



A Welcoming Congregation

HORIZONS Newsletter of the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PHOENIX

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Celebration of Life

Sundays, 10:30 AM

OCTOBER 5: DISCIPLINES OF THE SPIRIT

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

This year, the beginning of October marks both the end of Ramadan for Muslims and the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in Judaism. Both of these mark the end of a month long period of spiritual discipline. For Muslims the discipline is fasting. For Jews it is reconciling relationships and practicing forgiveness. What wisdom can we find in these traditions that is important for our own living.

OCTOBER 12: COMING OUT AND REDISCOVERY, YRUU (YOUNG RELIGIOUS UUs) LED SERVICE

Service Leaders: Dani Lockwood and Brianna Noonan

This service will explore the many ways and whys we continually "come out" in our lifetimes. Please plan to join us for this special YRUU led service. There will be special music and a chance to meet and mingle with our youth after the service.

OCTOBER 19: THE ROOTS OF UNITARIANISM

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

In recognition of our Partner Church guests, we will look at the history of Unitarianism in Transylvania, specifically as it relates to one our most highly held commitments: freedom of conscience.

Special Offering: This morning we join with Unitarian Universalist congregations around the country in taking a collection to support the annual Association Sunday: Growing Our Spirit. The funds raised this year will be used for new programs for lay theological education and excellence in ministry. As you may remember, last year's Association Sunday campaign raised money to advertise our faith in national media markets, most prominent Time magazine. Let's make this national

campaign as successful as last year.

OCTOBER 26: OUR PARTNER CHURCH STORY

Service Leaders: Revs. Domokos Rusz and Susan Frederick-Gray
After the fall of the socialist government in Romania, the Unitarian Church decided to build a new church and community center. The young Rev. Domokos Rusz was charged with this monumental task. This new church became our partner church. Although the government changed, many difficulties had to be overcome. It is a story full of suspense, anxiety, and ultimately, of inspiration. Hear Rev. Rusz tell this story himself, and learn how UUCP played a role.

Servus!

Four visitors from our partner church in Szekelyudvarhely will be with us for the Sunday service on Oct. 19. They are Rev. Domokos Rusz and his wife Eva, and the congregation president Gyuszi Littasi and his wife Csilla. After the service, please join us for an informal reception to meet them and say "Servus" (pronounced sair-voose, which means "hello" in Hungarian).

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Minister's Musings

When I first felt the call to ministry, it scared the wits out of me. What scared me wasn't the way I felt the call. In fact, that was pretty mundane. After a lot of soul searching in college I wanted to put my energy into three areas—community, justice building, and love. The problem was, I didn't know what kind of career would offer that focus. Well, it was not some loud voice from far away that suggested ministry; it was my mother's voice. When I told her my interests, she said, "It sounds like you are talking about ministry."

Unlike a lot of other careers I considered, ministry was not one I could easily rule out. Yet, the thought of being a minister frightened me. I wasn't sure I could do it and the commitment it would take was daunting. I wasn't sure I wanted to do. But the suggestion stayed with me—I wrestled with it and doubted it, but I also felt challenged and motivated and excited about it.

Right now at this moment, change isn't just something I am experiencing, it not just something we as a congregation are experiencing. Our whole country is talking about change in the context of the upcoming election, and in the face of a growing economic crisis which is already bringing changes to our lives and how we do business. And if there is one thing I have learned, it is that change, fear and growth are all wrapped up together.

Fear is a natural result of facing change. It is heightened when the need for change comes about due to something outside of our control. But even when we choose to make a change, we may feel some apprehension. Even if who or what we are is not satisfying, there is a comfort found in what is known. Change means being something different, creating a different future, trying something new and that always means moving into the unknown. Even when the gains are tremendous, change means we give up something and that is never easy.

But change, whether it is by choice or necessity, is an opportunity for growth. Without change, growth would never be possible. Fear is the marker that lets us know we are facing change. How we respond to that fear is what is most crucial. Do we allow it to hold us back or do we acknowledge it while still moving forward?

A wise member of a Unitarian Universalist congregation in Nashville once told me that fear is 1000 miles wide and 1000 miles high, but only ¼ inch thick. It seems daunting, but all it takes is a step forward to break through it.

As we embrace the changes that come with building a new shared ministry and living out the congregation's vision of building the beloved community, we have before us an opportunity for tremendous growth. Not just growth in numbers but more importantly, in the health and vitality of our congregation, in our effectiveness at working for justice in the larger community, and in our own personal and spiritual growth as leaders and members in this vibrant, open and embracing congregation. It is indeed and exciting time!

See you in worship,
Susan

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

Evemarie Holl Mosher
Walter Blake Williamson, Jr.
Homer M. Sarasohn
William Frank Hall
Roger Davy

From the President...

In central Arizona, many of us tolerate the summer by looking forward to the cooler fall and winter. Fall in this part of the world is a time of renewal. We welcome back those who summer elsewhere but are now returning. Fall is also a time of renewal for our religious community. We have been indeed fortunate in attracting our minister, Rev. Susan, and in our staff: Kim St. Clair, Connie Jahrmarkt, Heidi Parmenter, Jane Armstrong, Lynne Haessler, Kate Otting, and Manuel Gomez, as well as the dedicated UUEEC teaching staff. As dedicated and hard-working as our paid staff are, we also depend upon the efforts of volunteers to complete the many tasks confronting a Congregation of our size and to achieve the goals we have set for ourselves as a religious community. Here too, we have been fortunate in the hours devoted by so many members to make UUCP the wonderful community it is. Some of these efforts are readily evident. For example, choir members obviously prepare for Sunday morning (and other) services. The work of other committees may be less self-evident. If you have ever wondered how Board trustees are chosen: it is due to the efforts of the Nominating Committee. If you have ever wondered how the lights in the statuary garden are lit, the roof repaired, or safety hazards ameliorated: it is due to the efforts of Buildings & Grounds. If you have ever wondered who balances the books: it is the efforts of our Treasurer and the Finance Committee. If you have ever wondered how UUCP has attracted

new members: it is in significant part due to the efforts of the Membership and Publicity Committees. If you have ever wondered how preparation of the New Day Center meals or participation in Pride events are co-ordinated: it is through the Social Action Committee. If you have ever wondered how UUCP is moving towards becoming a more sustainable campus: it is through the efforts of the Green Sanctuary Committee. If you have ever wondered how the art on display in the Sanctuary is selected and hung: it is due to the efforts of the Sanctuary Team.

These are just some of the committees or groups who are active on our campus. The success of each depends upon the individual efforts of members (or friends) working collaboratively—no one person can do it all alone—to accomplish goals. As important and successful as these committees have been, new volunteers help to sustain, expand, and invigorate these efforts. So, if you have an afternoon to help prepare the New Day Center meal, sign up on the board by the Social Action table. If you have a green thumb or are handy with a wrench, give Bill Mee, chair of Buildings & Grounds a call. If you have an evening to work on the website, contact Charlotte Carl-Mitchell. And if you think that maybe—just maybe—you could help in a leadership role, spend a few hours on Saturday, October 4, at Leadership Development Day, which is being sponsored by the Nominating Committee. It's a great way to be-

come better acquainted with other members, learn skills, and help renew our beloved community! May it be so.

Greetings from your Music
Director!

FAMILY CHOIR STARTS
OCTOBER 5

Gather 'round the piano after services Oct. 5- Nov. 16. We'll sing on Nov. 23rd for an Intergenerational Thanksgiving Service.

SOULFUL SUNDOWN
RETURNS!

1st Sunday of the month 6pm.

Come to experience at taste of UU
Faith

-Musicians who want to play in the Soulful Sundown band, contact me: musicdirector@phoenixuu.org or 480 970 8807. We'll rehearse an hour before the service at 5:00pm.

MUSIC ENSEMBLES

Now is your chance to sing in an ensemble (group). The ensembles get to decide: style of music, when to rehearse, how much to sing and how hard to work. I (Connie) will be the resource person to help you find music and schedule your ensemble for Sunday morning services or Soulful Sundowns.

*"Music is the vehicle that
transports us from where
we are to where
we want to be."*

— Rabbi Israel Ba'al

Shem Tov

I think that's all for now. Keep singing!

Connie Jahrmarkt



“To Seek Knowledge in Freedom . . .”

UNCOUNTED FEATURE
PRESENTATION ON OCTOBER
16, 2008

The Adult RE Committee will host a viewing of film, which “exposes how Americans were cheated during the 2004 and 2006 elections – and how “enraged” voters have turned their anger into citizen activism – to safeguard the vote. Eyewitness accounts from whistleblowers are backed up by election experts in revealing how Jim Crow tactics, electronic voting machine security breaches, vote count manipulation, and illegal behavior by a major voting machine manufacturer all threaten the very core of our democracy – the vote. Democrats, Republicans, business leaders, elected officials, and rank and file voters are all part of a growing movement in America to correct an election system gone bad.” Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.; the movie will begin at 6:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served. There is a suggested donation of \$5, but no one will be turned away.

UU STUDIES (UUS) PASS
NOW ON SALE AT BOOK TA-
BLE

Talk about a bargain! Our Adult RE

courses usually cost \$10 per course; the purchase of an UUS pass for \$35, however, entitles the holder to unlimited Adult RE courses for the 2008-2009 program year. UUS passes can be purchased at any time during the year.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCA- TION OCTOBER CLASSES

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 in everyone!

Facilitator: Jesse Hise.

Dates & Time: October 7, 14, 21,
28 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Room B

Fee: \$10 or presentation of UUS
Pass

“With Purpose and Principle: Essays About the Seven Princi- ples.”

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

Date & Time: Sundays @ 9:00
a.m., 10/5, 10/12, 10/19 and 10/26.

Location: Room 9.

Fee: \$10.00 or presentation of
UUS Pass, plus a copy of With
Purpose and Principle edited by

Edward A. Frost - \$12. (The book is worth the price, even if you do not take this class.)

YOUNG ADULT GROUP FULL OF ENERGY!

After a bit of a lull, our young adult (18-35 year old) and Arizona State University campus ministry groups have had a recent infusion of energy with the arrival of handful of new Phoenicians! The young adult group is open to anyone 18-35 years old or their allies (code for older than 35 but still wants to support young adult ministry). We meet every Sunday around noon in Room C. We often have a short, focused discussion and then head off to a local eatery for lunch. The campus ministry group is open to anyone looking for a contemplative, interactive small group worship. You need not be an ASU student to attend these meetings. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (our meeting place is still in flux). Please contact Kim St. Clair at redirector@phoenixuu.org for more information.

WISDOM OF HINDUISM FOR DAILY LIVING

Jay Alagia, a long time member of our UUCP, will teach a class using selected verses from Bhagavad Gita on October 11, 9 am. to 11:30 am. Attendance is limited to six persons. After the class, students may join Jay for a buffet lunch at the Indian restaurant located at 16th and Campbell, Phoenix. If interested please contact Jay or sign up at the book table, with your contact information. Jay can be reached at 602 952-8889 or JAlagia@cox.net

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 5 - Children's Worship (Pre-k-6th Grade) with special guest Jeffrey Sadow; 12:30-3:00 p.m. - No Muss No Fuss at All Hands Pottery Studio
- October 12 - Sunday school class - (1st-6th grade begin in sanctuary); YRUU-led Sunday service
- October 19 - 9:00 a.m. - UU Pals Kick-off Event (Johnson Room) 10:30 a.m. - Sunday school class - (1st-6th grade begin in sanctuary)
- October 26 - 10:30 a.m. - Sunday school class - (1st-6th grade begin in sanctuary)

CHILDCARE PROVIDED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Our nursery is open at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday morning so parents may attend book discussion group, an Adult Religious Education course, or committee meetings. No advance registration is needed.

A SPECIAL TREAT FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Our first Children's Worship on October 5, 2008, will be an all-music sing-along led by the incredibly talented "Teacher" Jeffrey Sadow! Teacher Jeffrey is known to many of our UUCP children and youth as the co-director of Kids Kamp and as the Desert View and Early Education Cooperative music teacher. Teacher Jeffrey also brings his gift of music to numerous public elementary schools. He will be leading

us in songs that will become staples in both the Children's Ministry program and the entire congregation through the year. Parents of pre-kindergarten through 6th grade children are asked to bring the children directly to the Johnson Room at 10:30 a.m. on October 5th.

NO MUSS NO FUSS AND POTTERY PAINTING FOR EMPTY BOWLS

Our October 5, 2008, No Muss No Fuss luncheon will be combined with pottery painting at All the Hands Pottery studio located at 3375 East Shea Boulevard (southeast corner of SR 51 and Shea). Everyone is invited to grab some lunch and join us from 12:30-3:00 p.m. to paint rice bowls that will then be sold at our Empty Bowls luncheon on November 9, 2008. The cost for this activity is \$7.50 and includes the rice bowl and all associated studio costs. There is a Subway sandwich shop located next door to the studio.

UU PALS TO KICK-OFF EVENT

Our first UU Pals event will be on Sunday, October 19, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the Johnson Room. This event will feature snacks and food activities to help our UU Pals become acquainted. Parents are welcome, too! Please contact Ann-Marie Ciemny at cciemny@juno.com for more information.

ROOTS & SHOOTS IS HERE FOR A SECOND YEAR! COME JOIN US.

Roots and Shoots was started by Dr. Jane Goodall as part of a worldwide network of people from over 100 countries. We have fun planned, while we learn more about the world, and how we can help. Join us for our meeting October 19th from 12:30-2:00pm. This special meeting will be hosted by the Leung Family. We will be creating a sewing project for a holiday sale and taking a garden tour.

For questions or directions about the October meeting, contact Susan Leung at shbleung@yahoo.com. Recommended age is 8 to adult. Supervision of young people is requested. This group is a great opportunity for families to do something meaningful together. For more info check out www.rootsandshoots.org or contact:

Todd Cruse, Nancy Cruse, Susan Leung

NEW T-SHIRT AND CANVASS BAG DESIGNS

Back by popular demand are reusable canvass grocery bags and t-shirts with the UUCP logo! The canvass bags are khaki with a new UUCP logo and 20" x 6" x 16". We will sell the bags for \$4.00 each. We will offer a women's scoop neck and men's crew neck t-shirt (in adult and youth sizes) with the new UUCP logo. The t-shirts will be white because we are going to have a tie-dye event in early November! Adult sizes are \$18; youth sizes are \$15. Check out our designs below,

Children's Ministry...

and be on the look-out for ordering information in October orders of service and on the www.phoenixuu.org website.

Together we care for the earth.



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Congregation of Phoenix

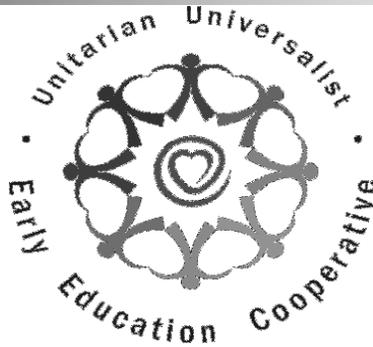
Canvass bag design

Be the change.



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Congregation of Phoenix

T-shirt design



Its Fall! Fall in the preschool means fun! Children are settled in and teachers are busy keeping little hands and minds very busy.

Join us on October 18 to officially usher in the season of pumpkins, candy, hayrides, orange, costumes, pie, and cooler weather (okay, we can't promise on that last one; we can only hope!). Our very own preschool, the UUEEC, is hosting a Fall Festival right here on the grounds that will include fun for the whole family. Saturday, October 18, from 3 – 6 pm., plan to bring the kids and/or grandkids and enjoy the festivities, including an outdoor BBQ, pumpkin patch, storytelling, pumpkin decorating and other seasonal kid crafts, and fun activities to celebrate the season.

This is the kick-off fundraising event for the preschool, with proceeds supporting the school's operating budget. Plus, it's a time to come together as a community, with all the groups who call our facility "home" at various times in the week – families from the congregation, the preschool, and DVLC – congregating in fun. Come on, who doesn't love an excuse to see kids (big and small) in

costume, and enjoy apple cider, chili, and some pumpkin pie? Or apple pie? Or both?

Re-create what we used to experience at Young's Farm – right here at home! Skip the long drive to Queen Creek and avoid long lines at the Desert Botanical Gardens for pumpkins! You can pick your own pumpkins right here at UUCP and have a blast in the process. Watch your email, the Sunday announcements, and/or posters here at the church for information on purchasing advanced tickets. Questions? Contact UUEEC Director Jane Armstrong, at (602) 840-0746, or director-jane@gmail.com.

Director Jane

Sharing the Ministry,

Sharing the Joy

UUCP will hold its combined Leadership Development and Calendar Day on Saturday, October 4, beginning at 8:30 am. The focus of the morning will be on volunteers: how to recruit, honor, and mentor people as they contribute to our many ministries and activities. We will provide practical tools for drawing people in and making sure their efforts are rewarding. Our goal is to make the time worthwhile, both by providing practical information and by providing time and structure for us to share ideas and needs with each other.

Then, over lunch, we will fill out the major elements on the UUCP calendar for the year.

Doing so allows us to avoid scheduling conflicts and also gives us a chance to look for opportunities to create connections between different groups. We plan to finish by 1:30.

By the time you read this, invitations will have been sent to committee chairs and other leaders, and we will have received most RSVPs. However, there will be room for more, so please join us if you want to learn more about how we will be developing broader and deeper participation within the UUCP community.

For more information or to let us know you plan to attend, contact Susan Goldsmith or Pauline Peverly.

UUCP Information

System Task Force

The current era may be referred to as the “age of information.” Computers and the internet make it possible to exchange and use information in many creative ways. The Staff, Board of Trustees, and many Committees recognize that the ministries of the UUCP will benefit by making better use of modern information management tools.

This summer, a small team met several times to identify ways to improve the retention and access of administrative information for the Congregation. Their mission was “to implement a unified information system with a single database that meets the needs of all major operations of the UUCP.”

The team consisted of

Don Weir, Chair
Heidi Parmenter, Administrator
Gloria Swaine, bookkeeper
Joan Laurence, Canvass Committee Chair

The team used, information from the following organizations

Staff
Board of Trustees
Finance Committee
Stewardship Committee
Membership Committee
Adult Religious Education Committee
Children Religious Education Committee

Kids Kamp

The teams addressed these tasks:

1. Confirm current format and use of the administrative, financial and other databases.
2. Identify additional needs for information and access requirements.
3. Consolidate information requirements into a single specification.
4. Define access and security requirements,
5. Select and evaluate candidate software systems and pick the one that meets as many data, access, and security requirements as feasible.
6. Perform parallel testing of new system with current system.
7. Solicit leadership support for system implementation.
8. Implement new information system.

The current and additional information needed was identified and listed. The team used information from office procedures, current registration forms, and requests from Committees. A consolidated list was organized and functionally arranged.

Access and security are key features of the database. Security controls must allow authorized members access to their own personal data, but not to others' data. Only individuals in key staff and leadership positions can have access to the data of others. All privacy policies must be enforced. Finally, the data needs to be accessible during times when the

office is closed.

Today, the office uses ACS PeopleSuite to maintain all membership records and Intuit QuickBooks for all financial records. Several other systems software packages were examined and evaluated. The team determined that the two programs we currently use have all of the features needed by the UUCP. No change in software is proposed.

ACS PeopleSuite provides a module that allows internet access to the UUCP database. It provides password-protected access at four levels

- Member – provides access to the individual member's information as well as the Directory, Class Rosters, and Activity Rosters
- Lay Leader – adds access to all member records needed for leadership of the Congregation
- Staff – adds capability to add attendance records, financial records, and other business activities
- Administrator – adds full access for developing and maintaining the database.

It soon became apparent that adding all of the new data in one year was a daunting task. It was decided that the following information would be added to the data base this year:

- Religious Education registration data
- Pledge and contribution data from QuickBooks for statements

- Stewardship/Canvass records
- Names of chairs and members of Committees
- Volunteer survey results

All financial records except for pledge and contribution data will remain in QuickBooks and will only be accessible by the Bookkeeper, Administrator, and Treasurer.

Testing of the PeopleSuite internet access is currently underway using a "blind" account and a sample portion of the current office database. Initial results are encouraging and the work continues.

The implementation plan will be presented during Leadership day on October 4th. A few leaders and members will be selected during the meeting for a full-up test of the system. If testing continues to be successful, look for full roll out of the system by the end of 2008.

In the meantime, all records are being kept in the current system to maintain data quality, integrity, and privacy. Please call the Administrator if you have any questions.

WANTED: YOU

at the UUCP Western Potluck!

The Partner Church Council invites you to a stompin'

good time with our Partner church visitors on

Saturday, October 25, 2008

6 PM

REWARD OFFERED IN RETURN FOR YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH

Assorted burgers 'n dogs, buns and fixing's provided

Wine, beer and soft drinks available for purchase

Enjoy campfire sing-alongs, cowboy music and Western dancing

Children welcome - no childcare provided

Western duds encouraged!

Please RSVP to the email invitation or at the Partner Church
table in the sanctuary on Sunday. For more information please
contact Judy Lambert at judy.lambert@yahoo.com

From the Finance Committee

It's hard to believe we're already a quarter of the way through the 2008-09 fiscal year, but the calendar tells us it's time for the first quarterly statements to be mailed out. If you're a "pledger", you can expect your statement to reach you around the end of this month (October).

Many volunteer and staff hours have been spent upgrading the layout of these statements, and, in general, we're very pleased with them. If you find a discrepancy, however, or simply need an item clarified, please call the office between 9:00 a.m. and

3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday (602-840-8400) for assistance. Any payments intended to complete your last year's pledge, will appear on your statement as contributions but will not be credited to your 2007-2008 pledge.

As you can see from the chart below, we are close to budget in both income and expenses so far this year. This is especially gratifying, because pledge payments are traditionally slow during the summer months.

The Early Education Co-op representative, Yvette Katsenes, reports that the preschool has enrolled eight children in their transitional kindergarten, one more than they

budgeted for, and that the school is doing very well both financially and academically.

The documenting of financial procedures (an essential task, but not a popular one!) is high on our list of current projects. To make things less onerous, chairperson Mary Dokes plans to distribute the work among the members of the Committee, so you can expect to hear more about this in future columns.

Ellie Murphy, for the Finance Committee

UUCP Financial Update

Fiscal Year - July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

(Operating & EEC)

as of July 30, 2008, we are about 8.3% through the fiscal year

| CATEGORY | BUDGET | YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL | PERCENT OF BUDGET |
|----------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Pledge Income | \$325,008 | \$39,994 | 12.3% |
| Total Income | \$654,151 | \$81,779 | 12.5% |
| Total Expenses | \$687,505 | \$61,174 | 8.9% |
| Net Income | (\$30,732) | \$23,225 | 75.6% |

**SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE
MEETING
OCTOBER 12 12:15 PM
ANNEX B**

The Social Action Committee invites all socially conscious members and friends to share ideas and responsibilities. At last month's well-attended meeting a young man shared his experience with other UU youth when they visited California's dams and water projects. James will be the speaker at November's luncheon .. stay tuned.

There will be no luncheon this month. We will host a special dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 28 with our Transylvania partner church visitors as our guests. To introduce them to our local and international work, reports will be presented by project coordinators.

**NEW DAY FAMILY SHELTER
NEWS**

A children's art project will be coordinated by Carla Dunlap assisted by Beverly Spiars each month. When the children finish dinner they will be encouraged to move to the back room for fun and creative expression. Many more New Day opportunities will be available in addition to cooking and serving dinner. We are very excited for the the children, and thank Carla and Bev for stepping up.

BRIDGES TO AFRICA TOUR

Dates: January 16 - 24, 2009 - led by our own Janice Brunson. Tour is sponsored by the Kenyan Unitarian Universalist Council, an economic development project of Bridges Into Africa. Cost of tour is \$1400 per person which includes all land transportation, rooms, meals and entry to Masai Mara Game Preserve. Transportation and safari is provided by a registered professional tour guide.

See Janice Brunson or visit the Social Action table for more information.

***"Until the great mass of
the people shall be filled
with the sense of responsibility
for each other's welfare,
social justice can
never be attained." Helen
Keller***

Submitted by,
Sarah Burchard, chair

**CLF'S PRISONER PEN PAL
PROGRAM**

Looking for a social justice project that UUs can do alone or in groups, in their own homes, whenever it's convenient? Over 400 prisoners have joined the UU Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) seeking liberal spiritual support by mail. About half of them are writing to a (non-incarcerated) UU penpal through CLF's "Letter Writing Ministry", but dozens more CLF prisoner-members are still on the wait-list.

All letters to/from prisoners are sent through the mail (so UUs without web/email can participate), and all letters from prisoners are forwarded through CLF's prison ministry (prisoners are told only their penpal's first name). The CLF's prison ministry staff makes the penpal 'matches' and remains available to all penpals for advice/support. Individual UUs are welcome to apply, or a group of UUs from the same congregation can apply and ask to be 'matched' all at the same time (if they want to form an ongoing study/support group).

Please visit CLF's website www.clfuu.org/prisonministry to review the Guidelines for the Letter Writing Ministry and request an info-application packet, or write to the CLF Prison Ministry, 25 Beacon St , Boston , MA 02108 (PrisMin@clfu.org).

It's not always easy being green, but it can be very tasty!

By Susan Leung and Lydia Yanak
The UUCP Green Sanctuary Committee is interested in the establishment of a CSA pick-up site at UUCP. CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture, all locally grown produce. Produce selection varies season to season. Winter crops supply a variety of cooking and salad greens, root vegetables, broccoli, cauliflower, and citrus. As the year progresses, peas, tomatoes, corn, onion, cucumber, squash, melons, and many more fresh vegetables and fruits become available. Commonly loved favorites are always included, and there is often an opportunity to try a new vegetable, or share a new recipe for preparing the bounteous harvest !

Members sign a contract agreeing to join a CSA community with a designated produce coordinator, pick-up location, day and time. Members commit to support our regional farmer and to share in the rewards and the risks of the farmer's harvests, to complete the subscription session, and to pre-pay for the session. In last year's GSC survey, more than 85% of the respondents expressed interest in participating in a CSA.

To find out more about how you and our UUCP community can participate in this delicious venture and what the many benefits are – email the committee at

green@phoenixuu.org or listen for announcements at October services.

In the words of Farmer Frank of Crooked Sky Farms, "CSA's can reconnect us with our food – providing a tangible, hopeful solution. CSA's promote fair wages for farm workers, environmental stewardship, economic sustainability and strong community."

GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH by Juli Harvey

All candidates these days have positions on green issues, and these are just a mouse click away. Check the platform positions of all the candidates and support those that align with your vision for a "greener" planet. Then, be sure you are registered and show your support with your vote. Your planet is counting on it.

New Air Conditioning in Classrooms

The Desert View Learning Center (DVLC) community has contributed air conditioning to the 1965 and 2001 annex buildings. This improvement to the campus benefits several of our programs that meet on the weekends, as well as helping the environment for the Early Education Cooperative office during the week. The Board of Trustees has formally thanked the DVLC community. In addition, we all need to express gratitude as we enjoy using these rooms during the "dry heat" of Summer.

The Renovation Committee notes that the plans for capital improvements include replacing the doors and windows in the 1965 annex to improve safety and energy efficiency. We also hope to replace the light fixtures with modern, energy efficient fixtures. Through the effort of our entire community we are on a path to have an accessible, safe, energy efficient, and comfortable place.

Formational Meeting of the Renovation Committee

We begin a new operational year with increasing membership, leadership from Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, and a high level of energy within the Congregation. There is more need than ever to bring our facilities up to modern accessibility and environmental standards. A new motto was coined for the End of the Capital Campaign Brochure - let's "...make our building as friendly and accessible as we are."

During its July 2008 meeting, the UUCP Board of Trustees confirmed its support of the renovation/construction effort, and specifically decided to combine the supervision of construction and the organization of the financing under the umbrella of a new "Renovation Committee". On August 19th, the Board approved the nomination of Don Weir as the chair of the Renovation Committee.

The organizational meeting of the UUCP Renovation Committee was held on Thursday, September 4, at 6:30 PM. The meeting was attended by:

Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray
Gary Ezzell
Dale Fisher
Bill Mee
Jack Putta
Gene Rowley
Bert Pearlman
Don Weir

The mission of the Renovation Committee is to:

- Oversee the construction of the remaining elements of the Phase 1 Building Program
- Develop the financing plan for completing the Phase 1 Building Program
- Address additional building and grounds needs that are outside the scope of normal Buildings & Grounds Committee maintenance.

The Committee has the momentum from the construction efforts of this past year, and a strong desire to move forward. The fine work of the Universal Access Committee, Combined Campaign Steering Committee, Construction Committee, and the Finance Committee will be continued to achieve the needs identified in the Strategic Plan and Building Master Plan for Phase 1 construction.

Several actions are underway to continue progress on the building improvements

- Cost estimates are being developed for selected portions of the Phase I plan
- Financing options are being evaluated
- The Strategic Plan is being updated to reflect the current construction progress and measures
- More communication on the status and plans of the project is being developed.

The next meeting of the Renovation Committee will be held on Thursday evening, October 2, at 6:30 PM in the UUCP Johnson Room. Please feel free to attend if you are interested in this important effort.

Janice Brunson Reports

It was fabulous!!! The Democratic National Convention, that is. This was the fourth and final convention for super delegate Janice Brunson who did not run again for Party office. She now devotes her time to Bridges Into Africa, the first and only project by western UUs working with African UUs. The tour to visit African UUs in January '09 still has space. More info: janice-brunson@yahoo.com or 480 596 0462.



Unicare

It has been said many times that we are all part of a caring community and that makes all of us a member of Unicare, the committee that cares for those in our UU community who face the great challenges of life. On October 9th at 12:00 noon the Unicare committee will meet with Rev. Susan in the Johnson room to plan for the new year and brainstorm ways that we can meet the spiritual, physical and friendship needs of our congregation. All are welcome and urged to join this friendly group for a lunch which will be provided and the meeting that follows.

Ruth Clark, a new member of our Congregation, recently lost her husband. They were in the process of making some changes to their home. The project is being headed up by Ernesto Fonseca and Cynthia Lines who have asked for help in completing this project. If you have skills that you would like to offer or a donation to fund this project, please contact Ernesto or Cynthia by email at ernesto-fonseca@yahoo.com.

We send our love to Heather Mclellan as she grieves for her brother, Allan who died with her by his side. Our thoughts are also with Natalie Summit and Alan Le-

vine as they part and enter a new chapter in their lives.

Facing our challenges together in community, Julie Smart Unicare Chair

From the Sanctuary Team

The Sanctuary Team extends a hearty thanks to the 21 artists who are participating in the Membership Art Exhibit that is currently hanging in the Sanctuary and will continue through the end of November. This certainly is the largest member exhibit in many years. The following artists are represented:

Mary Abbey, Jay, Jasu Alagia & daughter, Gary Beals, Ann Ciemny, Ava Ciliberti, Gary Ezzell, Dale Fisher, Tish Gauntt, Eugene Grigsby, Jesse and Sharon Hise, Joan Lawrence, Jewel Lyman, Bert Pearlman, Mort Rosenberg, Bill Snowden, Rita Van Alkemade, Libby Walker and Elaine Warner.



Outdoor Group

Come join your UU friends for a hike in the great outdoors!

Hike: Chicken Point in Sedona

Date: Saturday - October 11

Meeting Time: 7:30 a.m. to leave at 8:00

Meeting Place: McDonald's on Deer Valley Rd. & 23rd Ave. (just east of I-17)

Hiking distance: 3-4 miles

Hike rating: Moderate- difficult if longer option chosen

Leader: Harriett Bliss - HCBliss7@hotmail.com

Hike: Sabino Canyon in Tucson

Date: Saturday - October 25

Meeting Time: 7:00a.m. to leave at 7:30

Meeting Place: McDonald's on Elliott Rd. west of I-10

Hiking Distance: 6 miles

Hike Rating: Moderate

Leaders: Ron and Laura Rohlfing - theronster@cox.net

For more details visit the hike table in the back of the sanctuary or contact the hike leaders listed above.

Attention UU Crafters and Buyers

Look for the Holiday Craft Sale the end of November, exact date to be announced. If you make crafts to sell or know someone who does contact Libby Walker. Holiday shoppers remember you can buy unusual gifts. At least 25% of the sales are donated to UUCP. With the proceeds last year we bought the new chairs for the Johnson Room.

THE POETRY

COFFEEHOUSE

We will meet on Sunday, October 5, 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



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

Make Me An Offer I Can't Refuse !

That's the theme of West Valley UU Church's 2008 auction, to take place Saturday, October 18, 5904 West Cholla Rd., Glendale.

"This year we're expanding," says a WV spokeswoman. "In addition to our customary Silent Auction (with a 25¢-bid Kid's Table), we've added dinner, entertainment, a 50/50 drawing and a Live Auction. We're suggesting that people think of it as their family night out for October."

Dinner will be pasta with one's choice of three sauces, salad, bread sticks, soft drinks, coffee and dessert.

"If you'd like a more traditional beverage with your Italian-style meal, you're welcome to bring your own," she continues. "Where else would you find such a meal at \$12 per adult, \$5 per child ten and under, and free to children three and under?" Reserve your dinner tickets by contacting Cindy at cindynowell@cox.net.

We're very excited to be able to offer such Live Auction items as Gold Tier Ballet Arizona tickets and dinner at the Fire Station to include a ride on the fire truck. You can view our color catalog by logging onto wvu.org and clicking on the Make Me An Offer I Can't Refuse banner.

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| Choir (reach the Choir through the Music Committee or Music Director) | |
| Circle Dinners | circledinners@phoenixuu.org |
| Job Club | jobclub@phoenixuu.org |
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 Sharon Hise
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TYPICAL MEETING TIMES

1st Thursday at 7pm
 2nd Thursdays at 7pm
 4th Tuesday at 4pm
 4th Sunday at 12pm
 1st Wednesday at 6pm
 2nd Thursday at 6pm
 2nd Thursday at 7pm
 2nd Sunday at 12pm
 3rd Thursday at 7pm
 Sundays 9am
 2nd Saturday 7pm
 3rd Saturday
 Tuesdays 6:30pm
 Mondays 7pm
 2nd Fridays January - June 7pm
 2nd Sunday 6pm
 1st Sunday 9am

Please see "UUCP in Action" for more group contact information as well as descriptions.

Calendar of Events...

Wednesday October 1 2008

5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM ARE Committee Meeting

Thursday October 2 2008

6:30 PM Renovation Committee

Friday October 3 2008

6:00 PM Nom. Committee Set Up

Saturday October 4 2008

8:30 AM Calendaring & Leadership
Development Day

Sunday October 5 2008

9:00 AM Poetry Coffeehouse
9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
9:00 AM ARE Class
9:00 AM Music Rehearsal
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
12:01 PM Family Choir
5:00 PM Soulful Sundown Rehearsal
6:00 PM Soulful Sundown Service

Monday October 6 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday October 7 2008

10:00 AM UUCP Staff Meeting
6:00 PM ARE Class: Poetry Patterns
6:30 PM Job Club

Wednesday October 8 2008

5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday October 9 2008

6:00 PM Children's Ministry Cmte.
6:00 PM YRUU Rehearsal
7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Friday October 10 2008

UUCP Office Closed

Saturday October 11 2008

9:00 AM Hinduism Class
6:00 PM Bridge Group

Sunday October 12 2008

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
9:00 AM ARE Class
9:00 AM Lead Teacher Meeting
9:00 AM Music Rehearsal
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
12:00 PM Young Adult Group
12:00 PM Social Action Committee
12:00 PM Family Choir
6:00 PM MUUvie

Monday October 13 2008

No School - Columbus Day
7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle
7:30 PM Campus Ministry

Tuesday October 14 2008

10:00 AM UU PSWD Cluster Meeting
6:00 PM ARE Class
6:30 PM Job Club
6:30 PM UU Executive Committee

Wednesday October 15 2008

5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday October 16 2008

6:00 PM ARE Movie Night

Saturday October 18 2008

3:00 PM EEC Fall Festival Fundraiser

Sunday October 19 2008

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
9:00 AM ARE Class
9:00 AM UU Pals Kick Off
9:00 AM Music Rehearsal
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
11:45 AM Transylvanian Reception
12:00 PM Young Adult Group
12:01 PM Family Choir

Monday October 20 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday October 21 2008

10:00 AM UUCP Staff Meeting
6:00 PM ARE Class
6:30 PM Job Club
7:00 PM Green Sanctuary Committee

Thursday October 23 2008

6:30 PM Board Meeting

Friday October 24 2008

UUCP Office Closed

Saturday October 25 2008

Partner Church Council Potluck

Sunday October 26 2008

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
9:00 AM ARE Class
9:00 AM Music Rehearsal
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
10:30 AM Sunday School
11:45 AM No Muss No Fuss Potluck
12:00 PM Young Adult Group
12:00 PM Membership Committee
12:01 PM Family Choir

Monday October 27 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle
7:30 PM Campus Ministry

Tuesday October 28 2008

10:00 AM UUCP Staff Meeting
6:00 PM ARE Class: Poetry Patterns
6:30 PM Job Club

Wednesday October 29 2008

5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Calendar Submissions

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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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