredient is not what we spend most of our time on: Sunday school classes, worship services and youth activities. Instead, the key active ingredient is the spiritual development of parents and other adults, and their grounding in both a local church community and the Unitarian Universalist Tradition.

We are going to begin the conversation about how to add this “key active ingredient” to our UUCP community with the “Parenting with Spirit” class in January. Although the class will be loosely based on the book of the same name, I envision it as a space where not only parents but grandparents, aunts, uncles and those simply interested in growing our faith will come together to begin the conversation of how to create a beloved community that supports

children, youth and parents. And, in doing so, we not only do we provide a way for our children to “grow up spiritually alive, free and engaged in the world” but also they become “citizens of our living religious tradition.”

In faith,  
Kim, Director of Lifespan Religious Education



## EEC News

The EEC is hopping with activity in the new year!

January 12 will find parents cleaning the EEC from top to bottom. It is always a great way to spend a Saturday morning!

Registration will take place in the next few weeks for returning families. Don't forget that church members receive the same early registration as returning families. If you have questions about the program, feel free to contact Director Jane at 480-710-7004 or [director-jane@gmail.com](mailto:director-jane@gmail.com)

The EEC will hold an Open House to introduce new families to our program. Watch this newsletter for further information.

February 23 is the world famous EEC Auction! Mark your calendar, save your money, get a sitter and be prepared for the star spangled auction! This year's theme is "The Oscars, Hooray for Hollywood" starring our little "stars".

Happy New Year from the EEC Staff!

Director Jane

## Join the UUCP

### Welcoming Ministry

Have you been a greeter at the front door? Have you worked at the Newcomer Table? Or perhaps you haven't had the chance but would like to?

We're seeking more UUCP members to welcome and greet all who enter the building. These friendly folks will serve certain Sundays over the course of the year. You will be asked to give a little bit of time before and after the service. The more people we have for this ministry, the fewer Sundays each person will be asked to serve. Recruit your family, friends, etc.

This ministry is open to all UUCP members age 13 on up. Responsible younger members, accompanied by adults, may also be able to participate. There will be a brief and informative training for all new "greeters."

For more information, or to become part of this group, please contact Kate Otting, volunteer@phoenixuu.org. Include your e-mail address and phone number.

Submitted By Kate Otting,  
Membership Volunteer  
Coordinator



## “To Seek Knowledge in Freedom . . .”

### ADULT RE MOVIE NIGHT – “NO END IN SIGHT”

**When:** Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Johnson Room

**Cost:** \$5 suggested donation – covers refreshments!

The first film of its kind to chronicle the reasons behind Iraq’s descent into guerilla war, warlord rule, criminality and anarchy, “No End in Sight” is a jaw-dropping, insider’s tale of the war. Based on over 200 hours of footage, the film provides a candid retelling of the events following the fall of Baghdad. The film dissects the people, issues and facts behind the decisions and their consequences on the ground to provide a powerful look into how a military victory turned into a seemingly endless and deepening nightmare of a war. Please RSVP to Kim St. Clair at [redirector@phoenixuu.org](mailto:redirector@phoenixuu.org) or at 602-741-2539.

### GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH BY JULI HARVEY

Happy Post-Holidays from adapted from MCC Recycling! Observe these simple Green post-holiday tips to save your wallet and the planet!

**Reduce:** 1. Re-gift or donate unwanted gifts. If the original giver should happen to ask where you’re hiding the Tiki Head Tissue Box they bought you 2 Christmases ago, tell them you found the perfect home for it with a Tiki Collector who just had to have it! (Hopefully, that’s true!)

**Reuse:** Don’t throw those boxes away. Use them to store ornaments or as gift boxes throughout the year.

**Recycle:** Save wrapping from this year for next year’s festivities and check Freecycle.org for some nifty, free gifts. Did we mention they were free?

### “PARENTING WITH SPIRIT” BEGINS JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>!

Our Director of Lifespan Religious Education, Kim St. Clair, will facilitate this course based on the book *Parenting with Spirit: 30 Ways to Nurture Your Child's Spirit and Enrich Your Family's Life* by Jane Bartlett. We will explore the question of what does it mean to "parent with spirit"? It means finding ways to give your family life more depth and meaning. It's about creating ways of being with your children that foster profound love and a sense of connection and purpose. And above

all, it's making time to nurture your children's-and your own-spiritual development amid the frenzy of your daily life. We will learn practical yet inspiring ideas for gently weaving spirituality into even the busiest family lives. Full of engaging child-friendly suggestions, it offers a treasure trove of ideas that are sure to add depth and magic to your family's life. **Dates & Time:** Sundays @ 9:00 am – 1/13, 1/20 and 1/27

**Fee:** \$10.00 or presentation of the UUS Pass (plus purchase of book for \$14 at the book table). CHILD-CARE AVAILABLE in Room 15.

### BOOK GROUP

Book Group meets every Sunday at 9:00 in Annex B. Starting January 6<sup>th</sup>, our book will be:

*Reconstructing Earth: Technology and Environment in the Age of Humans* by Braden Allenby

The Earth's biological, chemical, and physical systems are increasingly shaped by the activities of one species-ours. In our decisions about everything from manufacturing technologies to restaurant menus, the health of the planet has become a product of human choice. Environmentalism, however, has largely failed to adapt to this new reality.

Reconstructing Earth not only critiques dysfunctional elements of current environmentalism but also establishes a foundation for future environmental management and progress, one built on an under-

standing of technological evolution and the cultural systems that support modern technologies. Taken together, the essays offer an important means of developing an environmentalism that is robust and realistic enough to address the urgent realities of our planet.

BRADEN ALLENBY is professor of civil and environmental engineering and professor of law at Arizona State University. Until 2004, he was vice president for environment, health and safety at AT&T, and is author or co-author of numerous textbooks. He was guest speaker at a UUCP Sunday service in July. We hope he will join our discussion of his book, and that you will, too!

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 6 – Children’s Worship (Pre-k-6<sup>th</sup> grade – Johnson Room) – bring “clean trash” items for a fun art project!

January 13 – 9:00 a.m. – “Parenting with Spirit” class; Sunday school class; “Roots & Shoots” guest speaker – Lydia Reznik – 12:15 p.m.

January 20 – 9:00 a.m. – “Parenting with Spirit” class; Sunday school class

January 25 – 6:00 p.m. – Fab Friday Bowling Night – Sunset Bowl, 12<sup>th</sup> Street & Butler

January 26 – 9:00 a.m. – UU Pals Hike

January 27 – 9:00 a.m. – “Parenting with Spirit” class; Sunday school class; “No Muss, No Fuss” luncheon to welcome new families!

### KEEPING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT ALL YEAR LONG BY CARRIE JASBERG

Well the holiday rush has simmered down for most of us, as we look ahead to the fresh start of a New Year. I'd like to take you back, for a moment, however, to December and the anticipation of wish lists fulfilled to a list created by our 7th and 8th Grade UU Teen

Group.

### Our Wish List for the World

No more world hunger. ~Emily Cruse

To remember those we've lost. ~and~ To be aware of the needs of others and take care of each other. ~Tammy Rhodes

To make all cars electric and help the earth. ~Jose Deliz

That the entire rain forests stop being cut down. ~Arturo Deliz

For all weapons in the world to just disappear. ~Mitch St. Clair

For education to be freely available to everyone in the world. ~Carrie Jasberg

Perhaps as you contemplate your New Year's Resolutions you might be inspired to take some action that might help us towards realizing our wishes. Perhaps through a favorite charity, or right here at home, by contacting the UU "Green Sanctuary" Movement, helping at the New Day Center, or volunteering with our youth!

We've also been dedicating our full first semester to exploring techniques of stress reduction and developing positive life skills, like meditation, assertive communication, balanced physical fitness, and nurturing one's self and others, and guess what! Giving to others has been found to lower personal stress and

## Children's Ministry...

enhance one's sense of well being! (We're just too excited for you all to be on board with us!) So consider what way you can give back to the world in the new year, and let the joy of giving light up your 2008! And let us know what your doing! We'd love to hear your story!

### ROOTS & SHOOTS

In December Roots & Shoots families made luminaries from recycled cans. The hand-punched luminaries will be donated to UUCP for future holiday events. Our next meeting will be held in the Johnson room. We have a volunteer with Al Gore's - The Climate Project coming to talk to our group on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Come and listen to what Lydia Reznik has to say.

We meet the second Sunday of the month Room H, from 12:15-2:00pm bring your lunch and a friend. Questions? Contact Nancy Cruse or Susan Leung.

### PARENT COVENANT GROUP BY PAM AND JOHN GILL

Covenant groups consist of a small group of about 8 to 10 members of the congregation. These groups meet once or twice a month to discuss spiritual topics. The Parenting Covenant Group is unique in that the members have children, and the conversation usually incorporates what we want to share or teach our children. We have talked about Grace, and future potential topics include:

1) The daily practice of religion/rituals

- 2) Parenting skills
- 3) Kids being UU in a non-UU world
- 4) Children and prayer

Covenant Groups are a great way to connect with other members of the congregation and to discuss your religious beliefs. Personally, I have been able to reflect on what is important to me and realize that children are going to pick up on what is or is not taught to them. Covenant group experiences vary from person to person, but I believe that most individuals find the experience of the Covenant Groups rewarding. I hope that you will consider joining a covenant group and become more connected to the UUCP community.

The Parenting Covenant Group meets the first and third Sundays of the month. Please contact Pam and John Gill at (480) 473-8721 or [pdgill1@cox.net](mailto:pdgill1@cox.net) or [john.gill@cox.net](mailto:john.gill@cox.net) if you would like additional information on finding a covenant group.

### NO MUSS NO FUSS LUNCHEON TO WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

We have welcomed approximately 30 new children and youth to our Sunday school program this year; parents of eleven of those children became official members at our last new member service! We think it's time to celebrate, so we are asking that all families set aside **January 27, 2008**, as a time to bring a potluck item and spend some time getting to know one another and these new families.

We will have little welcome gifts for the families, too! The luncheon will begin immediately after service on the Desert View playground. EVERYONE is invited to this luncheon – just bring an item based on your last name; paper goods and lemonade will be provided by the Children's Ministry Committee.

A-L – Main dish/  
sandwiches

M-T – Side dish/appetizer

S-Z - Dessert

### FAB FRIDAY BOWLING NIGHT AT SUNSET BOWL!

We will all gather at Sunset Bowl on 8925 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street (between Northern and Dunlap Avenues) at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 2008. They have a special church group rate of three games and shoe rental for \$9. This is an intergenerational event, so come out and join the fun! Please RSVP to Kim St. Clair [redirector@phoenixuu.org](mailto:redirector@phoenixuu.org) or at 602-741-2539 no later than January 20, 2008.

## Happy 2008 from Stewardship!

Beginning the calendar year means we're halfway through the UUCP fiscal year.

Our Beloved Community has now exceeded the 2007-2008 Campaign Goal set by the Finance Committee. The goal was \$302,000 and the pledge total now exceeds \$304,000 and represents the commitment of more than 190 individuals and families. It took us awhile but we did it! I could go on at great length about how important this achievement is and what it means for our future, but I promised our Horizon editor that I would keep this very short.

So, just take a moment to enjoy our success and congratulate yourself on your participation. Thanks to all who worked on the campaign and to everyone who pledged. The plaque honoring our 2007-2008 Stewards will be here shortly.

Joan Laurence, Stewardship

## From the Finance Committee

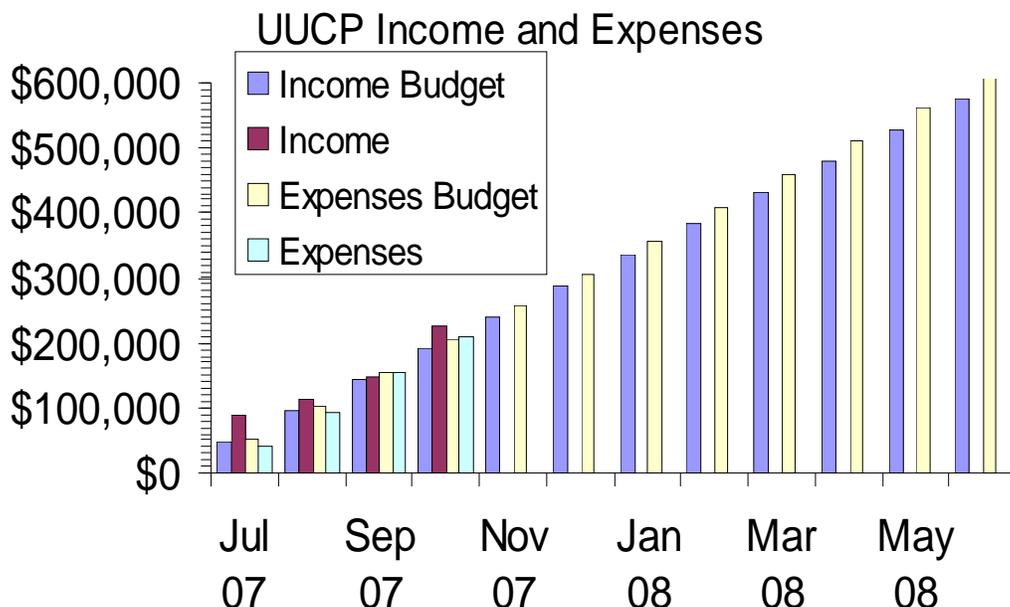
The Finance Committee was very pleased to welcome the new Early Education Cooperative (EEC) representative, Yvette Katsenes, to their December meeting. Our first order of business was to approve by consensus a Committee Covenant, which includes our promise to have respect for one another, listen without interrupting, maintain confidentiality, communicate directly – in other words, be good UU's!

The November Balance Sheet and Profit & Lost statements indicate that the congregation is continuing to meet its financial responsibilities. Except for the necessary new patio awnings, repair of the A/C drain lines, and parking lot sealing and striping, both income and expenses are satisfactorily in line with the approved budget.

Just a reminder, if you did not get your contributions in to UUCP by December 31, 2007, it will be credited to 2008. To help you in your income tax preparations, the next statement you will receive should arrive by the end of January and will include your contributions to UUCP for the entire calendar year 2007 (rather than just the first two quarters of our 2007-2008 fiscal year).

Remember the Congregation meeting on January 27 at which time we'll be making a mid-year financial report. And a happy new year to all.

Ellie Murphy, for the Finance Committee  
 Mary Dokes, Chair  
 Smoot Carl-Mitchell, Treasurer  
 Don Weir  
 Yvette Katsenes, EEC Representative  
 Jane Armstrong, EEC Director  
 Heidi Parmenter  
 Rev. Roberta Haskins  
 Gary Ezzell, President



## Facilities Communication Update

### “OLD” NEWS

New doors and windows represent obvious progress to any that have been on our campus over the last several weeks. New awnings are a more recent though equally obvious improvement to our campus. These improvements represent a significant step in our progress toward realizing our dreams. We have been discussing, planning and fund-raising for several years now and the progress gives us reason to celebrate and come together over the next steps in our planned improvements.

### NEXT STEPS

The next obvious step related to our renovation project will be the sidewalk along Lincoln Road. You may have already seen the construction equipment parked on the north-east corner of our property. We agreed with the sidewalk contractor to allow this and they have agreed to make a contribution to us in recognition of this convenience.

Detailed plans show that we'll benefit with increased line-of-sight when leaving the parking lot and looking west. Trees impacted by the sidewalk will be relocated as will the sign - it'll probably even be level when it's replanted ;-). The contractor was interested in doing what made sense and working with us to re-

duce rework once construction begins. The contractor also discussed reducing impact to the church and schools. Our driveways will be crossed over the course of about one week and may have taken place by the time you read this, though the overall project (on our site) will take several weeks.

There will also be an obvious and somewhat related project taking place in late December. Those of us who park in the east lot will find it much easier to place our vehicles “between the lines.” Coloring inside the lines may be overrated, but parking between the lines ...

### WORKING WITH THE TOWN

We have had meetings with both the Town of PV Planning Commission and the public (our neighbors). The next meeting with the Town is scheduled for 1/15. The planning commission has been receptive to the project and has not raised any substantial issues. Our architect did his homework and our plans have successfully addressed the few issues that have been raised. One exception that was recently identified was the need to pave the NW parking lot due to dust control. This will increase our expected cost, but will be consistent with our Green Sanctuary efforts (can a parking lot be considered part of our sanctuary?). The vote on the approval of the master plan will happen some time after the first of the year.

### SPEAKING OF FINANCING

We still have bills coming in and will have more when the sidewalk is done. So it is important that we continue to pay our capital campaign pledges. Based on our known and expected obligations, if the donations continue to come in on time as they have been, we will easily meet those obligations. If you weren't part of the original capital campaign and you want to participate, please contact Don Weir or the author ( [renovation@phoenixuu.org](mailto:renovation@phoenixuu.org) ).

### GOING FORWARD

The plans and contract documents for Phase I have been completed and have been submitted to UUCP. Bill Mee has been going through them and the Construction Committee will be developing communication tools to inform / remind the congregation what Phase I is to include. Meanwhile, Don Weir is coordinating financing options so we can soon begin to discuss cost and scope. Watch for upcoming opportunities to learn about and discuss construction plans and our options for financing.

This is exciting!

Glen Lockwood  
[renovation@phoenixuu.org](mailto:renovation@phoenixuu.org)

## Leadership Development Day

Plans are coming along nicely for Leadership Development Day, planned for Saturday, January 19, 2008. This event is intended to give current and future leaders tools and motivation aimed at furthering the building of our beloved community. Building Community has become a congregational theme and this day will help us understand the role that leadership plays in building on this theme. Small-group gatherings form the foundation for community building. We will explore together what effective leadership might look like in our committees, classrooms, activity groups and covenant groups.

The nominating Committee is sponsoring this event and is planning an interactive session that will not only convey some key information, but will serve as an opportunity for leaders to network, share best practices and convey needs.

There are a series of letters, emails and phone calls planned to so ensure that all leaders (current and future) are afforded the opportunity to participate. Please watch for these and let us know (by Wed. 1/9/08) whether you'll be attending and who else you think should be invited (planned or likely successors). If we somehow fail to contact you, please do not take offense, rather, contact us or the office and let us know which group (if any) you'll be representing and that you'll be attending.

The day is scheduled to begin at

8:30 A.M. and will conclude by 1 P.M. Light morning snacks and a pizza-lunch are planned.

We look forward to this event and what we perceive may be a series of shorter, focused leadership development events over the course of the programming year.

Please contact the Nominating Committee with your RSVP and with input for this and future leadership development events.

In Community,  
Glen Lockwood for the  
Nominating Committee  
([nominating@phoenixuu.org](mailto:nominating@phoenixuu.org))

## Craft Sale Results

The seventeen terrific crafts persons who brought their wares to the congregation for the Holiday Sale made a splendid, contribution toward upgrading and replacing the folding chairs in the Johnson Room.

During the two Saturdays of the sale a grand total of \$5,255.75 was taken in with a net profit to the congregation of \$2,272.49. The Crafters each donated between 25% and 100% of his or her sales to the group.

We hope to make the sale an annual event and to enlist new artisans from the congregation. Watch for further news and keep your tools, needles, recipes and ideas at the ready.

## Social Action News

### COMMITTEE MEETING

Social Action Committee meeting will be 2nd Sunday, January 13 and is open to all who are interested in helping to change the world.

### SOCIAL ACTION LUNCHEON

Social Action Lunch is the 3rd Sunday, January 20 with guest speaker District 15 state Representation Kyrsten Sinema. Current legislative issues including the environment and health care will be discussed. Enjoy a delicious lunch for a nominal donation while hearing this young, dynamic political personality offer straight talk on upcoming legislation

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our three Holiday Projects: gifts for New Day Family Shelter clients; books for Booker T Washington Child Development; personal care, baby items, non-perishable food for ICM.

### AFRICA

People want to know how Africans become UUs. Wonder no more. The survey at Beliefnet.com lead many to our faith tradition and UUism has been translated into a single word, love. No more religious restrictions brought by the missionaries, and we welcome their African heritage.

In the name of love, much has been accomplished with our religious cousins, all of whom are very poor. Projects like fish farms, mills

to grind grain, processing dates into cooking oil, and vegetable gardens are transforming lives by providing jobs and income for UUs in Nigeria, where UUism is 90 years old, Kenya, Burundi, Congo and Uganda. The cow, 'Unitarian,' now has a calf, 'Chalice,' and she will go to a new village. The goats have had twins. They will go to new congregations

All projects are entirely funded by private contributions. UUCP women are hoping to work with those in rural Kenya, helping them develop a stronger sense independence in combating female circumcision and beatings by their husbands.

Now underway is funding of the chicken project for UU orphans, 600 of whom live in rural Etono, Kenya. Children as young as five are given their own chicken, the first thing they have ever owned, and they are taught how to care for it. Children sell their eggs and chickens, learning a skill and saving their money for the day when they will be entirely on their own.

Janice Brunson has made much of this happen through two tours in the past year. For information, including upcoming tours, contact [janicebrunson@yahoo.com](mailto:janicebrunson@yahoo.com)

In community,  
Heather McLellan  
SAC chair

### SAVE THIS DATE:

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2008.

Show your--and UUCP's--PRIDE by marching with UUCP members in the PRIDE PARADE.

About 60 of us marched last year--join the party and support our GLBT community! "Step-off" is at 3rd Street and Virginia, (downtown) Phoenix. The overall time commitment for walkers is about 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the distance is 2.5 miles. Last year UUCP won the "best marching" unit prize, and why no again this year? More information and sign-up sheets will be at membership and social action tables soon. For additional information right now, go to [www.phoenixpride.org](http://www.phoenixpride.org) or contact Sandy Weir at [maphappy@cox.net](mailto:maphappy@cox.net).

## From the Art & Aesthetics Committee

### NEW ART SHOW FOR JANUARY THROUGH FEBRUARY

Joe and Maleita Wise will be showing their beautiful watercolors on our Sanctuary walls. This husband-wife team is from Sedona. They have been attending art classes in the Johnson rooms for many years. They have exhibited and sold their work in many galleries as well as on our walls before. Art shows such as this are a source of a small income to us as well as contributing to our spiritual experience.

-Jay Alagia

### NEW CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

The chair position is currently vacant. Art committee consists of UUCP members interested in getting involved with artists and assisting them in arranging art shows six times a year. The committee members or the chair need not be artists. The committee has virtually no expense and guaranteed income from 20% of the sale of exhibited works.

The chair position requires less commitment than most other committee chair positions. It requires about 2 hours on one Saturday every other month and some computer-telephone time prior to that.

If interested, please call Jay Alagia, Phone 602 952-8889, email [Jalagia@cox.net](mailto:Jalagia@cox.net). Jay will be glad to assist you.

## Update from the Green Sanctuary Committee

Thanks to the 95 of you who participated in the Green Interest Survey. The results have given the committee an informed starting place to start selecting the 12 projects that will make up our green sanctuary certification.

The committee has also completed an Environmental Audit which gives us a picture of where we are now and helps to identify some areas we can focus on for certification. Copies of the audit and the survey results will be available to the congregation after services on January 13 and 20.

We still need you!

At its regular meeting on January 10 (7:00-8:30 p.m.), the committee will be brainstorming projects that we can complete as a congregation. Anyone interested in participating in this exciting activity is invited to attend the meeting.

Also, at a special meeting following the service on Sunday, February 3, the committee will present possible projects to the congregation. You are invited to give feedback at this meeting.

Questions or comments – please contact the committee at [green@phoenixuu.org](mailto:green@phoenixuu.org) or Susan Leung at 480-551-2090.

## New UU Class Starts January 13th!

Is our faith community becoming your spiritual home?

If you are new to Unitarian Universalism and/or already a UU, but new, or re-newing at the UU Congregation of Phoenix, (UUCP) we warmly invite you to this welcoming orientation.

The New UU "Class" consists of two Sunday morning meetings in the Johnson Room from 9:00 to 10:15 am on Sundays January 13th and 20th, plus a potluck dinner the following weekend. You will meet others who are new to the congregation, plus leaders of this congregation, and learn what it means to be a member of UUCP.

To ask questions, and/or register for this free class (childcare available), please see folks at the Membership Services Table at coffee hour after service, or call the office during business hours, or email [membership@phoenixuu.org](mailto:membership@phoenixuu.org).

Looking forward to meeting you!

Carolyn Allenby  
[membership@phoenixuu.org](mailto:membership@phoenixuu.org)

## Traveling 2nd Fridays 2008

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

### JAN. 11—HIKING & BACKPACKING IN THE GRAND CANYON — JAN KAPLAN

What a wonderful treat it is to have this magnificent geologic wonder in our backyard! Yet many of us never get past the South Rim tourist lookouts! Jan will share some treks on backcountry trails, as well as the 24 mi. rim to rim day hike that several of our members have completed. We'll look at equipment, food, and you'll get to ask those questions you've always wanted to ask!

## Peace On Earth Begins With YoUU!

You can help build a more peaceable community in 2008 by becoming a mediator. Mediators learn negotiation, communication and listening skills that can be useful at home, work and in our congregation. Interaction Management Associates is offering classes to all UUCP members at a discounted rate. Kate Otting, UUCP member and founder of IMA, helps participants connect with the court system, where you can gain valuable experiences and volunteer for the community. You may even consider a career as a mediator!

Kate's company, Interaction Management Associates, has two separate week-long courses in the spring,

as well as some one-day advanced workshops for trained mediators. Classes are filling up quickly and the UUCP discount will be good through January 21.

For more information, please contact Kate,  
kate@imamediation.com  
or receive the discount online by going to:  
www.imamediation.com/  
UUCP.html.

## Circle Dinners

Circle Dinners are a popular UU activity in many congregations across the country. They have been part of the Phoenix Congregation's life for many years. These are small dinners of 6 to 10 people that bring together new and old friends. The host provides the main dish and then assigns dishes for guests to bring.

In our congregation they are usually held on the third Saturday of each month in members' homes. We would love to have more guests and hosts for these monthly get togethers. If you want to join, please call Mary Wilber at 480-473-1150 or email [phuucircle@yahoo.com](mailto:phuucircle@yahoo.com).

Since a lot of you have some really tough security on your email accounts, it is important that you put the above email address in your email contacts/addresses when you respond.. Current Circle Dinners participants who have not been getting the emails should do the same. We really want to hear from you!



Mark your  
calendar!

Pacc911 presents:  
Unitarian Universalist  
Pet-A-Thon  
Saturday, February 9th  
10am-3pm

## Bridge Group News

The Bridge group has met for two successful months and looks forward to continued interest and participation in 2008. We will meet on the second Saturday of the month at 7PM in the Johnson Room. All members and friends of the congregation who have interest in, and some knowledge of the game are invited to come. We play for about 2 hours, enjoy the fellowship, and share 1st and 2nd prize money from the modest \$3.00 fee charged. The remainder of the money goes to the congregation. Please join us and get a different view of your fellow members.

## Yoga

Gentle Yoga Classes meet Tuesday evenings from 6-7PM in the Johnson Room. Class resumes on January 8th. Questions? Contact Mary Engel@engelm@cox.net  
The class integrates poses, mindful breathing and meditation to facilitate one's capacity to awaken and abide in the true self. Namaste.

## Calendar of Events...

### **Tuesday January 1**

Outdoor Group: NYE Hike & Potluck  
7:00 PM Tuesday Covenant Group

### **Wednesday January 2**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday January 4**

6:00 PM Friday Night Covenant Group

### **Saturday January 5**

10:00 AM Art Committee

### **Sunday January 6**

9:00 AM Poetry Coffeehouse  
9:00 AM Sunday Covenant Group  
9:00 AM Book Discussion Group  
9:00 AM Meditation Group  
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service  
10:30 AM Children's Worship  
12:00 PM New Day Center Meal  
12:00 PM Young Adult Group  
12:30 PM Lunch Bunch  
6:00 PM Soulful Sundown Service

### **Monday January 7**

11:30 AM Art Committee  
7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

### **Tuesday January 8**

12:00 PM Covenant Group

### **Wednesday January 9**

1:30 PM Covenant Group  
6:30 PM Covenant Group  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday January 10**

6:00 PM Children's Ministry Cmte.  
6:30 PM Covenant Group  
7:00 PM Finance Committee  
7:00 PM Green Sanctuary Committee

### **Friday January 11**

7:00 PM Traveling 2nd Friday

### **Sunday January 13**

9:00 AM ARE: Parenting with Spirit  
9:00 AM Nominating Committee  
9:00 AM Book Discussion Group  
9:00 AM Meditation Group  
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service  
10:45 AM Children's Ministry Classes  
11:45 AM OWL Parents Class  
12:00 PM Young Adult Group  
12:00 PM Social Action Meeting  
12:15 PM Roots & Shoots  
12:30 PM Lunch Bunch  
1:00 PM OWL  
6:00 PM MUUvie

### **Monday January 14**

6:30 PM Covenant Facilitator Meetings  
7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

### **Tuesday January 15**

11:30 AM President's Council  
7:00 PM Covenant Group

### **Wednesday January 16**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday January 17**

7:00 PM Sunday Services Committee

### **Friday January 18**

6:00 PM Covenant Group  
7:00 PM Singletarian's 3rd Friday

### **Saturday January 19**

9:00 AM Leadership Day  
6:00 PM Circle Dinner

### **Sunday January 20**

9:00 AM ARE: Parenting with Spirit  
9:00 AM Sunday Covenant Group  
9:00 AM Book Discussion Group  
9:00 AM Meditation Group  
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service  
10:45 AM Children's Ministry Classes  
12:00 PM Young Adult Group  
12:00 PM Social Action Luncheon  
12:30 PM Lunch Bunch

1:00 PM OWL

### **Monday January 21**

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

### **Tuesday January 22**

12:00 PM Covenant Group  
4:00 PM Committee on Ministry

### **Wednesday January 23**

1:30 PM Covenant Group  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Green Sanctuary Committee

### **Thursday January 24**

6:00 PM Roots & Shoots  
6:30 PM Covenant Group  
7:00 PM Board Meeting

### **Friday January 25**

6:30 PM Fab Friday: Bowling Night

### **Saturday January 26**

9:00 AM UU Pals Hike  
9:00 AM Search Committee Activity

### **Sunday January 27**

9:00 AM ARE: Parenting with Spirit  
9:00 AM Book Discussion Group  
9:00 AM Meditation Group  
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  
12:30 PM Lunch Bunch

### **Monday January 28**

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

### **Wednesday January 30**

7:00 PM 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](mailto:administrator@phoenixuu.org) or call the office at 602-840-8400.

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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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