



*A Welcoming Congregation*

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## Fedoras, Flappers and Fundraisers: The First Annual UUCP Auction

UUCP's first annual auction will send you back to the Roaring 20's! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 6. Fedoras, Flappers and Fundraising will provide an exciting evening of music, food and fun for the whole family.

- **Costumes:** Pick up your fabulous Roaring 20's garb for the auction at Easley's Costumes & Fun Shop, located at 509 West McDowell Road in Phoenix. Mention UUCP and get 10% off your purchase.
- **Auction Items:** If you have any items (such as books, artwork or wine) or experiences (such as a hosted dinner or event tickets) to donate to the auction, please contact Mary Dokes at [mgdokes@cox.net](mailto:mgdokes@cox.net).
- **Tickets:** Tickets are \$15 per person, or \$50 for 4. Tickets will be available for purchase before and after Sunday services throughout October.

## Open Conversation with Board Members

The UUCP Board of Trustees would like to invite all members and regular visitors to an open conversation on Sunday, October 31 after both services.

Board members will meet with congregants in small groups for informal conversation to receive your feedback, and to hear your hopes and dreams for UUCP. In small groups, we can cover a wide variety of topics, but if you have suggestions please email [board@phoenixUU.org](mailto:board@phoenixUU.org). Our congregation has been rapidly changing and growing. Come bring your joys and concerns or just come to listen and meet the members of your Board of Trustees. More details will follow in the Compass and in the Sunday Order of Service insert.

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## Minister's Musings

### Adventure Ahead!

As we kick off the beginning of our Fall 2010-2011 year, we have many adventures ahead. One of the most exciting is hiring our first-ever Social Justice Director to oversee and build the capacity of our justice work. We are taking the call of our mission "to advance justice" seriously, and by mid-month we hope to have the Director in place. This is an adventure and a risk because it is new. We are funding this position for this year and next through a generous bequest to the congregation left by Don Fenily, a beloved member of the congregation who was active in our social justice work. His generosity helped us leverage a grant from the Unitarian Universalist Funding Panel to make this dream of staffing our justice work a reality. Our hope is that this program will grow and take root in our congregation in a way that will see it continue beyond the first two years. We have excellent candidates for the position and our selection process will be complete soon.

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, we doing something new: hosting the first annual UUCP Auction, *Flappers, Fedoras and Fund-raisers!* Talent and service auctions are not only a way to have an evening of fun in the congregation, they are a way of building community. This is an opportunity for members to showcase their talents and offer services to the congregation members all while benefiting the community. Terrific hosts and cooks can offer meals and parties that give members the chance to gather in their homes throughout the year, building connections and getting to know one another. Members with special talents and hobbies (art, landscaping, handy work) can offer those ser-

vices to other members in need, helping us learn about one another and have fun.

Another adventure that lies ahead is not new to us, but it will be a new phase—a new phase in our construction. This spring we will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our building and the first worship service in the sanctuary. When I think of the people who sacrificed to build the building and create a home for Unitarian Universalism in Phoenix, I am so grateful. Now is it our turn. Last year we launched our three-year Capital Campaign, raising money to move from our aging septic system to a new sewer line and to improve our utilities to build new bathrooms. We are closer than ever to that reality. The million-dollar moratorium was lifted from the sewer line that runs down Lincoln Drive, making it possible for us to connect right in front of our property to sewer. This is incredible and will save us about \$100,000 from the estimates to build a sewer line down the back of our property and through a neighbor's property to get to an active sewer line. We still have to get permission from the city, but we are well on our way. This savings makes it more likely we might get to those new restrooms this program year.

Together, we are a part of making sure that 50 years from today, the UUCP congregation will be celebrating the sacrifices we made to ensure that the Unitarian Universalism would continue to be a strong and public voice for liberal religion and human rights throughout the valley.

Thank you bringing your adventurous spirit to this journey.

Yours in love,  
Susan

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

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

## President's Report

Being a UUCP Board member is fun. Yes, that is what our current Board members say, myself included! How can this be?

In the last couple of years the work of the Board has fundamentally changed. No longer do we make tactical decisions like how to get the front steps painted or pore over detailed plans for how to run an upcoming fundraiser. In a congregation of our size this isn't practical due to the number of decisions to be made and the timeliness required for making the decisions—so it is done by our capable staff. What do we do instead, and how can it be fun?

Partly it's fun because we have Board members truly committed to our work, and we have an awesome minister. We take time each month to have informal conversation before each meeting, a chance to check in on what is happening in our lives away from the Board. We are developing community with each other—we enjoy each other's company.

Beyond that I think we have a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment, and we all contribute. We have a refreshed mission statement, thanks to a terrific committee led by Rev. Susan. We have approved policies that cover how we will operate as a Board (thank you Elaine Warner, Susan Morris and Todd Cruse). We have also defined the responsibilities and limits to the authority of our executive, the minister (thank you Jimmy Leung). We are now starting to work on a new strategic plan (thanks to David Johnson for leading this effort) and defining how we will evaluate our effectiveness as a congregation (thanks to Sarah Carlson for leading this effort). Along the way we

have been researching successful practices used by other congregations and consulting with denominational experts. We don't just make up this stuff! Our goal is to make UUCP a smooth-running, forward-looking organization that lives its mission.

Increasingly we are turning to the "big questions" that we face as a congregation. **How** can we most effectively live our mission? What can we **be**, together? Heady thoughts, and something we can't do in a vacuum. The Board has begun regular educational sessions within our monthly meetings to stay informed about the key activities in the congregation, like Adult Faith Development or finances. Instead of making decisions in these sessions the goal is to learn how these activities support our mission.

The Board also needs to stay in constant communication with the congregation to inform our thinking and planning. We are setting up ongoing opportunities for dialogue and I hope you will participate. The first opportunity is on Sunday, Oct. 31 immediately after each service. Board members will facilitate a discussion on specific topics, and answer your questions, at our first Board Forum. We'll see how this one goes and set up additional Forums next year.

In the meantime we welcome your thoughts on the big questions we face. You can speak to us most Sundays or send an email to [board@phoenixuu.org](mailto:board@phoenixuu.org).

Paula Kulina

## Congrats, Juli Harvey!

The winning greetings listed below were submitted to the summer Friendly Greeting Contest by Juli Harvey. Juli, you can claim your prize (a \$20 gift certificate to UniUniques or the UUA Bookstore) by contacting our Membership Coordinator. Thanks for the thoughtfulness and enthusiasm you demonstrate so well in these greetings:

- "I see from your nametag that you are new. How many times have you visited?"
- "Would you like to know more about our faith development program for adults?"
- "Can I show you some excellent titles on the Book Table that might answer some of your questions?"
- "What has kept you coming back to visit us?"
- "Nice to meet you. Can we talk more at coffee?"
- "What are your interests? We have so many ways to connect here!"

Thanks to everyone who entered the contest. Some of your suggestions may be printed in future issues of *Horizons* or *Compass*.

## Greetings from your Music Director!

More famous quotes about music and singing:

“When I sing I am in the now, hearing and feeling the music from me and around me. Tomorrow and yesterday disappear, along with their baggage of worry and regret. The music is now.”  
~Richard Plattner

“Vocal music is an attempt to take the whole human being and project it into space. It is the ultimate gesture of getting out of yourself. You take a part of you that is most private, most personal, most inward, and you hurl it out into space—you project it as far as you can. That gesture of opening this whole region of the body results in an enormous spiritual release, and is felt by other people with tremendous impact.”  
~Peter Sellars, Theatre Producer

Singing is such a vital activity to life. It is the breath, the vibration, the very stuff of life, woven together. In the past it was a common practice in the U. S. for elementary music teachers to limit the potential of children whose voices were not mature enough to match pitch or sing “in tune.” You may be an adult who thinks that you are not a singer. But we know today that everyone is a singer. Just like writing and painting, engineering and math, you become better at singing when you do it more often, more than just once a week on Sunday mornings. You may want to explore this undeveloped method of expression. Maybe you cannot commit to weekly rehearsals and singing on Sunday mornings 2-3 times a month. Never fear. There are two other music groups for you.

Jerry Whalin, one of our own in-residence composers, is leading Outreach Music Ministry. The purpose: the mission of the Outreach Music Ministry is to use music to give comfort to people who are sick, dying, or otherwise in need of support. Our audience can be in most any place where we are allowed: hospice, care facilities, people's homes, and we can include shut-ins. The ministry should be primarily for people who are or have been UU's. The Outreach Music Ministry will meet every other Tuesday evening 7:30-8:30 PM starting October 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jerry Whalin for more details or to sign up: 480-990-3097, [gerald.whalin@cox.net](mailto:gerald.whalin@cox.net).

And new this year:  
Lynne Haesler is organizing the Jubilate Chanting Choir. This group will sing in Sunday Services, the first Sunday of the month and rehearse on the Wednesday before the first Sunday at 6:30 PM. Lynne will be happy to talk more about this wonderful, meditative practice: [lhaesler@cox.net](mailto:lhaesler@cox.net).

Feel free to contact me as well. Hugs and more music making to you.

Connie Jahrmarkt, CML



## Get a Whiff of This

As we consider ways of becoming a more welcoming and accessible congregation, I wonder how many of us think about the air we breathe as a potential barrier to our mission of “Welcoming all in”? We have differing individual tolerance levels for the temperature of the air in our sanctuary and other spaces throughout our campus. We also differ in our ability to tolerate what each person present puts INTO the air in our shared spaces. I’m not talking about germs here or even those unmentionable but very human “faux pas” our bodies sometimes make even in “polite company.” I’m talking about the chemicals we put ON our bodies. They can literally make a person sitting near us sick.

Before you boldly assert your right to wear your favorite perfume, cologne, aftershave, or bath powder whenever and wherever you wish, let’s take a look at some statistics. Did you know that as many as 50 million people in the United States suffer from allergic disease (American Academy of Allergy and Immunity)? Some of these people have multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) which makes it difficult (in extreme cases impossible) for them to be in public places.

According to the American Lung As-

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sociation, an estimated 23 million Americans have been diagnosed with asthma. These folks, too, often have difficulty being in groups of people because breathing certain chemicals can trigger an attack.

In worst case scenarios, if you are unlucky enough to be included in the above mentioned statistics, my perfume threatens your very existence. Of course, there is a continuum of sensitivity and a continuum of reaction—both range from mild to severe. The most common negative reactions to chemical scents are headaches, dizziness, nausea, fatigue, shortness of breath, and other breathing difficulties. Some of our own members and friends find coming to Sunday morning services a very real challenge because they experience these negative reactions to the cosmetics, toiletries, and smell-good efforts of the rest of the congregation. I believe that there are other people who would love to join us but know they can't unless we establish some kind of fragrance-free zone to help and protect them.

I'm happy to say that our choir, under the leadership of Connie Jahrmarkt, already strives to create a fragrance-free zone whenever they gather for rehearsals or Sunday services. What about the rest of us? What can we do to help? For starters, we can educate ourselves about the issue of chemical sensitivity, but the fastest, simplest, and most important thing we can do NOW is STOP wearing/using scented products on Sundays (or any other days we come to UUCP). That means that we have to purchase and use unscented shampoos, conditioners, hairsprays, deodorants, lotions, creams, and soaps on UUCP days. It means that we do NOT wear or use any scented fragrances and perfumes, colognes and aftershaves to UUCP. Ideally, we would launder our clothes using fragrance-free products,

too. Ideally, we would practice these new habits beyond the bounds of our congregation because surely there are others we will encounter who will be healthier because of our thoughtful consideration of the chemicals (toxins for many) we may have on our person.

Will you join me in this effort to be more fragrance-free so that our members, friends, and visitors need not fear getting a whiff of something noxious when they join us for worship or other activities? I'm not an expert in this area, but I'm starting to learn about scented/unscented products. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me. If you are a person with chemical/fragrance sensitivities, I'd especially like to hear from you regarding what accommodations might help you join us more often, more comfortably, and more safely.

In the Spirit of Community,  
Linda Lawrence  
Membership Coordinator

## From Your Lifespan

## Religious Education

### Director

I have been reading an article by Sophia Fahs, "A New Ministry to Children," and pondering the question, "What does it mean to work with and teach children in any setting?" I have found that my philosophy of education and religious education are one, and that I agree with Unitarian Sophia Fahs in so many ways.

As Unitarian Universalists, "we believe in freedom of Religion, freedom to be honest in speech and action, freedom to respect one's own integrity of thought and feeling, freedom to question, to investigate, to try to understand life and the universe in which life abounds, freedom to search anywhere and everywhere to find the meaning of Being, freedom to experiment with new ways of living that seem better than the old."

I believe we understand and connect to the divine through personal experience, not through the external aspect of scripture or tradition. Every second of every day we have the opportunity to experience the divine in everything and everyone. "Life becomes religious and ethical whenever we make it so, when some new light is seen, when some deeper appreciation is felt, when some larger outlook is granted, when some nobler purpose is formed, when some task is well done." All this is possible for children to experience daily when they are listened to and inspired by teachers, mentors, parents—when the village that helps to raise the child celebrates the child, listens to the child, and shows that child the beauty and truth in the world.

To teach children as part of a religious education program is to minister to

them. Ministering to children means listening to them, really listening. It means listening to their words and beyond their words. Paying attention to how they interact with us, their eye contact and body language. Watching and listening to how they interact with others. Looking at their creations with real interest will tell us a lot about them. By celebrating them every time you see them we show them that we love and respect them. Listening is another way of showing love.

If in educating our children we “begin with the common things and happenings that children have seen and known for themselves” then we validate where they are in their cognitive, emotional and spiritual development.

“Religion is not like an old suit or dress that we cut down to fit the child. It should be something sincerely real in the children’s thoughts and feelings. It should be a quality that develops naturally as the child’s experiences expand and deepen.” So that they learn to walk, talk and live in a religious/spiritual way, as we are trying to do.

“The function of the church for both young and old is not to give us on Sunday certain religious kinds of experiences different from the experiences of every day. The function of the church is rather to teach us how to put religious and ethical qualities into all kinds of experiences,” so that we can recognize the divine in everything and everyone around us.

Victoria Capon, Interim Director of Lifespan Religious Education

## Adult Faith Development

## Presents Muuvie Night

6:00 P.M., OCTOBER 20  
*HIDING AND SEEKING* (2004,  
NR, 85 MINUTES)

In this compelling documentary from the directors of the just-as-riveting *A Life Apart: Hasidism in America*, a father takes his grown-up Orthodox Jewish sons to Poland to teach them about the perils of putting up walls to keep those they deem dangerous outside. After he introduces them to the Polish family who helped their grandfather during the Holocaust, they discover the value in building bridges.

## Spirit of Life Course

Adult Faith Development begins a new class at 9:00 a.m. on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. It runs for six weeks and you may attend one, two, or however many sessions you wish. You do not have to commit for the whole six-week series.

Framed by the lyrics of the UU song “Spirit of Life,” the Spirit of Life course offers participants time and community to explore their Unitarian Universalist spirituality. Each course session focuses on a different aspect of spiritual life. Like the song, sessions are designed to be welcoming to Unitarian Universalists of many spiritual/theological viewpoints. Participants will gain an inclusive definition of spirituality and recognize the spiritual aspects of their lives. Congregants may attend any or all of the course sessions, depending on their individual interests and needs.

You may sign up at the Book Table

between services or call the office. You may e-mail [jaharvey@gmail.com](mailto:jaharvey@gmail.com). Or...you may just show up, but we would like to know if you are coming. Materials will be free at class time. Cost is \$10 for the whole series or a UUS Pass, available at the Book Table.

See you there!

## Opportunities Fair

OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>!

The Membership Engagement Committee invites you to discover the treasure trove of activities, connections, and experiences available to you as a UUCP member or friend. Come to the patio following either service on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, and you will find goodies and information about a number of groups active within and beyond our congregation. As you cruise through the table islands on the patio, you can gather information, ask questions, sign up for things that interest you, and enjoy special treats provided at each table.

If you attend the Opportunities Fair, you will also have a chance to enter a very special drawing. The winner of the drawing will be treated to lunch by our very own Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray (at a mutually agreeable time and place TBD)! As we get closer to the fair date, watch *Compass* and the *UUCP Announcements* inserted in your order of service for details on how to enter the drawing for lunch with our minister.

Important Note: If you are a Committee Chair or Activity Group Leader and have not yet contacted Angela Jansen regarding your group’s participation in

the fair, please do so immediately at [angela.jansen@asu.edu](mailto:angela.jansen@asu.edu).

### Covenant Group Kick-Off

Covenant Groups are small groups of 6-10 people who meet regularly over five months for spiritual reflection and sharing. Meeting topics invite members of the group to share stories from their own inner wisdom and experiences. Themes can be chosen by members of the group but some examples are: "What is Sacred," "Spiritual Discipline" and "Sustaining Hope." Unlike other groups, the purpose is not an activity. 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 to abide by the rules of their own group.

Please contact Natalie Summit, Covenant Group Coordinator, for more information and to register at [covenant-groups@phoenixuu.org](mailto:covenant-groups@phoenixuu.org).

### Eritrean Refugee Initiative

ERI will be holding its first meeting of the year on October 17 at 12:30 in Annex Room H. Come join us to find out more about UUCP's newest outreach ministry or sign up to volunteer!

ERI works with recently resettled refugees from Eritrea, a small African war-torn nation, to assist them in acclimating to the United States. ERI volunteers teach English classes and provide transportation and/or child care for parents enrolled in the English classes. In addition, ERI has started the "Bead to Succeed" project, teaching refugee

women to make jewelry out of recycled paper and sell it to bring in much-needed income for their families. Finally, ERI will be starting a mentoring program to match UUCP congregation members and families with refugee individuals and families to provide one-on-one interaction and assistance.

For more information or questions, please email [ERI@phoenixuu.org](mailto:ERI@phoenixuu.org). You can also find out more information on the UUCP website: <http://www.phoenixuu.org/?q=node/3885>.

### Unicare

As our Congregation grows we feel the energy of our new members who add their talents and strengths to our spiritual family. Our Unicare Committee is committed to using our energies to minister to those in need, physically and spiritually. To this end, Friendship Pairs was created to keep in contact with members who gave their hearts to UUCP but are no longer able to be with us physically. One remarkable pairing is that of Carolyn Allenby and Barbara Cawthorne, Unicarers extraordinaire, who frequently visited Ken Croissant and his wife Jean after they were no longer able to attend services. Ken died on June 30<sup>th</sup> and Barb and Carolyn were a quiet presence during his final days. Ken was a loving and cheerful man who loved the company of friends and family. His wife Jean tells that he joined the Navy when only 19 years old and subsequently served in the Army and the Air Force while they raised their two daughters. He was an artist at heart, participating in many local art clubs. We will miss

his smile.

Carolyn Allenby was able to be with her sister, Julie, who died after a long illness. Carolyn had a close and special relationship with her sister who was 17 when Carolyn was born. In Carolyn's words, "Julie sparked happiness wherever she went."

Best wishes to Derek Sanchez who has been appointed as the full-time brass studies instructor at the Arizona School for the Arts.

Congratulations to Ellie Anderla and her family who welcome a new granddaughter, Samantha Rose, born August 13<sup>th</sup>!

To find out more about "Friendship Pairs" please contact Julie Smart at [sambasmart@cox.net](mailto:sambasmart@cox.net).

Celebrating joys and facing life's challenges together in community,  
Julie Smart  
Unicare Chair

### Women's Spirituality

#### Circle

Women's Spirituality Circle meets October 18, at 6:30 in Annex B. The group meets regularly the third Monday of each month. We are sisters on a spiritual journey who love to have fun, share stories, learn from each other and celebrate woman empowerment. New travelers always welcome. For more information call Heather McLellan at (480) 941-1038.

### Unitarian Universalist

### Service Committee

- UUSC defends human rights to water.
- UUSC works to protect women and girls in Darfur.
- UUSC campaigns to make living wages a reality.

Join this 70-year-old organization that works for human rights in 23 countries. Memberships start at \$10 (student), and applications are available at the Social Action table.

Heather McLellan  
UUSC Representative

### Social Action Luncheon

The October luncheon features Eric Ehst, who will speak on the ten Arizona November Ballot Propositions. Eric is President of the Arizona National Organization for Women, Treasurer of the Arizona Advocacy Network Foundation and past Executive Director of the Arizona Clean Elections Institute. Please join us on the third Sunday of the month, October 17, after the 11:15 service in the Johnson Room. Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers are needed to help with dinner preparation and serving for New Day Center on Sunday, October 3 and Sunday, November 7. If interested, please see the sign up board in the back of the sanctuary or see Katie Raife or folks at the Social Action table.

### Rainbows Festival

Participation in the spring Pride Parade has become a popular annual tradition for many at UUCP as part of efforts in being a Welcoming Congregation. For the first time, the Social Action Committee, along with the other Phoenix area UU congregations, will have a UU booth at the Rainbows Festival in Heritage Park in downtown Phoenix October 2-3. Please stop by and visit with us!

The Immigration Task Force is working to promote the passage of comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level which aligns with Unitarian Universalist values. We are also active in working towards the repeal of recently passed Arizona laws adversely affecting undocumented immigrant families. We continue partnering with local and national groups to solve the immigration issue which affects Arizona and the United States in numerous ways.

After a very busy summer, we are fostering ideas on how we and the congregation can best navigate in the increasingly difficult environment of immigration reform. We look forward to the hiring of the new Social Justice Director to help in our efforts and will continue to keep the congregation informed and engaged in pursuit of reform. You can contact the task force at [immigration@phoenixuu.org](mailto:immigration@phoenixuu.org).

New Day Center

Immigration Task Force

Greetings from UUEEC!



It is with enthusiasm and love that I fill the role as Interim Director and Chair of the UUEEC Committee. I have been a part of the preschool for three years now. My son started in the 2's class and is now in the pre-K class. My second son will be starting the 2's class next year, sooner if he had it his way. I have a bachelors degree in Psychology and a MBA from ASU. I bring both financial and business acumen experience to my interim role as well as a human aspect which helps me work with the teachers, parents and, most importantly, the children. We are planning for a new Director to begin work in January 2011.

There are still some openings in the 2's class, which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00-11:30 a.m. For more information on our programs, please visit our website at [www.uueec.org](http://www.uueec.org) and contact me to schedule a tour or to learn more about our distinctive Early Education Cooperative preschool: [uueec@phoenixuu.org](mailto:uueec@phoenixuu.org) or 602-840-0746.

Save the dates!!

UUEEC Fall Festival: October 23<sup>rd</sup> on the UUCP patio. This community-building event will have bounce houses, crafts, pumpkin decorating and food. We would love to see families from the congregation join us for this event. More details will be in the weekly e-newsletter, the UUCP Compass.

UUEEC Annual Auction Fundraiser: November 30 at Arcadia Tavern, 6:00-9:00 p.m. This will be an adult-only event where will eat, enjoy each other's company and host a live auction. Look for more details to come in the Compass.

Steffany Doolittle

## New Members



MAC AND MAUREEN JEFFRIES

Mac moved to Arizona from Florida in 2005 for Mac's job. Mac, who works in sales for an audio-visual company, grew up in Vallejo, CA, and Maureen, originally from Minneapolis, MN, is currently a stay-at-home mom. Both were raised in Christian homes, but both stopped attending church in high school. After getting married, they tried out several different churches in both Florida and Arizona, but couldn't find anything that matched their beliefs. After their daughter, Georgia, was born in 2007, Mac and Maureen wanted to find an accepting and open congregation for her to grow up in, but weren't sure that such a place even existed. Hearing about UU from a friend of a friend, they thought it sounded like a good match. It took a year to work up the nerve to attend a service, but not very long after to believe UUCP was the right choice for their family. They look forward to being a part of this community.



ERIN SUCCAR

Erin is a first-generation American, the daughter of Lebanese and Irish immigrants. She was raised Armenian Orthodox, but as an adult studied Mahayana and Zen Buddhism. She came to Phoenix in the summer of 1999, as a TeachForAmerica corps member. Currently, she is a Title I teacher and a mother to a wonderful 6 year old, Ezri Anoush. She is grateful to become a member of UUCP and looks forward to sharing with the congregation.

## Are You Interested in Becoming a Member of UUCP?

Our next Pathway to Membership Class is coming up in November, but registration starts now. If you wish to meet other seekers, learn about Unitarian Universalism and UUCP, and find out what membership in this congregation entails, Pathway to Membership is the class for you. These informational and exploratory sessions also offer an opportunity to share a bit of your spiritual journey, hear what paths brought others to the class, and decide whether signing the Membership Book is right for you.

Please note that we strongly encourage UUs who are new to our congregation to participate in this class along with others who may be considering UUism for the first time. For a small investment of time, you will enjoy getting to know people from the congregation and be able to participate in the joining ceremony on Saturday evening.

The next class will be held in the Johnson Room on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. and Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. There are three ways you can register, but you must request childcare at the time of registration if you will need it (childcare is free): (1) Email or call the office at [administrator@phoenixuu.org](mailto:administrator@phoenixuu.org) or 602-840-8400, (2) Email or call our Membership Coordinator at [membershipcoordinator@phoenixuu.org](mailto:membershipcoordinator@phoenixuu.org) or 815-218-3148, (3) Sign up on the “Returning Visitors” form at the Welcome Table in the foyer on any Sunday morning in October.



First Christian Church Scottsdale is overjoyed to invite you to a special worship service celebrating the Installation of our new Senior Minister, the Rev. Brian Frederick-Gray!

Please join us on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 4:00 PM for the Service of Installation with a reception to follow.

Clergy please wear a robe with red stole and plan on processing in together at the beginning of the service.

Thank you for being a part of our celebration at FCC Scottsdale. We are located at 7405 E. McDonald Drive, just a few blocks east of Scottsdale Road. We look forward to welcoming you!

## Celebrations of Life

9:30 AM and 11:15 AM

### OCTOBER 3: ASSOCIATION SUNDAY: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Today, Unitarian Universalist congregations all over the country will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when Unitarianism and Universalism merged to form the Unitarian Universalist Association. Our service will both look back at the history of the merger and forward to the promise of our future.

Share the Plate Sunday: Along with hundreds of UU congregations across the country, our offering will benefit the Unitarian Universalist Association to specifically fund a new initiative called "Leap of Faith Growth Initiative" which will be creating mentoring relationships between congregations that have experienced significant numerical growth with other congregations looking to or beginning to grow to help them navigate and learn best practices.

### OCTOBER 10: FINDING OUR WAY IN THE WILDERNESS

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Culture is not monolithic—it changes as religions, races and cultures of people interact and influence each other. Growth, technology, migration, even war—all these affect culture. Being in a time when culture is changing can be exciting and challenging. A conversation is beginning at UUCP about how to be more multicultural, to be a more inclusive and sustainable community. Rev. Peter Morales, UUA President, has said we need to build a new culture. What does it look like to try to build a new culture? It's a bit like being in the wilderness.

### OCTOBER 17: COMPASSION: A BALM FOR OUR FRACTURED WORLD

Service Leaders: Rev. Kathleen Baughman and Heather McLellan

Compassion is at the heart of most religious, ethical and moral traditions and yet it seems to be in short supply in our fractured world. We will explore the wellsprings of compassion and ways in which we can follow Karen Armstrong's call, in her "Charter of Compassion," to "make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world."

### OCTOBER 24: LISTENING TO CHAOS

Service Leader: Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

How do we create the Beloved Community? Communities move through phases and cycles as they grow and change. There are tools we can use to face these challenges and deepen our connections with one another. Today, we reflect on one view of building community that suggests ways to deepen and face each other in order to build the Beloved Community we seek.

### OCTOBER 31: WHEN THE VEIL IS THIN

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Happy Halloween and el Dia de los Muertos! In this service we celebrate the mystery of these holidays when it is said that the veil between the world of the living and that of the dead is thin. Everyone is invited to bring mementos of loved ones as we build an altar of love, memory and celebration of life.

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