



A Welcoming Congregation

UUCP is Moving to 2 Services! Trial Run begins March 1, 2009

**WORSHIP TIMES:
9:30 AM AND 11:15AM**

Everyone hold onto your hats! We are going to experiment with a trial run of having 2 services on Sunday mornings, beginning March 1, 2009. The services will be at 9:30am-10:30am, and one at 11:15-12:15pm. There will be a coffee hour after each service, but the coffee hour after the first service is open to second service attendees as well. Children's Religious Education class will be held during the 9:30 am service, with a Children's Fellow-

ship hour for multiple ages during the 11:15am service. Nursery care will be provided throughout the morning and during both services.

Adult Religious Education courses will be held at 9am to 10:30am.

At our feedback session, someone had a great suggestion. Keep your mind open for at least 6 weeks. My hope is to have another input session at the end of April, an opportunity to check in on how the trial is going and how it might be improved.

We will return to one service during the summer, beginning June 28th, at 10:30am.

See the March calendar on page 19 for scheduling details.

Assessment Workshop in Support of Capital Campaign

On the heels of the Congregational meeting held on February 1st, we have an announcement of a major activity in support of the renovation project. There will be an Assessment Workshop held on March 14, 2009 from 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. This is an open meeting for all members of the Congregation.

When considering a capital campaign, the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) suggests an independent assessment of the congregation – its history, its financial health, its program health and its plans.

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Celebration Sunday, March 29th

BREAKING NEW GROUND TOGETHER

—LIVING OUR PASSION, STRENGTHENING OUR PURPOSE, BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

In the Spring, the earth pushes forth new life. It is the time of rebirth, of renewal, a time for breaking new ground. For our congregation, the Spring is a time for rededicating ourselves to the mission and health of UUCP. The Annual Stewardship campaign is the opportunity for members to renew their commitment to UUCP by making a financial pledge of support for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

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Minister's Musings

March is Stewardship time at UUCP and the theme for worship this month will be understanding and celebrating our history. From Unitarian Universalism's grounding in religious freedom to our work on inclusivity and social justice, we will look at the historical roots of our faith and how we have changed over our hundreds of years of history to be fully present to the challenges of today. Our exploration of this theme will culminate on Celebration Sunday when we look at the history of UUCP and who we must be today. On March 29th (or sooner if you wish), we ask every member and contributing friend to fill out their pledge card and make a financial commitment to UUCP for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Perhaps it goes without saying that now is not the easiest time to be raising money. The economic impact of this recession is hurting many people and families. Some of our own families are facing serious financial difficulty, particularly those who have recently lost their jobs. In the midst of the economic boom, when society and even religion was growing ever more focused on the individual—materialism, individual success, individual salvation—Unitarian Universalism has kept its critical eye to these trends. We have continued to preach and teach the need for community, the value of people over material things, an awareness of the “we” in this ever changing world.

During this time of uncertainty and recession, community is absolutely essential. Families and friends need to have places to turn to for spiritual, emotional and yes, sometimes financial support. Parents and their children need places of stability and groundedness as their lives change rapidly. As our country faces a difficult year, our congregation will continue to face a growing need for ministry.

Of all the phrases in our mission statement the one that speaks to me most directly, is “inspiring lives of joy and hope.” Joy and hope can be hard to come by (even conceive of) when our world is changing so quickly. At the same time, it is during these times of upheaval when we most need to ground our lives in relationship and community. It is in these times when we most need to be able to reach out and find someone there ready to take our hand, to listen, to share our experience, to be there. And this is how we can nurture that light of joy and hope. It is not about vague optimistic promises that everything is going to turn around. It is not about outcomes at all. Rather it is the essential reminder that we are not alone, that there are friends and mentors and fellow members here with us, caring about us. In coming together, we are able to share some of the fear and burden that we know is present, but also transcend it by

celebrating human community and fellowship. And we are once again, reminded of what is most important in our lives. It is our families, our faith, our community, the shared knowledge that we are in this together and that we will navigate and build and give and share with this world and with one another together.

As Unitarian Universalist minister, Wayne Arnason writes:

Take courage friends.

*The way is often hard, the path is never clear,
and the stakes are very high.*

Take courage.

For deep down, there is another truth:

you are not alone.

Grateful for this ministry we share,

Yours,
Susan

My Deepest Gratitude for the Installation, January 29th.

One of my colleagues asked me what my favorite part of our Installation service was on January 29th. Without a doubt, it had to be when the congregation rose and I stood and we read our words of installation and acceptance. That official act, carried on through the generations of our free faith, of a congregation bestowing the honor of ministry onto a minister and the minister's acceptance brought me to tears. It is a humbling moment, to make promises to one another, to accept one another as we are, and to pledge to join together to deepen our lives and our faith together.

Thank you to everyone who gave of themselves to make the installation service wonderful. I was deeply moved by your gifts, and the thoughtfulness and sincere affection they expressed. It was a moment that will remain as a grounding center for the ministry that we will build and share together.

Love, Susan

Are You Interested in Facilitating a Covenant Group?

“COVENANT GROUPS:
WHAT, WHY AND HOW”
MARCH 14, 2009
9:30AM -12:00PM

Our minister, Susan Frederick-Gray, will be hosting an introductory event to the Covenant Group model for anyone interested in being a Covenant Group facilitator. There is no commitment in coming to this event, so if you are interested in finding ways to make connections in the congregation while deepening your own and others religious and spiritual reflection, and you might like to take leadership in this effort, please attend this event. Please RSVP to Heidi Parmenter administrator@phoenixuu.org. If you have questions, please call Susan Frederick-Gray.

What are Covenant Groups?

Covenant Groups are 6-10 people who meet regularly for spiritual reflection and sharing. Meeting topics focus on spiritual and life issues, such as loss, forgiveness, God, and sabbath. Members of the group make a commitment to share deeply and to build connections closely. Unlike other groups, the purpose is not an activity, nor intellectual. It is intended to create the space to explore our deeper human questions of meaning.

Each group has a trained facilitator and group members create a covenant (a sacred promise) to abide by the rules of their own group. The facilitator and the covenant help create the kind of sacred space that welcomes sharing and exploration. The groups meet for a defined amount of time, for example, twice a month for 5 months.

Covenant group facilitators are people who:

(Borrowed from Unity Church – Unitarian website Covenant Group Resources page)

- Have good people skills
- Are genuinely interested in helping people to become spiritually engaged with one another
- Can feel comfortable learning to guide group dynamics in positive ways
- Are comfortable being primarily responsible for the administrative details of group meetings
- Are reliable
- Support the covenant group model

Greetings from your Music Director!

ANNUAL CABARET SHOW IS FINALLY HERE!

March 21 ~ 6:15 hors de ouvres and the show starts at 7:00pm.

There is a lot going on musically at the UU Congregation of Phoenix. I hope you'll purchase tickets and/or a sponsorship for Cabaret this year. This annual fundraiser supplements the general music budget for our growing music program and continues to support the music we make together every Sunday morning in services.

WHAT IS SOULFUL SUNDOWN?

How about a chance to get-together, praise, celebrate, sing, dance, read, listen, share and be moved.

6:00pm – First Sundays of the month through April.

*Musicians who want to play in the Soulful Sundown band, contact me: musicdirec-
tor@phoenixuu.org or 480 970 8807.

“SOURCES” AT DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Our Congregation Choir has already been rehearsing “Sources” by Jason Shelton, to perform at District Assembly on May 1st at 7:00pm at the Hilton Phoenix East, in Mesa, AZ. “Sources” is a cantata for choir, string orchestra, piano and substantial percussion section. The music styles range from gospel, to pop, to bossa nova, to rap. The text by Kendyl Gibbons illuminates the six sources from which Unitarian Universalists draw their faith.

This cantata is an amazing wedding of excellent music to powerful words. This union breathes life into what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist.

Choir members from our entire district will be participating! I hope many members and friends of our congregation will be present for this exciting event of music.

Connie Jahrmarkt, your Music Director

P.S. If you've not been coming to Family Choir, we sure miss you!

Annual Cabaret

~Hittin' The Road~



Back in the USSR
Hit the Road, Jack!
On the Road Again!
Route 66!
Truckin'!

March 21

Food
cash bar
childcare

Doors Open 6:15 pm
Show starts at 7 pm

Tickets: \$10 each; \$25 for families
Sponsorships: Cantata Society: \$300; Month of Anthems: \$200;
Piano Tuner's Pal: \$150; Guest Musician Circle: \$100;
Anthem Club: \$50

Talk to any choir member for more details and to purchase tickets and sponsorships.



"To Seek Knowledge in Freedom..."

CHILDCARE PROVIDED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Beginning March 1, 2009, our nursery is open from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. every Sunday morning so parents may attend book discussion group, an Adult Religious Education course, or committee meetings. No advance registration is needed.

ADULT RE MARCH MOVIE - RELIGULOUS

"Religulous is a 2008 American documentary film directed by Larry Charles and starring political comedian Bill Maher. According to Maher, the title of the film is a portmanteau derived from the words "religion" and "ridiculous," implying the satirical nature of the documentary that is meant to mock the concept of religion and the problems it brings about."

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

Time: 6:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Place: Johnson Room.

Cost: \$5 suggested donation - refreshments served.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

"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 life.

Date & Time: Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. - 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22

Location: Room 9

Fee: \$10.00 or presentation of UUS Pass

TEN SPIRITUAL TUESDAYS FINISHES IN MARCH

We will wrap-up our Ten Spiritual Tuesdays series on March 3rd with "Justice Work as a Spiritual Practice" and "Looking Back and Moving Forward" on March 10th. It's not too late to join us for these thought-provoking sessions. The classes will be held on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. in Room B.

ADULT OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) INFORMATIONAL MEETING - MARCH 22ND - 12:30 P.M. - ROOM B

The Adult RE Committee is considering adding the adult component of OWL to our program next year. OWL is the lifespan sexuality education program, which we have offered to children and teens for many years at the UUCP. Using values, communication skills and spirituality as starting points, this program explores sexuality issues for adults of all ages. It builds understanding of healthy sexual relationships, affirms diver-

sity and helps participants accept and affirm their own sexuality throughout their lives. This meeting is to provide information about the program and to gauge interest in offering it next year.

YOUNG ADULT MEETING CHANGE

Our Young Adult/Campus Ministry group (YACM) is comprised of 18-35 year olds and some allies (those older than 35), and it meets every Sunday for a short "meet and greet" at 10:45 in Room C and then again at 12:30 p.m. in the same location for a more in-depth discussion and lunch.

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

- March 1 - 9:30 a.m. - Sunday school class (1st-6th grades begin in sanctuary)
- March 8 - 9:30 a.m. - Sunday school class - (1st-6th grades begin in sanctuary)
- March 15 - 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. - Multigenerational "Flower Communion" service
- March 22 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday school class (1st-6th grades begin in sanctuary)
- March 29 - 9:30 a.m. - Sunday school class (1st-6th grades begin in sanctuary)

TWO SERVICES - AN EXCITING NEW CHAPTER!

We are all excited about the growth that has necessitated our move to two services. Some important items to note in regard to Sunday school:

First Service - 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

- Nursery - The nursery will be open at 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. every Sunday
- Sunday School - All Sunday school classes will begin at 9:30 a.m. Children in grades 1st-6th will begin in the sanctuary for Together Time and will be sung out to the playground for Spirit Circle. Pre-k-Kindergarten children can go directly to their class or begin in the sanctuary with their parents.
- 7th-8th Grade (Coming of Age) students will go directly to their

classroom at 9:30 a.m.

- YRUU (Senior High) members begin at 9:30 a.m.

- ALL Sunday school programs end PROMPTLY at 10:45 a.m. Parents are invited to go to coffee hour until 10:45 a.m.

Second Service - 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

- Nursery - Children younger than five years old will be in the nursery

- Children's Fellowship Hour - Children five years old and older will begin in the sanctuary for Together Time and will be sung out to the playground. Tiffany Mendez and at least one other assistant will conduct Spirit Circle, provide a snack and then will fill the rest of the time with crafts and organized games in annex Room D.

- Children's Fellowship Hour is NOT intended to replace Sunday school. It is an activity for children visiting during the second service or for those whose parents are engaged in another activity (such as Parent Covenant Group or choir) during the second service.

- Children should be picked-up from either the nursery or room D immediately after the second service (12:30 until p.m.)

The community building, ritual and education components of Sunday school are vital for the spiritual development of our children. We encourage parents to ensure con-

sistent attendance at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday school class.

MULTIGENERATIONAL "FLOWER COMMUNION" SERVICE - MARCH 15, 2009

Another beloved UU tradition is the "Flower Communion" service. Celebrated by UU's throughout the world, this is a day when we all bring flowers to the service to be collected in a beautiful array of vases in the sanctuary to symbolize the enduring beauty we give to each other in our beloved community. Each person then is invited to take a flower.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SHORTS:

Prek-Kindergarten - Teachers Lenore and Geraldine - In March we are going to start our unit "We Make Friends". The children will read books and do activities about friendships made at church and other places. Included will be a Teddy Bear Sunday, where the children will be encouraged to bring in their special stuffed animal or doll friends to introduce to the children's Sunday school friends.

3rd-4th Grade - Teacher Hannah - In March, the third and fourth grade class will be learning about 3 great UU superheroes! We already learned about PT Barnum, one of the founders of the Barnum and Bailey circus. We will also be learning about Norbert Capek, who started the UU tradition of Flower Communion and George DeBonneville, after whom the camp that many UUCP kids attend is named!

YRUU (Senior High Class) - Advisors: Jaynn, Mike, Geoff and Sarah - Article by Briana Noonan, member.

YRUU just recently held a talent show for all ages to attend for fun! We had a great turn out and it led to a fun and exciting evening. We even had people in our own YRUU perform like Celeste with poetry and Geoff, one of our adult advisors, with singing! Our YRUU group has grown tremendously this year so it was really good that we had such a successful fundraiser to help us in all the events we want to attend. What events are these? YRUU wants to go to a spirituality conference run by our very own Jaynn Truran, Divina Allan, and Kelia Noonan. We also want to go to District Assembly this year and the YRUU board run conference in May. Our youth group is working very hard to integrate itself with the rest of the PSWD district! Thank you for your support!

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In taking on the Stewardship campaign as Co-Chairs, we've reflected on all that UUCP has given us. Reverend Susan was installed January in a beautiful ceremony. Each Sunday and through her daily work at UUCP, we are inspired to new spiritual growth. We are thankful for a community that loves and cherishes our children and encourages them to think for themselves. We look around the sanctuary and see the faces of old and new friends. Our membership has grown to over 344 members! Connie, Lynne and the choir have enriched our lives through their ministry of music. Take a few moments and make your own list. We are the fortunate stewards of so much: our UU principles, our beloved community, our beautiful building and grounds, our vision and commitment to service and justice, and our young people who carry our UU values forward.

Please join us on Commitment Sunday March 29th for music, food and fellowship at a patio luncheon following the 11:15 a.m. service. If you plan to come to the 9:30 a.m. service, please join us for a continental breakfast on the patio at 10:30 a.m.

A table host will be contacting you for your reservation or you may RSVP to administrator@phoenixuu.org or 602-840-8400 with

of adults/youth
of children under 8
9:30 or 11:15 service

Come celebrate our community and make your pledge on March 29th!

In Community,

Donna Featherston and
Susan Morris
Stewardship Co-Chairs

P.S. We want to fill the sanctuary and patio on March 29th; but if you are unable to attend, pledge sheets will be mailed in mid March and can be mailed directly to the church office, or turned in through the Sunday collection.

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The assessment will result in an objective assessment from a professional UUA stewardship consultant. The consultant will provide the congregation with specific recommendations on reaching not only our renovation goals, but will make those recommendations in the context of our shared goals as stated in our strategic plan and other recent statements such as those coming out of Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray's start-up weekend. The consultant will also be prepared, following the assessment, to guide and coach us through a comprehensive stewardship plan.

Please plan to attend the Assessment Workshop on March 14th.

Renovation Committee

Update

CONGRATULATIONS!

The congregation took a big step together on Feb 1. when we gave a huge thumbs-up to proceeding with renovation. To be sure, there is much work to be done before we agree to break ground - but the path is now clear. We can leave it to others to comment on the healthy dis-

cussion that led up to the vote that Sunday, suffice it to say that we are both humbled by the trust and aware of the responsibility we have in helping the congregation achieve its dreams in a responsible and inclusive manner.

Steps are now being taken to:

- engage the architect and construction contractor in preparing for the potential of summer construction
- begin the assessment process that will help us better understand our capacity for building cash reserves and holding a successful capital campaign
- begin relationships with potential lenders As we do this work, we are well aware of the need to continue to communicate. Over the last few months, we have stepped-up our communication using Horizons, our web-site, announcements in the Sunday bulletin and from the pulpit and we also held Sunday-morning sessions, with participation close to 100, including members, friends and Coming of Age candidates.

Ongoing communication will be critical and we sincerely hope to continue to find new and fun ways to keep people informed and involved.

Please know that in order to begin construction of any kind this summer, we will need to have cash reserves of at least 18 months according to the conditions agreed to on Feb. 1. So, while the renovation committee is committed to the work that lies ahead, we need everyone to be equally committed to doing what's necessary to have this project be successful - not just in its own right, but as a means of bringing us together to continue to build on the energy and enthusiasm that permeates our worship, our classes, our activity groups ... even our committee meetings.

We have agreed to pursue a renovation project that will improve our accessibility and continue our proactive approach to building a future together. Let's continue to ask good questions; let's continue to learn; let's continue to support a movement that is so much more than any one of us ... but is immeasurably more effective when, as individuals, we view our success in terms of the dreams and goals that we set together as a community.

Hopefully,

Glen Lockwood on behalf of the Renovation Committee

Finance Update

According to newspaper stories, most Valley churches have experienced a serious loss of member contributions, and even some of our largest UU congregations are suffering from the effects of a slowed economy. So it's all the more reason for the Finance Committee to be very grateful to you, our UUCP pledgers, for your continuing support. We know it isn't always easy, but contributions are still on budget as of January 31.

The Committee is now gearing up for the new budget year, 2009-10, and a task force has been chosen to get it all together. At our last meeting, we completed work on the budget process, which will not only make this year's work easier, but will help guide future committee efforts.

Alert to all committee and group chairs/leaders: Your requests for next year's budget need to be in the office by March 2, so please be prepared to submit your figures as soon as possible.

Ellie Murphy
for the Finance Committee

UUCP Financial Update			
Fiscal Year - July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009			
(Operating & EEC)			
as of December, 2008			
We are about 50% through the fiscal year			
Category	Budget	Year to Date Actual	Percent of Budget
Pledge Income	\$325,008	\$168,993	52.0%
Total Income	\$654,151	\$367,554	56.2%
Total Expenses	\$687,505	\$362,669	52.8%
Net Income	(\$30,732)	\$7,507	-24.4%

NEW DAY CENTER VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

The first Sunday for every month we have the New Day meal to prepare and serve. And now we have craft activities for the children after they have finished eating. PLEASE help by volunteering. It is only a couple of hours. Can you do it once a year?

STATE CAPITAL ACTIVITIES

Monday March 2nd Environmental Day at the State Capital 10 AM - 1 PM. On the morning of March 2nd readers are needed to read to elementary school classes. If you would like to do this please contact Carla Dunlap at cdunlapedu@yahoo.com.

March 4th Show your support for public education, Wed. at 4 PM at the AZ capital, Wesley Bolin Plaza, 1700 W Washington. We are already 49th in funding for education in our nation. How low can we go? Tell your legislators what you think about these cuts and the future of AZ and of our children.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE BIBLE DOCUMENTARY

Sat. March 7th at the New Vision Spiritual Growth Center, 9659 N Hayden Rd, Scottsdale, AZ there will be a screening of an award winning documentary on homosexuality and the Bible. For more information go to www.equalityarizona.org.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

All day 10 AM TO 8 PM on March 14th at the Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix there will be Indigenous Peoples Day, which will be an affirmation of the United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples.

SOCIAL ACTION LUNCHEON

Sunday March 15th after service or should we say after the second service the SAC will have our luncheon.

Our own Dr. George Pauk will speak on health care. He has titled it "It's A Robbery: Hand over your life,--or your insurance."

The health care crisis in the US is your biggest risk factor, It can be devastating to your physical, mental and financial health.

46,000,000 people in the US are without health insurance. Dr. George Pauk is a long time advocate for a single payor system and will present the increasingly popular H.R. 676 plan that has many sponsors in the US Congress. Why is it needed and why is it so

difficult to do?

Social Action Committee Meeting
TUESDAY MARCH 24TH 6 PM.

Sign up at the SAC table for the PHOENIX PRIDE PARADE 2009 which will be April 18th.

or contact our coordinators Ceyshe' Napa and Larry Thwing at ceyshe@ceyshe.com. The UUCP plans on continuing our long tradition of supporting our local LGBT community.

Do plan to walk with us and to be part of it.

In LOVE and PEACE, Sarah Burchard SAC Chair

It's a Green Date

Mark your calendar for a Green Day at UUCP on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 to 12:00. We will be holding green workshops with topics such as green living tips and composting. We will also be working on our trail – enhancing the path and adding plant identification signs. Watch for more information.

Since we will be working on the trail, the Green Sanctuary Committee offers these green tips for the outdoors:

1. Pick up trash as you hike and haul it out.

2. Donate to tree-planting organizations such as "Plant A Tree - USA" or "Trees for the Future"

This can be as a gift honoring someone (in lieu of giving them one more thing they don't need), for a holiday or birthday or instead of flowers at a funeral, or just.....because.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE IS A GO!

We have garnered enough support from the congregation and the schools to develop UUCP as a pick-up site for local produce through a community supported agriculture program. Pick-up will be on Wednesday afternoons in front of Annex Room B. If you are interested and have not signed up yet, look for information on our bulletin board over the water fountain in the main hallway or email the Green Sanctuary Committee at green@phoenixuu.org.

From the Membership Committee

We are extremely pleased to have 29 new members in our congregation completing our last Pathway to Membership Class. Our next class will begin Sunday, April 19 and 26 with a Pot Luck on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Please sign up at the Welcoming Ministry desk as you enter the building or call the office at 602-840-8400.



Unicare

February seemed not much longer than Valentines day and here we are in the gusty month of March. Speaking of Valentines, it isn't too late to wish Ellie and Bob Murphy a very happy 50th wedding anniversary!! The official date was February the 28th and we wish them many more loving years. Our thoughts and love go out to Rick and Julie Wambach on the death of Rick's mother. Knowing Rick, we can greatly appreciate the life well lived.

Archie Walker, a very active past member, who served as President of the Board and in many other roles in our Congregation, died on

December 18, 2008. Our sympathy to his wife Linda.

Big bouquets of Spring wildflowers to those who have volunteered to act as facilitators for memorial services. May they find it to be a rewarding ministry.

Chocolate hearts of thanks to Ann Ciemny and Sebastian for the sweet valentines that they prepared for certain well deserving members of our Congregation. We all love to get special greetings in the old snail mail!!

Just a reminder that it would be very helpful to the Unicare team if you could fill out and return the emergency contact information sheet that went out with the January Horizons to the Office Administrator. If you don't remember seeing it and would like to know what it's all about please e-mail sambasmart@cox.net.

Finally, Enid, what would we do without your "Monday Morning Musings"? You give lovely reflection of the heart and soul of our community.

Facing our joys and challenges together in community,

Julie Smart, Unicare Chair

Help Wanted, Help Needed

Do you need a job? Do you have a job that needs to be done? The Job Club is initiating a new service for those in our Congregation who need work. We hope to link those who are unemployed with our members who have jobs. We are looking for full and part-time opportunities. The best jobs and most jobs are found through networking. We're formalizing the process in our Congregation through an on-line posting system on the UUCP web site. It is expected that it will take somewhat longer for qualified people to find unemployment in today's economic climate. We are particularly interested in identifying short-term and part-time jobs that our unemployed members can do while continuing to look for full-time professional jobs.

We will be posting resumes of people looking for work and jobs that people in the Congregation are looking to fill. To post your resume on the website, e-mail jobclub@phoenixuu.org. The Job Club will serve as clearing house for material to be posted on the UUCP web site. If you need work (part- or full-time), e-mail the job club your resume which should be no more than one page. Your name and contact information will not be posted on the web to protect your privacy and prevent identify theft. People interested in your resume will contact you through the job club e-mail, jobclub@phoenixuu.org.

If you have a job that needs to be

filled, e-mail jobclub@phoenixuu.org. Both part-time and full-time jobs will be accepted. These will look like want ads. Include skills needed, duration of project, if short term or part-time, and salary you are willing to pay. People interested in these jobs will contact the Job Club. Your personal information will also be protected.

If you have work you want done or a resume you want to post, e-mail jobclub@phoenixuu.org and Larry Agle or Pauline Peverly will be in contact with you.

Traveling 2nd

Fridays 2009

Mark your calendars the 2nd Friday of each month (except for April – 1st Friday due to Easter). It is held in the sanctuary from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

MARCH 13, 2009 -
FANTASTIC FRANCE - Karen Cook

Seven years ago, Karen Cook learned that she has cousins in France. Since then, she and her husband Dan have visited France three times, and Karen has attended language school there. Their travels have taken them from Provence in the south to Mont Saint-Michel in the north, the beautiful coastal town of La Rochelle on the Atlantic to the tiny villages of Alsace in the east. Come see their photos, learn about their experiences, and hear about

their plans to live in France for 7 months beginning in April, 2009.

If you have any questions about Traveling 2nd Fridays, call Barbara Cawthorne at (480) 994-1452. Join us for this one-hour presentation and discussion.

Everyone is welcome! Remember - MARK your calendars.

Outdoor Group

Riddle: Do you know which calendar date is a command?

Answer: March 4th!!

And March forth we will - on two glorious hikes! Anyone is welcome to amble or stroll or just hike to a scenic view.

HIKE: WOODCHUTE MOUNTAIN

Location: Between Jerome and Prescott

Date: March 14, 2009

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

Meeting Place: McDonalds on Deer Valley Road, East of I-17
Hiking Distance: 8 miles round trip

Rating: easy to moderate

Leader: Tom Parker - tom@stealthfool.com - 602-418-5969

HIKE: SECRET CANYON

Location: Sedona

Date: March 28, 2009

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

Meeting Place: McDonalds on Deer Valley Road, East of I-17

Hiking Distance: 5 miles

Rating: moderate

Leaders: Julie and Marshal Smart - sambasmart@cox.net 480-502-1201

For more details on either hike, visit the Outdoor table at the back of the sanctuary after the Sunday service, visit with the friendly folks, and pick up a hike flyer.

Poikilos UUUCP's Literary Journal

Poikilos, the congregation's journal of creative writing (means "of many colors") will be published again this summer with John Williamson and Tish Gauntt editing. Submissions of poetry, short stories, and essays are welcome! See next month's Horizons for details.

(One of Tish's watercolor paintings will again be put up for silent auction to help pay printing costs.)

UU Kids Kamp

The weather is still very cool, but it's not too early to mark your calendar for your summer plans!! for over 30 years the UU Kids Kamp has offered fantastic programs in art, dance, drumming, and sports n' games. The camp is open to all children 3 through 12 years old and runs throughout the month of June. Registration forms will be available in the office at the end of February. For more information contact Jeff Sadow or Tiffany Mendez through the main office (602-840-8400).

Bridge Group

The Bridge Group will meet on March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Johnson Room for the monthly game. All levels of play are welcome. Please call Sandy Thomson, 602.955.8664, or Sally Boyd, 480.948.5847 to reserve your place.

Learn & Support Cancer Group

Paradise Valley United Methodist Church and the Wellness Community invite anyone concerned about cancer to come for these FREE MONTHLY "Learn and Support" groups. Each meeting will include a professional speaker discussing an issue significant to cancer, including current research, genomics, clinical studies, nutrition, care giving, and more. Dates: 3/19/09, 4/16/09, 5/21/09, 6/18/09. Time: 6pm - 8pm

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

Christine Albrecht Campbell
Helen Dycus Lane
Jacquard H Rothschild
Phyllis Mills Rothschild
Lloyd Dewitt Oxley
Catherine Bird Olsen
Marti Teresa McDermott
Orval Floyd McVey
Lenore Caroline Bendheim

Celebrations of Life

Sundays

9:30 AM & 11:15 AM

MARCH 1: THE HEART'S LONGING FOR FREEDOM

Service Leader: Susan Frederick-Gray

Unitarian Universalism is a religious tradition founded on a commitment to freedom, freedom in faith, and freedom of conscience. How has the impulse for freedom remained similar throughout history, and what is unique about our tradition today?

MARCH 8: ARIZONA WOMEN'S HERITAGE TRAIL

Speaker: Judith Register, Chair of the Coordinating Council of the AWHHT and Director of Neighborhood Resources for the City of Chandler.

Women have made major contributions in the history of Arizona, but often their stories have not been heard. The Arizona Women's Heritage Trail is a project that links specific women to historic sites throughout the state. This trail will be part of the state's centennial commemoration in 2012. Join us when Judith Register talks about some of the women and the trail.

Service Presented by Sunday Services Committee

MARCH 15: INTERGENERATIONAL FLOWER COMMUNION SERVICE

Service Leaders: Susan Frederick-Gray and Kim St. Clair

The Flower Communion service was created and first celebrated by Unitarian minister, Norbert Capek in 1922 at his congregation in Prague. The service uses the symbol of spring flowers to celebrate the unique beauty and gift of every person. It is a sermon that celebrates the strength and freedom of the human spirit.

Please bring one flower per person to share as part of the service. Feel free to bring extra so we are sure to have enough.

MARCH 22: THE WELCOME TABLE: THEN AND NOW

Service Leader: Susan Frederick-Gray

Universalism was founded out of a theology that affirmed the unconditional and universal love of God. This foundation nurtured Unitarian Universalism's message of radical inclusivity and social witness. What is the message that we bring to today's world and to our own lives about the importance of being at the welcome table?

MARCH 29: CELEBRATION SUNDAY!

Service Leader: Susan Frederick-Gray

Over decades, generations, even centuries, the particular faces of a congregation change. But something of the past remains in ways that ground us and strengthen us even in uncertain times. As we recommit ourselves to the life and health of this community through our financial giving, we will look to the past to understand who we are called to be today.

Calendar of Events...

Unless otherwise noted in the Calendar of Events, the standard Sunday schedule is as follows:

9:00 AM Adult Religious Education
Room 9 (see ARE page for current course offerings)

9:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
Sanctuary (see page 18 for topics)

9:30 AM Children's Ministry
Rooms 10, 15, Annex A, B, C, D, E, F

10:15 AM Coffee Hour
Johnson Room & Patio

10:30 AM Young Adult Group
Annex C

10:45 AM Book Discussion Group
Annex B

11:00 AM Children's Fellowship
Annex D, E

11:15 AM Celebration of Life Service
Sanctuary

12:15 PM Coffee Hour
Johnson Room & Patio

12:30 PM Young Adult Group
Annex C

Sunday March 1 2009

5:00 PM Soulful Sundown Rehearsal
6:00 PM Soulful Sundown Service

Monday March 2 2009

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday March 3 2009

6:00 PM Spiritual Tuesday
7:00 PM Covenant Facilitator Meeting

Wednesday March 4 2009

6:00 PM ARE Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Covenant Group

Thursday March 5 2009

6:30 PM Renovation Committee

Saturday March 7 2009

10:00 AM Sanctuary Team

Sunday March 8 2009

6:00 PM MUUvie Group

Monday March 9 2009

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday March 10 2009

12:00 PM Covenant Group
6:00 PM Spiritual Tuesday
6:30 PM UU Executive Committee
7:00 PM Amnesty International
7:00 PM Covenant Group

Wednesday March 11 2009

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Covenant Group

Thursday March 12 2009

6:00 PM Children's Ministry Meeting
6:00 PM American Song Night
7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Friday March 13 2009

5:00 PM Renovation Committee
6:30 PM Covenant Group
7:00 PM Traveling Second Friday

Saturday March 14 2009

9:00 AM Covenant Group Intro
1:30 PM Renovation Assessment Workshop
6:00 PM Bridge Group

Sunday March 15 2009

No Children's Ministry Classes
10:30 AM Renovation Committee
12:30 PM Social Action Luncheon

Monday March 16 2009

12:00 PM Past Presidents
7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday March 17 2009

7:00 PM Green Sanctuary Committee

Wednesday March 18 2009

6:00 PM ARE Movie Night
7:00 PM Covenant Group

Thursday March 19 2009

6:30 PM Sunday Services Committee

Saturday March 21 2009

7:00 PM Cabaret

Sunday March 22 2009

11:00 AM Lead Teacher Meeting
12:30 PM ARE Owl Orientation

Monday March 23 2009

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday March 24 2009

12:00 PM Covenant Group
6:00 PM Social Action Committee
6:30 PM Covenant Group

Wednesday March 25 2009

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Covenant Group

Thursday March 26 2009

6:30 PM Board Meeting

Friday March 27 2009

6:30 PM Covenant Group

Saturday March 28 2009

9:00 AM ARE Retreat

Sunday March 29 2009

10:30 AM Continental Breakfast
12:30 PM Luncheon

Please RSVP for either/both events.

Monday March 30 2009

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

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Our religious community aspires to:

- Embrace diversity as we engage in the passionate pursuit of Unitarian Universalist principals;
- Share ministry that promotes lifelong spiritual growth through Service, Worship, Ritual and Education thereby inspiring lives of joy and hope;
- Grow and be effective in the greater community.

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