



A Welcoming Congregation

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JUNE 1: "KEEPERS OF THE FIRE"

By Rev. Roberta Haskin

We must continually blow on the cinders of our flaming chalice so that our faith may sustain us. What is it that sustains us as we live our lives with integrity?

New Member Ingathering

JUNE 8: "HOLDING ON AND LETTING GO"

By Rev. Roberta Haskin

The art of "letting go" is often held up as a spiritual discipline. But what of the need to "hold on?" How do we discern when to hold on and when to let go?

The Reverend Roberta Haskin's last service with us; Annual Meeting

JUNE 15: TOWARD JUSTICE FOR SETTLED BUT

UNDOCUMENT IMMIGRANTS
Speakers: Dr. Doris Marie Provine and Michael Shelton

Service Leader: Heather McLellan
Dr. Doris Marie Provine is a professor in the School of Justice & Social Inquiry at Arizona State University. She is a lawyer and political scientist. Michael Shelton currently works for the Economic Development Department of the City of Phoenix. Before that he served for 27 years as a Foreign Service Officer in five embassies and the State Department. With the support of a Fulbright North American Studies research grant, Dr. Provine and her husband have spent the past academic year in Vancouver and Mexico City studying the immigration policies of our nearest neighbors.

JUNE 22: SUMMER SOLSTICE
Service Leader: Women's Spirituality

JUNE 29: THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PEACE (AZDOP)

Speaker: Terri Mansfield
Service Leader: Heather McLellan
The AZDOP Campaign is a grassroots, inclusive, nonpartisan, proactive, solution-oriented organization which supports the creation of a national Dept. of Peace which will research, articulate, and facilitate non-violent solutions to domestic and international conflicts.

Terri Mansfield, AZ co-founder, will provide an overview of present and future peace possibilities.

Notice of Congregation Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 8, 2008 immediately following the service. Agenda will include adoption of next year's budget, elections, and consideration of a motion to authorize the next increment of renovation/construction.

The 2008 Annual Report is available online at www.phoenixuu.org. Limited hardcopies are available in the office.

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At the end of the betweentime...

I bid you a heartfelt farewell. As an Interim Minister, the promise of “goodbye” was inherent in “hello.” You have opened up to form a relationship of trust with me, and so, we have had a rich interim ministry together. You have engaged the spiritual journey of interim work – courageously faced grief, named some weaknesses, built on your strengths, celebrated your history, risked change, searched well, and embraced your new called minister with zest and vigor. All the while, new members joined, visitors came and went, some dear ones departed, and the bills were paid. And so it will continue – the ordinary and the sublime intermingled in this great adventure called life.

“Time and Space” has been the theme of this monthly column. Although we are embodied beings limited by space and time; heart, mind, and spirit are not bound by the limits of space. I leave you in bodily presence, but you will forever be in my heart, mind, and spirit. I love you

and love does not die. I continue to join you in the work of justice, peace, and beauty that I believe are the ideals that inspire the Unitarian Universalist movement. I just must join you only in heart and spirit.

What I have given to you will mutate, evolve, and conform to what you will need for your future community life. I hope I have helped you strengthen your foundation. I know you are more hopeful. I know your leaders are great people, as are all of you. Dedicated people abound at UUCP! Children and youth, you are a joy! I bless you on your way.

Please take the time you need to say or do what you need to bid farewell. In closure, all emotions rise and mix. Don’t hesitate to stir up a little dust if you must. I am open to your needs for closure. I know that I am your minister who is leaving. I am the one moving on. This is our present time.

Your future holds promise beyond comprehension. I have a deep trust in your next ministry with the Rev-

erend Susan Frederick-Gray. You are fortunate and so is she.

As I move to California at the end of June, to begin Interim Ministry with the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica, I thank you for all that you have given to me.

Blessings on our time together yet apart forever,
Roberta

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

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

Keep the Faith

Two years ago, UUCP made a commitment to its future. It was an act of faith of a quintessential UU kind. Not based in fanciful promise, it was a clear-eyed response to the unsustainable position we were in. We knew that we needed to grow in order to be viable. But we also knew that the growth would be a byproduct. UUCP would grow naturally when, and only when, the congregation intentionally and diligently devoted itself to being a beloved religious community in which UU values were lived and demonstrated. So we created a strategic plan, also quintessentially UU, with 20 pages, 26 strategies, and 42 measures (!). Lots of words, but all orbiting around the central expression of faith: live it, and they will come.

Two years on, and we certainly have grown. Membership is up by 20%. Pledging is up by \$50,000. Our expenses have grown also, but that is more evidence of our success. We have finally begun to support our staff, programs, and facility at the level we should. We are a fair share congregation now. We pay our staff at the midpoint of the market range for congregations of our size and geographic location. We are maintaining and improving our buildings and grounds. We still project a deficit for next year, but it is manageable with our savings. We just need to grow into this level of expenditure, and we are only short by 7%. Can we do that? If you were here for Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray's services in April, then you understand my faith that we shall.

So the numbers are good, and I am thankful for that. The numbers are just the byproduct, though. I am thankful for our interim ministers for the past two years. Rev. Jean Wahlstrom's Grand Canyon Testament is tucked into my wallet: "I believe that this, around us, is the sacred book. I believe that the way we are together on the raft is our salvation." I have Rev. Roberta Haskin's insight tucked into my aging brain: we adults are immigrants from the past into the present; it is we who need to adapt. We said goodbye to Jean last year, and we will say goodbye to Roberta on June 8, with respect and gratitude. Our faith in ourselves has been nurtured by their faith in us.

I am thankful for our music, such glorious music. To sit in the choir with "Amazing Grace" lifted around me was a delight beyond description. I am thankful for our children, and for all who make UUCP a place where they can spread both roots and wings. I am thankful that we had more than eighty people in the Pride Parade. I am thankful that when death came, sudden and shocking each September, that the love here made the loss so painful and, ultimately, bearable.

For years I have struggled with the words "faith" and "religion." Bob Riddle, a new member, pointed our covenant group to a sermon by Rev. Galen Guenerich that has a formulation that feels right to me personally. Paraphrasing a bit:

"Faith is not a product of reason, or knowledge, or evidence, or even of experience, though each of these plays an important role. Faith is a leap of the moral imagination. Faith looks at what is and believes in what might be. Religion is the collection of external forms we use—songs, symbols, stories, rituals, obligations, sacred spaces—to carry our faith along from day to day and generation to generation." It is in that sense that I see UUCP to be a religious community. Our individual leaps of imagination, our personal leaps of faith, are strengthened by our shared experience.

As Kendyl Gibbons writes in the fifth part of the cantata "Sources":

The time is now, the place is here;
The good we know, the earth we share;
This day we have, this love we give;
No other truth; no other joy; no other life,
No other world.

In no other place, with no other people;
my thanks to you all.

Time to bridge: Red Rover, Red Rover,
send Sarah right over.

In community,
Gary Ezzell
President, Board of Trustees

Greetings from your Music Director!

Whew! What a year! A new minister, a new cantata, a new fantastic pianist, not to mention, new doors, light bulbs and the best of all, all the new faces! And six new voices in choir this year! And a Family Choir that doubled in size! (Thanks to the Leungs for their help.)

Last month I wrote:

“**May 4** ~ 10:30am ~ “**Sources**” A brand new UU cantata ...” And now our district Executive, Ken Brown, is discussing the idea of presenting “Sources” at our District Assembly, which will be in Mesa, May 1-3, 2009!

Comments we’ve heard from those who heard “Sources:”

“This music did more to tell me what UU’s are about than any pamphlet I’ve read yet..”

“I wish I could have been in it.”

Some liked it so much they drove to Chandler on May 11 and heard it again!

Everyone worked so hard to illuminate the Six Sources from which UUs draw their faith. And everyone within singing distance became illuminated. If you missed the fun, you can hear it again this summer at the General Assembly in June. Who knows, maybe next May in Mesa? Thanks to you all for your music, work, reading, storytelling, rapping, but most of all: thanks for your faith.

ATTENTION SINGERS!

Lynne will be leading a **Chanting Choir** for our Sunday Services June 15, 22, 29. Come to the sanctuary at 9:30 to sing in services. If Sunday morning is just not enough time for your chanting, come Tuesdays 7-9pm, June 10, 17 & 24. Then you too can sing in the Sanctorum Concert of Prayers on June 29!

Do you have a gift of music to share? Please give me a call (480 970 8807) or email musicdirector@phoenixuu.org.

Keep making music!
Connie Jahrmarkt



“To Seek Knowledge in Freedom . . .”

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

New Adult RE Committee member, Bob Riddle, has graciously offered to facilitate a course on "mindfulness meditation" on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. in Room B (June 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 1). Mindfulness meditation is a 2500-year-old Buddhist tradition of the Theravada tradition that seeks to raise our awareness of our thoughts so that we can choose our reaction to them. This course will take place over five weeks. Each participant will be asked to make a commitment to meditate twenty minutes per day. There will be homework for each week and there is a free e-book on mindfulness meditation that comes with the course.

During the course times, we will discuss mindfulness, its benefits, what the meditators experienced during the week, and we will meditate for at least twenty minutes each session with comments during the meditation by the facilitator.

This might be a way for us to live free of those toxic emotions that sometimes rule us automatically when we react to events.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD TASK FORCE MEMBERS FOR THE BIRMINGHAM BOMBING ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

We had a good turnout for our May movie feature, "Four Little Girls."

Plans are now underway for marking the 45th anniversary of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing that is memorialized in our sculptures "That Which Might Have Been." The 45th anniversary of the bombing will be September 15, 2008. We have a general outline of the event, but we are looking for folks to take on specific tasks to make this anniversary a meaningful community-wide event. Please contact Kim St. Clair at redirector@phoenixuu.org if you are interested.

BOOK TABLE TO CONTINUE THROUGH JUNE

The Adult RE book table will be staffed throughout the month of June to supply you with enlightening and thought-provoking summer reading.

It is located right next to coffee, so you can't miss us unless you don't slow down and stop in!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 1 – Ice Cream Sunday – begin in the sanctuary

June 8 – Water Play Sunday – begin in sanctuary – WEAR SWIM-SUITS & SUNSCREEN & BRING TOWELS! No water guns, please.

June 15 - Summer Sundays – "Planting the Seed" - Room 10

June 22 – Summer Sundays – "Butterfly Garden" – Room 10

June 29 – Summer Sundays – "Frogs" – Room 10

IN THE GOOD OL' SUMMER-TIME!

It has become a much anticipated UUCP tradition to wrap up the program year and kick off the summer with two special events – Ice Cream Sunday and Water Play Sunday.

Ice Cream Sunday – Children begin in the sanctuary for chalice lighting and Together Time, then head out to the playground to make some good old fashioned homemade ice cream! We have an abundant supply of cans, rock salt and other ingredients to make the sundaes; fun toppings, however, are always welcome. And, did you know that a Unitarian minister, Rev. John M. Scott and his friend, Chester C. Platt, invented the ice cream "sundae"?

Water Play Sunday – Not to be confused with "ingathering Sunday" when we "gather the waters" of our summer travels the week after Labor Day.

This "water Sunday" begins in the sanctuary with chalice lighting and Together Time and ends on the playground with bathing suits, Otter Pops, hoses, pools and other fun water toys (NO toy guns, please).

Don't forget a towel and sunscreen!

The nursery will be open for younger children (0-3 years old) until June 15, when we combine the ages for the Summer Sundays: Hands-on Nature - Life Cycles program (see below). We will then have the entire program in Room 10.

Summer Sundays – Life Cycles
The summer Sunday school children will be exploring many different types of life cycles such as planting, frog, lady bug, butterfly...growing, etc. Each Sunday will begin with lighting the chalice, our children's covenant, and joys and sorrows to be followed with a great hands-on lesson highlighting our seventh principle (value our interdependence with nature).

ASSISTANTS AND MODEL MAKERS NEEDED!

Our summer Sunday program has an outstanding opportunity for 5th-8th graders and high schoolers to

come to the UUCP on Sundays throughout the summer to be with friends AND help our younger children! We need two to three 5th-8th graders each Sunday to assist with snack, planting and art projects (among other things) each week. High schoolers are invited to come each week to also either assist in the classroom or to work on making clay models for the upcoming lessons.

Of course, adults are welcome to assist or lead a class. There are three ways to signup to assist:

1. Visit the following Doodle link: <http://doodle.ch/fiex3im9itgc3vcd>
2. Put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin in the hallway near office 2
3. E-mail Kim St. Clair at redirector@gmail.com or Angela Spiars at akspiars@cox.net

The Capital Campaign is over but the need continues!

In the words of Ellie Anderla, President of the Board of Trustees in March 2005:

“For many years, this congregation has known that it was necessary to make changes in our building to be able to welcome all people without discrimination to share our sacred space.”

The UUCP is now on a growth path, and our recent calling of the Reverend Susan Frederick-Gray can only help. Picture the future. Our improved facility enables a more successful journey, whether we worship in community, entertain Booker T. Washington students, or host a political debate.

The vision of the Universal Access Committee to make our Spiritual Home accessible is a step closer to reality. As we work together to schedule Phase 1 completion, we will need financial support. The Capital Account remains open. We need to make some repairs now.

Please give to make our building as friendly and accessible as we are.

A complete Summary of the Capital Campaign is given on page 15. Each contributor will receive a final statement and a brochure on the current status of the program in the mail in early June. There will also be copies of the brochure available from the office.

Stewardship Success

As I write this, the temperature is climbing to this year's second day over 100°. Those who abandon the Phoenix heat are starting to slither away (maybe I'm just jealous). At yesterday's service, somebody's joy was that school is out. On June 8 the Rev. Roberta will be in the pulpit for the final sermon of our interim year. Much as I might wish otherwise, summer too fast approaches. Although we no longer close the UUCP doors, things still do slow down.

Fortunately, from a stewardship point of view, we are in a good place. As of yesterday, we reached \$321,000 in pledges. I have no doubt we will reach our initial goal of \$325,000. Thanks to new members who have pledged for the first time and those who pledge generously every year and again increased their pledges when asked, we have the opportunity to easily exceed that initial goal.

There are still a number of members and friends who pledged last year but have not yet done so during this campaign. Your outstanding pledges are very important if we are to keep deficits to a minimum and possibly even eliminate them.

Why, you may ask, if we needed more than \$325,000 in pledges didn't we set a higher goal? There are a few reasons. First is timing, the stewardship campaign gets underway before the actual budget is

created. Second, I think, was that they thought they'd scare Libby and me away. Third, was a considered decision that making too many reductions in expenses would do great damage to our increasingly beloved community. It wouldn't be good to cut salaries or not pay our fair share.

A small deficit is not something to cause alarm, but it would be nice to get rid of as much of it as possible. That's where you come in. If you haven't yet pledged for whatever reason, please do so. If, on the other hand, you feel like raising your pledge, please feel free to do that—we won't mind the paperwork at all. Well, now that we're facing summer, I'll remind myself how fast it will go. Before we know it, the Rev. Susan's arrival will mark the end of summer and the beginning of a wonderful new era at UUCP. We are fortunate that she is coming and she is fortunate to be joining this giving and loving community. Thanks to you all for making it so. Have a wonderful summer wherever you will spend it.

In community,
Joan Laurence, Stewardship Chair
cavass@phoenixuu.org

MEETING

Social Action meeting is June 8 at noon in annex B. Bring your coffee and ideas and join us for the last meeting until September. We especially welcome newcomers and those who wish to help make a difference in our world.

FAIR TRADE AND THE BENEFITS OF EQUAL EXCHANGE

Coffee, tea and chocolate sold at the Social Action table are purchased from the UU Service Committee who purchase from small farmer cooperatives at a fair and stable price. In the conventional market small farmers and laborers have little control and are at the whim of buyers and the world market, sometimes making little or no profit. When we purchase Fair Trade we support a fair price to the growers who can then improve their lives, i.e., women's leadership development in Guatemala, eco-tourism projects in Nicaragua, and savings and loan projects in Mexico are some of the long-term benefits. Other countries involved in equal exchange are Ethiopia, Tanzania, Columbia, Peru, Dominican Republic.

The price is equal to what you pay at the grocery store .. \$8 for coffee, \$3 for a chocolate bar and \$3.50 for tea. SAC makes a little profit too. Making it a win-win for everyone, especially you, the consumer. It has been heard around the congregation that "Fair Trade coffee is the best .. hands down!"

Would you like to take leadership of the Fair Trade project? We are look-

ing for someone who might not be interested in taking an active role in the committee but would like to be the face at the SAC table for sales. It is difficult to keep "the store" open, and then get to meetings and luncheons on time. If you would like to know more please contact Sarah Burchard or Heather McLellan.

SOCIAL ACTION LUNCHEONS

With the appointment of Kate Oting as UUCP volunteer coordinator, this year has seen a cooperative effort to less elaborate coffee hour the third Sunday (SAC luncheon day) to help increase attendance at the lunches. Our speakers offer important and critical information on social, environmental, health and political issues that help define who and what UUCP is about.

In May our speakers were from ICM and New Day Center, organizations with which we have long been associated. It was an eye opener to learn of the "new poor" such as a mortgage broker who came to ICM for a food basket and job counseling. We learned of a new catering business at New Day, and a new campus across the street opening next year. ICM needs men's and children's clothing and household items along with non-perishable food and baby items. Food pantries are running out of food ... please contribute a little extra to ICM baskets in the foyer. ICM works closely with St. Mary's Food Bank.

NEW DAY CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The first Sunday each and every month UUCP provides the evening meal at the New Day Center. Homeless families need our assistance, and therefore we need volunteers to cook, serve and bake brownies. Summer is especially critical as many of our regular volunteers leave town (and why not?). The signup board next to the SAC table is waiting for you and your family, committee, or covenant group to sign up and give the gift of giving. We need YOU. No experience necessary.

BRIDGES TO AFRICA

Information about the African tour in January '09 is available on the Social Action table in the sanctuary after services. Tour begins and ends at the International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya. The tour is sponsored by the Kenyan Unitarian Universalist Council, an economic development project of Bridges Into Africa. See Janice Brunson for further details.

NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

The following statement has been submitted to the Board for their blessing:

Statement of the Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix Action of Immediate Witness to Support Immigrant Families

Because as Unitarian Universalists, we covenant "to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person" and "to promote justice, equity, and compassion in human relations," we

oppose the systematic denial of social services to needy persons and their families based solely on immigration status, national origin, or citizenship.

We strongly urge our city, county, state and federal governments in Arizona:

To immediately impose a moratorium on efforts to identify and detain for deportation persons in our community solely based upon their perceived immigration status;
To immediately stop inhumane raids;

To hold the children of immigration detainees, whenever possible, with their families in accredited shelter care programs or facilities that are state-licensed for dependent care, or alternatively, in DHS facilities that meet state standards;

To release detained children out when the protection of public welfare requires that parents be detained separately from their children, when the parents are unavailable, or when the parents consent to the release of their children, to relatives, designated caregivers, or licensed child-welfare facilities, in that order;

The Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix condemns the current immigration system and strongly urges comprehensive immigration reform, including the creation of an accessible and timely process to obtain residency and/or citizenship. We condemn the current immigra-

tion system, and strongly support immigration reform and humane treatment toward all, regardless of immigration status.

We call for just and comprehensive immigration reform including the creation of an accessible and timely process to obtain residency and citizenship.

We call for local, state and federal lawmakers to ensure humane solutions to the very complex social issues relating to undocumented persons in this country.

We encourage compassionate aid to immigrants. We urge our governments to serve those directly harmed by legislation infringing on immigrants' rights and/or limiting access to health, education, and welfare services. We urge that societal institutions continue to provide services and fellowship to undocumented persons even if legislation is passed that appears to criminalize these humanitarian acts. We note that such legislation will likely prove to be unconstitutional.

We call for our elected leaders to act promptly to review and correct legislation that has eroded civil liberties, including the refusal to provide legal representation to detained individuals, citizens and non-citizens alike. We ask that our government assure the right of foreign nationals to due process and the presumption of innocence, and oppose unwarranted tracking and reporting requirements that abridge

those rights.

Furthermore, we urge all faith-based organizations to publicly support their principles regarding the treatment of all persons, including immigrants to our nation, including the current circumstances in Arizona.

PUENTE ARIZONA

Each Sunday Puente AZ gathers at a different church and walks to another church for the service. On May 4th they walked from the Quaker Friends church on Lincoln and 16th to attend UUCP for the "Sources" cantata. Puente spokesman Salvador Reza has told many folks that our church was the most welcoming and exciting so far for the group of day laborers and supporters.

NICARAGUA

Jane and George Pauk are spending ten days in Nicaragua visiting and assisting at several clinics with Doctors for Global Health. They will also visit Circulo de Amigas and our two sponsored students, Lizbeth and Jaritza, and their families. Many thanks to Jane and George for many years of commitment and dedication to Nicaragua and CdA.

In community,
Heather McLellan



Servus!

“Servus” (pronounced sair-voose) means “hello” in Hungarian. Now you are ready to greet our visitors from Transylvania this fall! As reported last month, four members of our partner church in Szekelyudvarhely will be here from October 17 to November 5, 2008.

The Partner Church Committee is still looking for more ways to bring the visitors together with members at UUCP. Would you like to provide a welcoming accommodation for a few days at your home? Take them to the Desert Botanical Garden or Heard Museum? Host them for a dinner? Escort them to your favorite UUCP committee meeting? Please contact Paula Kulina (garlina@cox.net or 602-861-1921). We also welcome cash donations to pay for their expenses!

Recycling News from the Green Sanctuary

Committee

by Susan Leung

The Green Sanctuary Committee (GSC) has made great strides in formulating our action plan for Green Sanctuary Candidacy. One of our twelve projects will be to develop a comprehensive recycling plan for our UUCP community. Thanks to the efforts of Heather McLellan and Heidi Parmenter, we take the first step on June 1 with a new recycling contract. Waste Management will pick up our paper, cardboard, glass, plastic and aluminum for recycling. All of these items can now be placed in our blue recycle containers. We will continue to develop our recycling program in the coming months. If you have questions about what to recycle or if you have something that you would like to know about how to recycle, please contact the GSC at green@phoenixuu.org.

Green Tip of the Month

by Juli Harvey

Music lovers will recall the tune, "June is busting out all over..." But here at UUCP we are singing, "GREEN is busting out all over!" Green Sanctuary Committee has announced a new, more encompassing recycling program so UUCP can recycle almost everything! Yet, "Ask not what your UU can do for you, ask what you can do to be green." For example,

new Fresh & Easy markets are popping up about town—it's fun and easy to self-check out and hit the register button, "I'm using my own bag!" I feel green with pride every time I buy groceries with a stylish Unitarian sack. Speaking of style, after changing out lightbulbs to meet Al Gore specs, I recycle clothes. Just take gently used garb to A SECOND LOOK or MY SISTER'S CLOSET and trade it for a whole new look. UU 2 will be busting out all over—green style!

Art and Aesthetics

Committee

The Children's Art Show will be exhibited during the summer from June through August. Contributions will come from Desert View Learning Center, the UUEEC Preschool, and the Children's Ministry. Included this summer will be a collection of art work from students in the Cartwright School District gathered together by Carla Dunlap. Enjoy the artistic expressions of some of the youngest members of our community!

SEARCHING FOR MEMBER AND FRIEND ARTISTS

During the months of September, October and November, UUCP's Annual Members and Friends Art exhibit will be hung on the Sanctuary Walls. The Sanctuary/Art Committee is looking for all types of "hangeable" art that is framed or otherwise appropriately prepared for display.

Please contact Jan Wise, 602 258 5762 or Joan Roberts 602 943 9841 for information. Email addresses are AZjoanr@aol.com or Drjanwise@aol.com.



Unicare

If you missed the presentation on "Life Choices" (April 25) and would like to take advantage of the information gleaned from this class, there will be packets available after June 1 when the travel-lagged Unicare lady will be available to distribute them.

Perhaps one of the most timely topics was facilitated by Liz Atkinson who is the Advanced Directive Coordinator from the AZ Secretary of State Office. It is now possible to register your instructions for health care directives, including power of attorney with mental health authority and a living will, online with the State. It is the very latest advantage of being online and is currently available in only one other state besides Arizona. This service is available to folks of all ages, it's free, and the confidential information is secure and able to be updated at any time.

Has anyone heard of the program called "Silver Sneakers"? Many of

our members are quite impressed with this exercise program for seniors. Supplemental insurance covers the costs in many cases for several one-hour sessions per week. It is designed to improve aerobics, flexibility, strength and balance. As they say on the street, "check it out!"

Julie Smart
Unicare Chair

"Let It Be a Dance" Singer/ Songwriter Passes On

Rev. Ric Masten, beloved composer, poet, singer, and storyteller passed away May 9, 2008 surrounded by his family. He left a legacy of music which reaches out to Unitarian Universalists around the world. He was the author of eighteen books, a celebrated teacher, speaker and artist who had appeared at venues ranging from the Henry Miller Library to the White House Conference on Children. His song, "Let It Be a Dance," is one of our favorites in *Singing the Living Tradition*.

*Let it be a dance we do.
May I have this dance with you?
Through the good times
And the bad times, too,
Let it be a dance.*

Please send messages of remembrance to Ms. Billie Barbara Masten, 37931 Palo Colorado Rd, Carmel, CA 93923-8115.

Town of Paradise Valley approves Master Plan on April 10, 2008!

The unrelenting efforts of our architect, Doug Sydnor, led to the approval of our Master Plan (an Amendment to our Special Use Permit). We set a precedent in that we have 5 year approval to build the Phase 1 plan and 12 year approval to build the remainder of the Master Plan.

We just apply for a building permit whenever we authorize a portion of the construction.

Nominating Committee Proudly Re-presents Leadership Candidates for 2008-2009

As our by-laws specify, the following list of nominees for 2008-2009 must appear in two newsletters prior to the annual meeting in which we elect board and nominating committee members. This first appeared in the May Horizons and we are happy to have it appear again in case you missed it, misplaced it, or just thought it might be fun to read again.

The Nominating Committee recruits a slate of candidates to fill planned openings on the Board and Nominating Committee (for approval by the congregation). This year that meant four positions on the Board and three for the Nominating Committee. Additionally, we collaborate with the Committee on Ministry to recommend two planned replacements for the Committee on Ministry (for approval by the Board).

Below, we proudly present the complete slate with introductions, by way of candidate-supplied statements. All candidates have agreed to serve if elected/approved.

In Growing Community,
Glen Lockwood on behalf of the
Nominating Committee
(Lani Angel- Comp, Heather
McLellan, Susan Goldsmith,
Pauline Peverly and Jeff Newman).

BOARD (FOR APPROVAL BY THE CONGREGATION AT ANNUAL MEETING)

Tim Tilton (Vice-President)

It was May 4, 1970, and the Kent State Massacre had just taken place. I was a disabled veteran who had just returned from Viet Nam and was in my first semester of college. I was incensed, and the Olympia Brown UU Church in Racine, Wisconsin, was the only place we could find that would help us mimeograph our protest leaflets. That's when I became a UU.

I have served on the UUCP Board for two terms as Chair of Building and Grounds, as well as serving as the Vice-Chair and Chair for the Pledge Campaign. I have been somewhat quiet in the recent months, but feel a sense of renewed energy and would like to put that to good UU use.

Smoot Carl-Mitchell (Treasurer)

I have served on the Board as your Treasurer for the past two and a half years and sing as a tenor in the choir. Professionally, I am a Computer Scientist and work for WebMD, a health care information provider. If elected I look forward to doing my part to grow our faith community.

Jimmy Leung (At-Large)

I have been a member of the UUCP since my family (my wife, Susan, and daughters Elizabeth and Katherine) joined in 2004.

In the past I've been on committees for the Stewardship/Capital campaign, Membership, Ministerial Search and I've been a covenant group facilitator for three years. I was also the last ever Membership Trustee of the Board, just before we started Policy Governance.

I'd like to be on the board again because I want to help the minister establish our new ministry together. I also want to continue to work on Policy Governance and committee organization and leadership. Thank you.

Susan Morris (At-Large)

I am a former special ed teacher who has run a tutoring business since 1985. I am married to Richard Plattner who, like Nancy Drew's father Carson, is a prominent attorney. Our son Sam and daughter Katie are delightful, interesting human beings. I love music. I play viola a lot, piano a little, and sing as often as I can. I have difficulty remembering to take time for myself, but when I do, I read, do crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and plant flowers. [Ed: Susan is a member of the choir and a member of the Music Committee – at least]

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(FOR APPROVAL BY THE CON-
GREGATION AT
ANNUAL MEETING)

Gary Ezzell

Gary has been a member of UUCP since 1999. He has chaired the Adult Religious Education Committee, has been on the Board of Trustees, and has been President of the Board. He is a medical physicist at Mayo Clinic and is active in his professional association, currently serving as Secretary.

Lydia Yanek

I have been a member of UUCP since early 2006, after looking for a religious community - for myself and my son Lyle - with liberal, progressive values. We found it here! We live in Scottsdale and I work as an Escrow Officer for a local title company.

I have been active in the Green Sanctuary, New Day, Membership, and Tuesday night Covenant Group.

Sally Boyd

I have been a member of this congregation since 1960. I have been active on numerous committees and sang in the choir for many years. I previously served the congregation as board membership chair, and was a member of the nominating committee several years past. I am an office volunteer and a facilitator of New UU classes.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
(FOR APPROVAL BY THE
BOARD)

Julie Smart

It has been my need and pleasure to be a member of the UUCP community since 1994 when Marshal and I moved here from Michigan where we were members of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Congregation.

In these years of community with UUCP I have served on the Board, arranged a Newcomers Class Program, facilitated many of these classes, facilitated the Accessibility Committee, and am currently serving as the Unicare Chair.

I have agreed to serve on the Committee on Ministry because I do believe that this committee serves an important function in assessing the health of our ministry.

Richard Plattner

I have been lucky to be allowed to hang out at UUCP for about six years now. Our kids, Sam and Katie Plattner, made friends with several YRUU's at North High School and quickly became YRUU's themselves. After about a year my wife, the lovely and talented Susan Morris, joined the choir, and a year later so did I.

A couple of years ago it dawned on us that we ought to actually join this congregation that we already felt a part of. I had never previously been associated with any congregation anywhere, and it has been heartwarming and fascinating to become immersed in this community.

In addition to being active in the music program, I helped with the 2007 Canvass, was appointed to the Foundation Board a few months ago, and assisted as a surveyor in the recent survey of contributors regarding the funding options for Phase One construction.

Phoenix is full of potential UU's who just don't know about us yet. I believe our community is beginning a major growth phase and I am excited to be a part of the process.

Finance Update

The end of our fiscal year is June 30, 2008. This is a friendly reminder: If you have not completed the payment of your pledge, please do so by June 30. This helps our community in so many ways. Thank you for your contribution!

The Capital Building campaign ended April 30, 2008! Thanks to all of you who pledged and donated to support the many beautiful enhancements to our beloved community. You should have received a statement of your donations in early June. If you have not, please contact Heidi in the church office.

Below is a summary of our finances through March 31, 2008 (approximately 75% through the fiscal year):

Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 Congregation Operating and EEC

Category	Budget	Year to Date Actual	Percent of Budget
Pledge Income	\$290,000	\$230,675	79.5%
Total Income	\$575,295	\$502,966	87.4%
Total Expenses	\$613,448	\$498,778	81.3%
Net Income	(\$23,146)	\$4,189	-18.1%



OUR SPIRITUAL HOME... FROM VISION TO REALITY



Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix

Capital Campaign Final Report, May 2008

Our three year Capital Campaign ended on April 30, 2008. As a community, we contributed to the Capital building project in the following ways:

\$411,149 in Pledged Gifts

\$ 17,298 in Other Contributions

\$ 50,000 from a Bank of America Loan

\$ 45,000 from the Unitarian Universalist Foundation of Phoenix

\$ 26,635 from Fundraising by the UU Early Education Cooperative and the Desert View Learning Center

For a total of \$550,082.

For the Phase 1 building program, we have completed

- All of the architectural drawings
- All of the permissions from the Town of Paradise Valley
- New doors and windows in the sanctuary and 1961 west wing
- The removal from the buildings of all materials of environmental risk
- A temporary accessible entrance to the sanctuary
- Cementing business relationships with architect, contractor, and bank

The price for the work completed to date is

\$ 41,450 Expenses prior to May 2005

\$244,879 Architect Fees

\$7,049 Permits and Fees

\$13,631 Interest Expense

\$153,452 Construction Contracts

\$8,535 Professional Fees

\$190 Supplies and Services

\$160 Miscellaneous Expenses

For a total of \$469,346.

Although we celebrate our success, we are not finished. We must continue to dedicate our energy and our gifts to complete the Phase 1 building program.



Traveling 2nd Fridays

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

VIETNAM - BARBARA CAWTHORNE, FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Barbara & Dave Cawthorne will take you north to Hanoi which has years of history (the Old Quarter to the Hanoi Hilton). Visit Halong Bay spending the night on a private junk while going through the emerald waters amongst the most spectacular scenery. Travel to 13th century ruins of the Champa kingdom & contrast it with the beautiful beaches of Nha Trang. Experience the mountain town of Dalat used as a vacation retreat for the French colonial officials.

Then travel south to cruise the Mekong Delta visiting the local villages and finishing with Saigon touring the nearby Cu Chi Tunnels of the Viet Cong.

If you have any questions about Traveling 2nd Fridays, call Barbara Cawthorne at (480) 994-1452.



Outdoor Group

JUNE 14: LYNX LAKE LOLLIPOP HIKE

Location: Prescott National Forest
Distance: 6 miles

Difficulty: easy - trail starts at 5500ft.

Meeting Place for Carpool:
McDonalds on Deer Valley - east of I-17 at 7:00 a.m. with departure promptly at 7:30 a.m.

Leader: Sharon Arnold

JUNE 28: CRUISE

Back by popular demand, the Outdoor group will host a cruise on the Desert Belle Paddle Boat at Saguaro Lake. The cost is \$25 for the boat ride. (meal not included) The boat is handicap accessible; reservations are required.

Leaders: Pauline Peverly and Jan Wise

Women's Spirituality Circle

The Women's Spirituality Circle will meet during June, July and August at members' homes Mondays, 7-9 pm. We will NOT meet in our usual Annex B room. Please contact Heather McLellan at 480.941.1038 for meeting information.

Sanctorum Chanting Choir

Jump in for a musical adventure with the contemplative chanting choir Sanctorum. Beautiful music inspires inward beauty. Chanting is a simple form of singing that requires no musical skill to participate. Short songs when repeated with sincerity, concentration and love create a resonance that eases the heart and quiets the mind.

Two ways to participate in Sanctorum:

Tuesday evenings 7-9, June 10, 17, 24; culminating to a Concert of

Prayers June 29 7pm Sunday mornings-June 15, 22, 29 9:30am

For more information: 602-896-4132, or lhaeseler@cox.net

The Outdoor Group presents

Desert Belle Paddle Boat Cruise
Saguaro Lake

Saturday, June 28, 2008

Tickets are \$25 with reservations only.

Please contact Pauline Peverly or Jan Wise for more details.



Concert of Prayers

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix presents *Concert of Prayers* on Sunday, June 29, 7:00 pm at the congregation. *Concert of Prayers* features Phoenix –based *Sanctorum*, which includes the chanting choir, flute, cello, viola, African drums, guitar and piano. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door.

Sanctorum, founded by pianist/creative artist Lynne Haeseler, performs classical music, improvisations, chants from various traditions, and spoken prayer to create a contemplative musical experience that will nourish and rejuvenate audiences. The audience participates actively through chanting or reflectively through contemplation.

Contact <http://lhpiano.com> or (602) 955-3611 for more information.

36th Annual Luunitarian

Weekend

October 10, 11, 12, 2008

Join us near beautiful Puerto Peñasco/Rocky Point, Mexico

Enjoy a full weekend hanging out with friendly UU's enjoying the sun, sand and surf.

Walk the tide pools in the morning, swim all day, join up for a potluck in the evening and a bonfire after the sun goes down.

Lots of fun and family – bring the kids – c'mon down.

For more information visit:
<http://muusic.net/luunitarian08/>

or email:

luunitarian08@yahoo.com

Yoga Class

Join us for Yoga Tuesdays evenings from 6-7Pm in the Johnson Room. Gentle postures integrated with breath and awareness guide us to deeper levels of being. Rest. Relax. Renew.

Instructor: Mary Engel
engelm@cox.net for questions.
Referrals: Jay Alagia/ Lani Comp

Open Art Studio

Beginning May 12, through August 25, There is open art studio in Johnson Room on Mondays from 9 am. to 11:30 pm, (except when Johnson Room is not available for a rental) for water color painting. Limited instruction is provided, if needed on an individual basis. For more information, call Jay Alagia, 602 952-8889.

Calendar of Events...

Sunday June 1 2008

9:00 AM Poetry Coffeehouse
9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
10:30 AM Celebration of Life
12:00 PM New Day Center Meal
12:00 PM Young Adult Group
5:00 PM UU Pals Spaghetti Dinner

Monday June 2 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality

Tuesday June 3 2008

12:30 PM President's Council
6:00 PM Mindful Meditation Class
6:30 PM Job Club

Thursday June 5 2008

6:00 PM Children Ministry Cmte.
6:30 PM Database Meeting

Saturday June 7 2008

10:00 AM Art Committee

Sunday June 8 2008

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
10:30 AM Celebration of Life
12:00 PM Young Adult Group
12:15 PM Roots & Shoots
6:00 PM MUUvie Group
7:00 PM Women's Spirituality

Tuesday June 10 2008

6:00 PM Mindful Meditation Class
6:30 PM Job Club

Wednesday June 11 2008

6:00 PM Adult Religious Ed Cmte.

Thursday June 12 2008

7:00 PM Finance Committee

Friday June 13 2008

7:00 PM Traveling 2nd Friday

Sunday June 15 2008

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
10:30 AM Celebration of Life
10:30 AM Summer Sunday School
12:00 PM Young Adult Group

Monday June 16 2008

9:00 AM Art Studio
7:00 PM Women's Spirituality

Tuesday June 17 2008

6:00 PM Mindful Meditation Class

Thursday June 19 2008

7:00 PM Sunday Services Cmte.

Sunday June 22 2008

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
10:30 AM Celebration of Life
10:30 AM Summer Sunday School
12:00 PM Young Adult Group

Monday June 23 2008

9:00 AM Art Studio
7:00 PM Women's Spirituality

Tuesday June 24 2008

4:00 PM Committee on Ministry
6:00 PM Mindful Meditation Class

Thursday June 26 2008

7:00 PM Board Meeting

Sunday June 29 2008

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
10:30 AM Celebration of Life
10:30 AM Summer Sunday School
12:00 PM Young Adult Group
12:00 PM Membership Committee
7:00 PM Concert of Prayers Concert

Monday June 30 2008

9:00 AM Art Studio
7:00 PM Women's Spirituality

Reminder:

Kids Kamp runs Monday through Friday all through the month of June



Calendar Submissions

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

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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.

-Adopted February 1999

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