



A Welcoming Congregation

HORIZONS Newsletter of the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PHOENIX

4027 East Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ, 85253

July/August 2008

Celebration of Life

Sundays, 10:30 AM

JULY 6 "ENERGY INDEPENDENCE"

Speaker: Bill Mee, UUCP Member

Service Leader: Jean Rosenberg

This Independence Day service is about energy independence in the globalized world. UUCP member Bill Mee draws on research and his long career in planning to discuss the urgent topic of renewable and alternative energy.

JULY 13 "REFLECTIONS ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2008"

Speaker: Kathy Baughman,
UUCP Member

Service Leader: Sarah Burchard

Kathy will share what it's like to be with thousands of Unitarian Universalists in one place. She will share with us the spiritual impact that attending the annual meeting of the UUA had on her. She will also bring a report of significant issues and actions taken at the continental level of the UUA. She may even inspire you to attend GA 2009 in Salt Lake City, Utah - right in our own backyard!!

JULY 27: "DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE"

Dance Leaders: John Hinton, Debra Podjed, and Connie Jahrmarkt

Service Leader: Heather McLellan

The Dances of Universal Peace began as "Sufi Dancing" in San Francisco under the inspiration of Murshid ("Teacher") Samuel Lewis in the late 60's. There will be sacred chanting, singing, and simple folk dancing.

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From Rev. Susan

In our hymnal, Patricia Shuttee's reading, "The Winds of Summer" is meant to celebrate the ingathering of our congregations in September.

You and I and all of us blew about with the winds of summer...finding rest...and moving to the slow heat-struck rhythms which turn the long hours of summer light.

I feel vividly this blowing about as I box and wrap, tape and label all the belongings of my life and work here in Ohio. Things in our house are literally blown about, and we soon will be on the road headed West on a new adventure, called to a new community.

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Celebrations of Life...

*We meet with eagerness and delight,
needing one another for sharing.
We have joys and sorrows and
hopes to share, questions, things we
care about and want to help make
better, things that we would like to
understand, ideas waiting to be
heard.*

One of the reasons we come to church is to be together, to share, and care and to witness to one another through the great joys and tragedies of life.

Together, we lift up our lives and the lives of others.

I look forward to being with you all (soon!) as your minister, that together we might wrestle with the questions of life, that we might give and share of our love and caring with one another, and work together to make our world a better. I look forward to September when we will gather for worship, when we will gather...

*...together in gladness, once more
the special community that we call
our church, a community of all ages
that sings its songs, tells its thoughts,
asks its questions, and searches to-
gether with courage and love.*

See you in church,
Susan

AUGUST 3: "A CELEBRATION OF WRITERS"

Speakers: Poetry Coffeehouse
Service Leader: Tish Gauntt
Contributors to Poikilos (the UUCP literary magazine) and participants in Poetry Coffeehouse will read their original poetry and stories. Relax and breathe in some new ideas!

AUGUST 10: "A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE BUILT OUR SCHOOLS"

Speaker: Neil Douglas, Executive Director of U.S. Green Schools Foundation
Neil Douglas, Executive Director of U.S. Green Schools Foundation. The U.S. Green Schools Foundation is dedicated to driving environmental improvements in our K-12 schools and to enriching education to facilitate a healthy and sustainable coexistence with our environment. Neil will present the need that motivates the Foundation as well as the importance of the lessons we can learn now about environmental sustainability.

AUGUST 17: "AZ DEATH PENALTY FORUM"

Speaker: Paula Harms of the Federal Public Defender's Office
Service Leader: Terry Simmons
Harms will deliver a program on this vital UU social justice issue.

AUGUST 24: "LIVING TRANSFORMATIONS"

Speaker: Susan Goldsmith, UUCP Member

In *The Layers*, a poem about life's transformations, Stanley Kunitz writes that through the many changes in his eight decades of life "I am not who I was, though some principle of being abides from which I struggle not to stray." What is this "principle of being"? Yours? Mine? Ours? How do we name it and what is the nature of the struggle?

AUGUST 31: TO BE ANNOUNCED

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

Carl Roland Ely
Melvyn Earl Fair
Rose Ruttkay
Lawanda Jane Roach Mc Vey
Roberta Chamberlain
Howard Irvine

President's Column

Because this issue of Horizons covers both July and August, this is my first, and only, column before the arrival of our new minister, Reverend Susan Frederick-Gray, and her family, in Arizona. Just as Reverend Susan and her family will have a full summer preparing to move and moving to Arizona, the Board of Trustees and probably most committee chairs and activity groups will be preparing for the coming program year. I know that I have been making a mental list of objectives and goals for the coming year and thinking about where we have been and where we are going.

Three years ago, the Congregation voted to move towards policy-based governance. To do so, the number of trustees on the Board was reduced to nine with every trustee concerned with the overall well-being of our community, rather than particular aspects of our community, as had been the case. Further, two years ago, the Board proposed, and the Congregation approved, the adoption of a five year strategic plan. The Strategic Plan sets goals--spiritual and temporal--with measures of UUCP's progress in accomplishing those goals and the well-being of our community.

UUCP has already accomplished several goals contained in the Strategic Plan--UUCP now pays its fair share to the UUA and the PSWD, membership increased by 20% last year, needed repairs to our physical plant have been made and others

have been planned for, a full slate of candidates for leadership positions was developed by the Nominating Committee two months before the Congregational Meeting, and UUCP compensates its staff at the mid-range for our size and geographic area. More significantly, UUCP is a warm, positive, and thriving community of tolerance. We still have goals to meet--growing into our current staff and location, continued improvement in coordinating the use of our campus by various constituencies and in promoting interaction among those constituencies. To that end, the Board and Nominating Committee will work together to hold a training day in the fall for calendar-ing and leadership development.

The Board will also work with Reverend Susan and the committees to draft and begin adopting policies that facilitate achievement of committee goals, as reflected in their respective charters. Further, the Board will be evaluating the addition of a second Sunday service, planning for further renovations to our physical plant for safety and growth, and perhaps most importantly, continued progress in building a beloved community and becoming more effective in the wider world. Some policies will alter what has been done in the past--with the object of enhancing the overall well-being of our beloved community. As Reverend Roberta put it during her last service with us, we will be letting go of ways of being that do not strengthen our community and holding on to what makes our

community worth belonging to. May it be so.

Respectfully,

Sarah Carlson, President
Board of Trustees

Greetings from your Music Director!

During August, I'm off to Boston to attend the UU Musicians Network Conference. UUMN is twenty-five years old this year. This will begin my third and final year of the UUMN Certification Program. As of August, the Unitarian Universalist Association will be taking over the administration of this program. These are exciting times!

CONGREGATION CHOIR

Congregation Choir begins August 27th at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars!

This SATB choir is open to adults and high school singers. Reading music even at an elementary level is helpful to assure success in this group. We sing challenging music of all genres and in many languages. We rehearse on Wednesdays 7-9pm and sing in Sunday morning services.

OTHER MUSIC GROUPS:

- Family choir – open to everyone who likes to sing.
- Soulful Sundown Band – singers and instrumentalists.

Watch my column for rehearsal schedules!

ATTENTION INSTRUMENTALISTS!

Your musical gifts are always appreciated by members of the congregation. If you play an instrument I would love to hear from you. It's great to have instrumental accompaniment for hymns, songs and special music in the services.

Student musicians are invited to provide music for Children's Worship and advanced student musicians may play/sing for Sunday Services.

Please contact me and let me know how you would like to help make our worship more meaningful through music.

Connie Jahrmarkt
musicdirector@phoenixuu.org

From Roberta at the end of the betweentime:

Thank you! Thank you! I want to express my gratitude to all of you but there are only two little words I know to put into print. Thank you. I received so many lovely gifts on June 8. Thank you for the boogie board, the stole, the storyteller statue, and the framed collage of the Sources Cantata Sunday. Mot of all thank you for being a wonderful, warm, and welcoming congregation. My best wishes to the Reverend Susan and all of you for an exciting and enriching ministry together.



“To Seek Knowledge in Freedom . . .”

A Sneak Preview of the Adult Religious Education Line-up for 2008-2009

OCTOBER

- Tuesday evenings - **Poetry Patterns** – Jesse Hise, a long-time UUCP member and former high school English teacher, will lead participants through a variety of poetry “pattern” exercises designed to bring out even the most reluctant poet out everyone!
- Sunday mornings - **“With Purpose and Principle: Essays About the Seven Principles.”** This course, based on the book of the same name, provides a short history of the Unitarian Universalist Association’s Principles and Purposes plus essays on each Principle. This course is a resource for new members and for those seeking insight into this essential piece of living tradition. Facilitator: Juli Harvey

NOVEMBER

- Sunday mornings - **“Finding Your Religion: When the Faith You Grew Up With Has**

Lost Its Meaning.” Author: Scotty McLennan. McLennan, the inspiration for the character “Reverend Scotty Sloan” in Garry Trudeau’s comic strip *Doonesbury*, is a real-life Unitarian Universalist minister and chaplain at Stanford University. McLennan shares his own and his students’ search for a meaningful spiritual life, detailing six stages of faith—Magic, Reality, Dependence, Independence, Interdependence, and Unity.

JANUARY

- Sunday mornings - **“Parenting Beyond Belief: On Raising Ethical, Caring Kids Without Religion”** by Dale McGowan It’s hard enough to live a secular life in a religious world. And bringing up children without religious influence can be even more daunting. Despite the difficulties, a large and growing number of parents are choosing to raise their kids without religion. Of course, we will discuss how being in a UU community provides a unique opportunity to “parent beyond belief” in a supportive liberal faith tradition. Instructor: Kim St. Clair

FEBRUARY

- Sunday mornings - **“Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals”** - Designed to help empower skeptics, seekers, non-

believers, and those of a liberal and progressive outlook to reclaim the Bible from literalists. Includes four preliminary chapters on the why, who, which, and how of bible understanding, followed by eight brief thematic chapters covering the core of the Hebrew Bible and six covering the Christian scriptures, plus chronologies, maps, and helpful suggestions for further reading. Instructor: Larry Agle

JANUARY

- Tuesday evenings - **“Spirit Practices”** This series of workshops was field-tested at the UUCP last spring to great reviews! The now revised version will be once again offered on Tuesday nights. The workshops explore different ways to incorporate spiritual practices into our daily lives, ranging from prayer and meditation to social justice work as a way of deepening our connection to our soul.
- Wednesday afternoons in spring - **“From Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Profound New Vision of Growing Older”** Shalomi. Rabbi Schacter-Shalomi describes a radically different aging process characterized by adventure, passion, mystery, and fulfillment. Drawing on the wisdom of Sufi masters, Buddhist teachers, Native-American shamans, and Kabbalah (the mystical teachings of Islam and Judaism), Schacter-Shalomi offers techniques to expand our horizons, so we can all become

sages as we grow older.

MARCH

- Sunday mornings - **“Lifecraft: The Art of Meaning in the Everyday”** by Forrest Church. Church challenges us to imagine ourselves as a "consortium of personae" rather than as a fixed identity...otherwise, we will either think too much or too little of ourselves. A joyous book on the art of finding meaning in daily. Instructor: Bob Riddle

APRIL

- Sunday mornings - **“Sacred Depths of Nature”** by Ursula Goodenough. Blends modern science with the quest for spiritual meaning. Goodenough, a cell biologist, looks at topics such as evolution, emotions, sexuality and death while writing about the workings of nature in general and living creatures in particular. Instructor: Terry Simmons

Looking for a Few Good
Task Force Members -
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.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 6 – Summer Sunday
- July 13 – Summer Sunday
- July 20 – Summer Sunday
- July 27 – Summer Sunday
- August 3 – Summer Sunday
- August 10 – Summer Sunday
- August 17 – Summer Sunday
- August 23 – Sunday school teacher training
 - 9 - 10:30 AM Lead Teachers
 - 10:30 - 12 PM Pre-k-6th Assistants
 - 12:30 - 2:30 PM Coming of Age & YRUU advisors
- August 24 – Summer Sunday Performance & Party
- August 31 – Labor Day – NO CLASS – Nursery open

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 7th



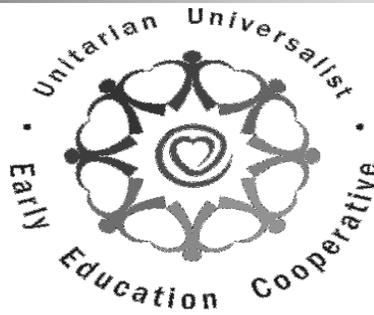
principle (value our interdependence with nature).

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 sign-up 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



EEC News

It is summer at the EEC, which translated means it is quiet! There are no voices on the play ground, no trikes rounding the trike court or babies being washed in the water table under the tree. Instead, it is a time for growth and reflection. The children are with their families, hopefully someplace cool and enjoying a little "down time". For me, I need the down time!

Down time is for reading professional journals and books. I have in a sacred pile to be enjoyed during July and on school breaks. The rest of the time I read "stuff"...you know..... fiction. But summer is special. It is time to add to the knowledge base, make decisions about the coming year and plan for the activity that happens so fast. It is a special time.

This year has been filled with so much of the roller coaster of life that it has been exhausting. Saying good-bye to Rev. Roberta, who lived this wild ride with us, was difficult. On the other hand, the joy and hope of bringing Rev. Susan into our midst is exciting.

So for now, the quiet is embracing, the anticipation of another school

year is electric and the need for a vacation is essential.

The EEC staff will return August 25 to begin another school year. There is much to do in preparation for the daily action, learning and endeavor required to provide support and guidance given to parents and the child-initiated curriculum designed to help children feel valued, worthwhile and capable in a warm, flexible environment while promoting and affirming the UU Principles. It is great to be a child at the UUEEC. Stop by sometime and see for yourself!

Jane Armstrong
UUEEC Director



Unicare

It is with a heavy heart that we try to pull the pieces together and understand how to deal with the loss of the lovely young woman who was Nikki Murphy. Nikki's parents were wed in our sanctuary and the dedication of their daughter, Nikki, was celebrated here with proud and delighted grandparents on both sides. Ellie and Bob Murphy couldn't have had more deserved pride in this beautiful granddaughter; Nikki had a beauty that radiated from within her mature soul. She was a true UU who lived and exercised the principals that she learned from her family and loving community.

Nikki and her mom, Yvonne, had just completed a trip to Europe to meet cousins that she had never known and upon her return she was so excited to share the pictures with Ellie and Bob. On Father's Day she treated her dad, Kurt, to a movie and a time to share the special bond that this father and daughter had always had.

Nikki will remain fondly in the hearts of those in UUCP whom she touched - as a child in our pre-school, a young adult who participated with great energy and sense of

fun, and a principal teacher of the UU Kindergarten. Nikki will live on in our better selves.

Daniel Mendez and Tiffany Lipkeman (now Mendez) are now legally joined at the hip! Their June 14th wedding was without a doubt a true family and community event with many, many UUCP members joining with both of their families to make the day beautiful and full of magical memories! They both plan to continue to do their ministry with our littlest UUCP-ers on Sunday mornings.

Early in June Barb Voth had a stroke and is currently recovering at Barrows Neurological at St. Joes. Her daughter Holly has been keeping us up to date with her progress. She is not allowed to have visitors but would appreciate cards sent to her at:

Barbara Voth

c/o Barrow Neurological Institute,
350 W. Thomas Road
Phoenix AZ 85013

with "Neuro-ICU patient" in the bottom left hand corner of the envelope.

Remembering Nikki

Life has such a way of presenting us with the greatest joys and the most profound sorrows. This past week had been filled with the busy happiness of preparing for and attending our beloved Daniel & Tiffany's much anticipated wedding on June 14, 2008. We all spent Monday evening going through

the photos of this most special day, enjoying reliving the revelry. Little did we know that another much loved member of our congregation, Nicole "Nikki" Murphy's life was in jeopardy. Julie Smart called me on Tuesday morning to give me the devastating news that Nikki had died from an accidental brain injury at 10 p.m., Monday, June 16, 2008.

For those of you who didn't know Nikki, she was the only grandchild of Ellie and Bob Murphy. She grew up in and around the UUCP, and was the lead Sunday school teacher for the Pre-k-Kindergarten class the entire time she was in high school. She was quite simply a bright, warm, gentle presence every Sunday morning. It was difficult to give her up as she embarked on her college career last year. I just don't know how we will all grapple with losing her so tragically.

The words of Richard Gilbert return to me in times such as these:

Our lives are like fragile eggs.

They crack and the substance escapes.

Handle with care!

Handle with exceedingly tender care

For there are human beings within,

Be gentle with one another.

We are all indeed fragile. Let us all hold each other and especially Nikki's family together with exceedingly tender care.

In peace and love,

Kim St. Clair

Director of Religious Education

MEETINGS

Social Action Committee - No meetings or luncheons scheduled in July and August. We invite YOU to join us when we resume our regular schedule in the fall. Become an integral part of a socially conscious community!

NICARAGUA REPORT

Jane and George Pauk recently returned from Nicaragua where they participated in a delegation titled "Return of the Sandinistas," and visited UUCP sponsored projects. The Sandinistas have regained the presidency and we looked at the current state of affairs in education, health care, agriculture and human rights.

Nicaragua and Haiti are the poorest countries in our hemisphere. Half the population lives on less than \$2 a day. The price of rice and beans, has doubled in the last year. Progress is being made. Education and health care are now free though classes are huge, supplies scarce and lines long in clinics. We traveled on terrible roads to the northern town of Mulu-kuku to the Women's cooperative & Casa Materna where we donated a portion of UUCP Mother's Day Free Will offering. We celebrated Nicaragua Mother's Day with 25 tearful, homesick, high risk pregnant women & learned of the "silent epidemic" of maternal death, with the outlawing of all abortions. We left a UUCP donation for food.

We left the delegation to travel to Jinotega and Circulo de Amigas and had a joyful reunion with UUCP sponsored students Jaritza and Lis-

beth. They have grown into beautiful young women, doing well in school and have ambitions for the future. We took their families to dinner – a rare treat. Their economic situations have not improved. Lisbeth's single mother works 10 hours a day, 6 days a week cooking at a restaurant and earns \$70 per month. She is trying to rebuild their crude house. Jaritza's grandmother leaves the girls for seasonal coffee picking and sells used clothing to families in the mountains. Rains were running through both of their dirt floor homes. The monthly support from our sponsorship is vital to these families.

Back in Managua we visited the very poor Barrio Edgard Lang where a new building is being constructed for the clinic, which UUCP has supported in the past. We left a UUCP donation to help the new clinic. It has been a joy to serve as messengers for UUCP Social Justice work in this beautiful country of Nicaragua.

CdA student sponsorship information is available at the Social Action table.

NEW DAY CENTER NEEDS YOU!

Volunteer opportunities await you this summer .. sign up on the board next to the Social Action table for cooking, serving and brownie baking. Many hands make light work .. yours especially!

FAIR TRADE AND EQUAL EXCHANGE

Coffee, tea and chocolate sales will continue on most Sunday at the SAC table. Farmers in Guatemala, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Nicaragua, Mexico, Peru, Dominican Republic make a fair and living wage when you purchase Fair Trade products.

"Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts, temperate by doing temperate acts, brave by doing brave acts." Aristotle

For justice always
Heather McLellan

Celebrating Beloved Community

*We become most fully human
and our lives have their greatest
meaning when we give our loyalty to
seeking truth and understanding in
ever-widening circles of community.
As we strengthen our Beloved
Community we move closer to this
vision.*

Well, the 2008-09 Stewardship Campaign is drawing to a close. Thank you for making our April 6th Kickoff Garden Party Brunch such a wonderful event. We've done a great job toward Celebrating our Beloved Community and achieved our \$325,000 goal by June 6th. (Last year it took more than 10 months for us to reach the \$306,000 we pledged.)

This year has already exceeded the past—both in dollars and in the number who have pledged. Many have shown their faith in our community by increasing their pledges. Others, who had not pledged in the past, have done so. For those who have not yet pledged, your support is still very important—it could mean that the Rev. Susan would start her ministry with a budget in the black. We have compiled all of the input about UUCP that we received at the brunch. All the comments will be shared with the board, the staff and the appropriate committees. They want to know your concerns.

So, congratulations to us all! Thank you to those who pledged. Thank

you to those who hosted and to all who helped in other ways and a special thank you to Libby Walker—without whom it wouldn't have happened.

Enjoy your summer. The coming year will be a great one for UUCP!

In community,
Joan Laurence, Canvass Coordinator

P.S. If you have not pledged, it's not too late. You can see me any Sunday; you can email to canvass@phoenixuu.org or you can request a pledge form in the office. Each pledge, whether small or large, is important.

Finance Committee

Update

We are in the new fiscal year as of July 1, 2008. Please remember to send in your final pledge payments for last fiscal. It will ensure we reach the goals we have set for our beloved community. Thank you for your contribution!

The budget for the new fiscal year was presented and approved at the congregational meeting June 8, 2008. Below are the highlights of the budget.

2008-2009 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

This budget is consistent with our strategic plan decision to invest in our future to have the best chance of long-term success. To that end, staff is now paid at the midrange

for congregation's our size and location. On average the staff received a 3% increase in pay. The budget includes an approximate 9% increase in the Minister's package. Expenses are now at their proper level, especially the funds needed to ensure we take care of our facility. Our income needs to continue to grow to ensure we can meet our financial obligations. The complete budget is available in the office.

Income

Pledges (discounted)	\$315,000
Other income	\$102,500
UUF contribution	\$ 30,000
(\$20k for roof repair and \$10k for ministerial move)	
Total income	\$458,200

Increase from 07-08 \$ 62,500

Expenses

Personnel	\$324,800
Administrative	\$28,000
Dues	\$22,500
(Fair Share to UUA & PSWD)	
Facilities	\$91,200
(Includes \$20k for roof repair)	
Programs	\$29,700
Total	\$487,900

Increase from 07-08: \$ 67,800

Projected deficit: -\$30,400
If the projected deficit does occur, it can be covered with funds in the reserve accounts.

Submitted by,
Mary Dokes, Chair

Going Green Update

The Green Sanctuary Committee is finalizing our application for candidacy in the Green Sanctuary program. Upon acceptance of our application, our congregation will undertake 12 projects for certification. Over the next few months, we'll introduce the projects in Horizons. One of the projects will be Membership Profiles with Green Focus that help UUCP members get to know each other better as well as spread tips that people have for living in a greener way. We will be interviewing both new and older members of the congregation to learn about them and their households' efforts to be green. The profiles will be published in Horizons and displayed on Green Sanctuary bulletin board in main hallway. If you are interested in being an interviewer OR an interviewee, please let the committee know by emailing to green@phoenixuu.org.

Green Tip of the Month by

Juli Harvey

In my day job, I'm a mentor. I witness the power of sharing what I do know with others who haven't yet realized what they do not know... So, how about sharing what YOU know about going green? In the times to come, UU congregants may be contacted by our Green Sanctuary Committee to share what UU have done to go green--share your wisdom--you may help all of us to grow greener!

If you can't wait to be asked, here is an idea from Treehugger.com: Get 4-12 people together weekly for a green potluck dinner and spend the evening discussing one or more of TreeHugger's Green Guides. Talk about how to go green locally, split up tasks and research, and help spur each other to green your lives.

PS For those of you who OWN a eco-friendly bag but forget it when you go shopping, here is an idea I learned while networking with someone from Prescott's Granite Peak UU Green Sanctuary Committee. "Load your groceries back into your shopping cart, sans sacks; then, unload them into your vehicle, sans sacks; and finally, carry items into your house, sans sacks..." Pretty soon you break the "forgot my eco-sack" habit and will never again have to answer the question, "Paper or plastic?"

Summary of our finances through April 30, 2008

(approximately 83% 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	\$246,096	84.9%
Total Income	\$575,295	\$551,579	95.9%
Total Expenses	\$613,448	\$559,782	91.3%
Net Income	(\$23,146)	(\$8,204)	35.4%

Servus!

In last month's Horizons we learned that "Servus" (pronounced sair-voose) means "hello" in Hungarian. This is how you can greet our visitors from Transylvania this fall! Four members of our partner church in Szekelyudvarhely will be here from October 17 to November 5, 2008.

The minister, Domokos Ruzs (Domi is his nickname) and his wife Eva are pictured below. They will be accompanied by the congregation president Gyula Littasi (we call him by his nickname too, pronounced "you-see") and his wife Csilla (pronounced chee-lah).



In the September Horizons we will announce the detailed schedule of events for their visit—starting with an after-church reception on October 19 and including a special Sunday service on October 26. 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!

From the Sanctuary Team

A heartfelt thanks goes to Diane Mote, David Ouimette, Steve Mote and Tish Gauntt for installing the fabulous exhibit of children's art from Desert View Learning Center and the UUCP Preschool. This exhibit will enliven our walls during the summer, allowing us to experience the joy of creativity and a bit of learning and laughter as well. Thanks to all who helped with this exceptional endeavor. Thanks also to the Mavericks for the previous exhibit of quilts and other fabric arts. UUCP is fortunate to have such talented exhibitors.

Please take a look at the small exhibit of children's art from Booker T. Washington, which is on the west wall adjacent to the patio door. These interesting works are the remainder of a silent auction held at BTW on May 31. Your modest donation of \$25 for each work will support the building project that is currently underway at Booker T. Washington. To purchase a work or for more information, please contact Joan Roberts or Jan Wise.

Be the First to Know...

Are you already signed up on our congregation-wide email list? If not here are some reasons you should think about signing up:

- Members receive bi-annual membership directory in their email box. Non-list members receive only the annual hard-copy directory.
- Get up-to-date information about current UUCP events and opportunities.
- Be informed immediately of Unicare issues (deaths, hospitalizations).

The Administrator is the only one who has this list and any emails that go out follow Congregation approved guidelines (i.e. must be UUCP-related). If you want to be included in this valuable communication network please email your request to administrator@phoenixuu.org

Check us out on the Web!

Have you visited our website lately?

www.phoenixuu.org

Did you know that it is our #1 recruitment tool? More people come to us from the web than any other source.

The newly re-formed Publicity & Website Committee has been working hard to keep it up to date with the latest UUCP news. For example, you can visit us today to learn more about UUCP featured on modernphoenix.net "Holy Houses! Midcentury Modern Churches from the Iconic Age of Phoenix."

If you are interested in seeing more information put up on our site, or just learning more about it please contact:

Heidi Parmenter, Administrator
administrator@phoenixuu.org or
Charlotte Carl-Mitchell, Publicity/
Website Chair
publicity@phoenixuu.org

This Should Not be a Secret!

UUCP can be very proud of being "parent" to an important organization that started right here (Sarah Ingersoll and Judge Gooding, both members of this congregation, were two of the founders!), along with Quaker friends. The Funeral Consumer Alliance of Central AZ (formerly known as the Valley Memorial Society) is a non-profit consumer education alliance helping members navigate through the complexities of end of life issues.

The mortuary "business" has become the fastest growing business in the country. The costs associated with mortuaries and crematories is unregulated and differs greatly from place to place. The FCA tries to help you weed through this information and educate you on important issues related to funerals, cremations, burials, etc.

If you'd like more information about this Alliance you can contact 480 929 9659 to request a brochure or pick one up from the UUCP office.

(As a side note, Heidi Parmenter our UUCP Administrator has taken on the role of Administrative Secretary for this group. Additionally, FCA board members recently did a presentation for Unicare's end of life planning class offered earlier this spring.)

SAWUURALabor Day

Weekend

August 30th - September 1

As luck would have it, Labor Day weekend coincides with the New Moon. Our weekend program will revolve around moon based explorations of astronomy, myths, moods, music and munchies. What sort of lunacy will there be? That depends on you. Please beam me your ideas, to curtissimo@mac.com especially if you're willing to bring them to fruition. Visit www.sawuura.org website for more information and to register.

Thanks,

Curtiss Manker-Seale, Program Co-ordinator

Outdoor Group

JULY 26: SUNSET-BROOKBANK TRAIL LOOP

Location: Flagstaff

Hiking distance: 5 1/2 miles (9 mile option)

Difficulty: moderate, difficult if longer option is chosen

Elevation: 8000-9000 feet

Meeting Place for Carpool:

McDonalds on Deer Valley Rd. and 23rd Ave. (just east of I-17) at 7:00 a.m. with departure promptly at 7:30 a.m.

Leader: Ron Rohlifing e-mail: theronster@cox.net

No hikes in August - rest up and we'll see you in September!

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.

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

For more information visit:

<http://muusic.net/luunitarian08/>

or email:

luunitarian08@yahoo.com

THE POETRY

COFFEEHOUSE

We will meet on Sunday, July 6, in Annex Room C at 9:00 AM. The theme of our session will be: POEMS OF INDEPENDENCE.

Please bring poems you yourself have written or poems of a favorite author to share. Any writing of poetic quality is welcome!

See you there!

John Williamson

Facilitator

480-607-9726

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.

Traveling 2nd Fridays

We've finished our TRAVELING 2ND FRIDAY season in June and will be starting the next season in January. I wish to thank everyone who attended or presented the various monthly programs from January through June and hope there's a few who have something new to share for the coming 2009 year. A special thank you to Libby Walker who stepped in while we were on the road. We need a travel programs from anyone who's experienced a special place and would like to share it for an hour. We've had slide programs, digital photos, and lectures about special travels. Please notify me if you'd like to be a part of our Traveling 2nd Friday at (480) 994-1452 or by e-mail at: thetravellers@cox.net.

Looking forward to our next season, Barbara Cawthorne

Calendar of Events...

Tuesday July 1 2008

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

Saturday July 5 2008

10:00 AM Sanctuary Team

Sunday July 6 2008

9:00 AM Poetry Coffeehouse
9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
10:30 AM Summer Sunday School
12:00 PM Prepare New Day Center Meal
12:00 PM Young Adult Group

Monday July 7 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday July 8 2008

6:00 PM Job Club

Thursday July 10 2008

7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Saturday July 12 2008

7:00 PM Bridge Group

Sunday July 13 2008

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
10:30 AM Summer Sunday School
12:00 PM Young Adult Group
6:00 PM MUUvie

Monday July 14 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday July 15 2008

6:00 PM Job Club

Sunday July 20 2008

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

Monday July 21 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday July 22 2008

6:00 PM Job Club

Thursday July 24 2008

7:00 PM Board Meeting

Sunday July 27 2008

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

Monday July 28 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday July 29 2008

6:00 PM Job Club

Sunday August 3 2008

9:00 AM Poetry Coffeehouse
9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
10:30 AM Summer Sunday School
12:00 PM Prepare New Day Center Meal
12:00 PM Young Adult Group

Monday August 4 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Saturday August 9 2008

9:00 AM DA Planning Meeting
7:00 PM Bridge Group

Sunday August 10 2008

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
10:30 AM Summer Sunday School
12:00 PM Young Adult Group
6:00 PM MUUvie

Monday August 11 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Wednesday August 13 2008

6:00 PM ARE Committee

Thursday August 14 2008

7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Friday August 15 2008

YRUU Lock-in

Saturday August 16 2008

YRUU Lock-in

Sunday August 17 2008

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

Monday August 18 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Thursday August 21 2008

6:00 PM Children's Ministry Committee

Saturday August 23 2008

9:00 AM RE Teacher/Advisor Training

Sunday August 24 2008

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

Monday August 25 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Friday August 29 2008

Coming of Age Kick-off party
9:00 AM Sanctuary Team

Sunday August 31 2008

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
12:00 PM Young Adult Group
12:00 PM Membership Committee

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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