



*A Welcoming Congregation*

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- 20—Social Action Luncheon

Look for more details on each of these events and opportunities throughout Horizons, as well as in Compass and Sunday announcements.

## 50 Years of Favorite Memories

In honor of our building's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in April the office is putting together a commemorative book called "Reflections of 50 Years at 4027 East Lincoln Drive." We invite everyone in our community to submit something that addresses the following statement: "My favorite spot at UUCP is..." Please click [here](#) for submission guidelines. The deadline for submittal is Monday, March 21, 2011. The books will be assembled, printed, and handed out at the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party on Sunday, April 3, 2011. If you have any questions please call the office at 602-840-8400 or email Heidi at [administrator@phoenixuu.org](mailto:administrator@phoenixuu.org).

bracelet will be available for \$20.00. In addition you can buy paper bead jewelry and Eritrean coffee directly from Eritrean women.

Volunteers continue to teach English and offer friendship and mentoring to refugees from Eritrea. Bead to Succeed, the paper bead jewelry project, is flourishing thanks to sales at First Friday sales, Made, Ecocentricity, Changing Hands and UUCP. ID necklaces with clips will soon be available. Many members of the congregation have donated computers/printers, furniture, household items and clothing. Outings shared with refugees include the Boyce Thompson Arboretum and the Desert Botanical Gardens. Future trips include the Heard Museum and a picnic at Railroad Park, courtesy of a UUCP covenant group.

ERI volunteers and refugees appreciate your donations, your time and your ideas for improving our programs.

Contact [eri@phoenixuu.org](mailto:eri@phoenixuu.org).

Don't miss your chance to see *Bullied*.  
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## Support the Eritrean

## Refugee Initiative

## March 20

ERI is hosting the March 20<sup>th</sup> Social Action Luncheon. For a \$5.00 donation you can eat injera and Eritrean food with your fingers, learn about Eritrea and hear refugees' stories about their new lives in Phoenix. The new ERI

## Legacy Giving to UU Foundation

*This is the second in a series of four articles describing the UU Foundation of Phoenix, its endowment fund, and opportunities for legacy (or “planned”) giving to our congregation.*

Why is a gift to the UU Foundation endowment fund important?

We UUs want to be effective trustees and stewards of our great liberal religious heritage. We want future generations to inherit and enjoy this free faith of hope and reason, freedom, tolerance, justice, love and respect. Financial support is vital to this hope.

Primary to our financial support of local Unitarian Universalism is our annual congregational stewardship pledge to UUCP. We are also called upon to periodically support capital campaigns which seek to support the growth and long-term maintenance of our campus, so essential to sustaining our religious community, pro-

grams, adult and children’s religious education and faith development, and fellowship.

UUF asks members to support a third avenue for giving—that of providing a long-term legacy or “planned gift” for sustaining and growing our Unitarian Universalist presence both locally and in the world. Legacy gifts are typically not made from disposable annual income or from digging a little deeper for a “stretch” gift as in a capital campaign. Instead, a legacy gift is usually a donation made to an endowment from the assets accumulated over a person’s lifetime. A gift to UU Foundation is intended to provide long-term or perpetual support to our congregation, the ultimate gift of a lifetime.

Individuals usually give bequests and planned gifts to what has mattered most to them in their lives—family, friends, and institutions that share their core values. Consideration of a legacy gift to UUF allows us to evaluate our fundamental values and priorities, and apply these core values to a plan for how we want

the assets in our accumulated life estate to be distributed and used after we die.

There are multiple pathways for legacy giving. It’s easy to get bogged down in legal, tax and financial technicalities. The UU Foundation has prepared a [website](#) with information on local and UUA resources that can assist you in your estate planning. For additional information, contact Marshal Smart, UUF President, or any member of the UUF Board.

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

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

## Minister's Musings

Stewardship Campaign Kicks Off  
Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

Let's Make History! Let's Make a  
Difference! Are you In?

I have exciting news! Harlan Limpert, the Vice President of Ministries and Congregational Support for the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) called me a few weeks ago to say the UUA, in an effort to prepare the ground for the national meeting of Unitarian Universalists (General Assembly) at the Justice GA in 2012 in Phoenix, would provide funds for our Social Justice Director, Sun Principe, to be full time through the end of this fiscal year, that is through June 2011.

This is a unique and exciting partnership made possible by the vision of Justice GA. Sun will be working on increasing the collaboration and partnership between UU congregations across Arizona to work on Human Rights for Immigrants and to increase the participation of UUs in standing up for these basic rights. Immigration is a moral issue and the 2010 UU General Assembly passed a motion for the creation of an Arizona Immigration Ministry. This decision by the UUA to partner with us on the work we have begun is exciting. Over the next few months, there will be further conversations about what this Immigration Ministry will look like next year.

This is an historic opportunity and exciting partnership we are embarking on. Before us we have the opportunity to be, in the words of

our President, the Rev. Peter Morales, *The Religion for Our Time*. Over this next year, we have a chance to be a faith that speaks relevantly both to our needs for community bonds and spiritual welcome, but that also speaks to the larger world with a vision of equality and human unity.

To prepare ourselves for this opportunity, I would ask two things of you, the members and friends of UUCP. First, if it appeals to you, get involved in the immigration work of our congregation. You can do this by becoming a fan of our Facebook page—UUCP Immigration Justice Program—or you can attend or sign up to get alerts from our Immigration Task Force, or just follow the Compass for events and opportunities for action. Second, March is Stewardship time at UUCP. The second thing I would ask is that you make a generous and timely pledge to UUCP for the 2011-2012 ministry year. The pledge drive will culminate on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and I ask that everyone turn in their pledge card by that time. Participate in the pledge drive, attend a neighborhood meeting and other stewardship events, share your dreams for UUCP. As our ministry grows, as it continues to speak relevantly to the world, the needs for a dynamic music, family and adult program grows, pastoral needs grow—and the vision and expectation we have for UUCP grows. Your generous pledge will help us match our ministry to our vision.

I know some families are facing terrible financial difficulties. If you cannot pledge, even a mod-

est amount, then fill out your pledge card with a request for a waiver. What is most important is the communication. There are many ways to give to the ministry of UUCP—let us know you are in, that you support this congregation and its mission by returning your pledge form, even if right now you cannot give financially.

I know other families who feel so blessed to be doing well. Help give back, by investing in this ministry which touches so many lives within and beyond our walls.

Your gifts of time and finance will help us meet the investment the UUA is looking to make in Arizona. Now is the time. Together, we can make history. Together, we can make a difference. I am in! Are you in? Let's do it!

Love,

Susan

## President's Report

Happy Spring! As I write this I am enjoying the end of a rainy weekend, having seen a beautiful, bright double rainbow yesterday afternoon. This is my favorite time of year: the first fruit trees already have blossoms and each day I look for a new blooming plant. Today I saw the African daisies along Lincoln Drive. The very best two weeks of the year are in mid-March when the citrus trees in the neighborhoods around me are in bloom. The scent is delicious, something I have enjoyed since I was a child.

It seems that the older I get, the more important these signs of the seasons become to me. Although I was born in Phoenix, it wasn't until I was in college that I really appreciated that we had a spring season. It wasn't until I moved away for a year, and then came back, that I realized how wonderful that spring season is!

This year I will not enjoy the full spring season in Phoenix. Before the end of March I will be leaving for a six-month work assignment in London. This means that I will be leaving the post of UUCP Board President a few months early, and that Jimmy Leung will be stepping into that role early. I'm truly sorry to be leaving before my time is officially up. What I am sorry about is that I'm leaving behind such a rewarding role, and the great community of my fellow Board members and Rev. Susan.

Over the last two years the Board has done some transformational work for the congregation's mis-

sion. We chartered the work to develop our new mission. We documented the policies that our staff uses to govern their work. We documented the policies that govern the Board's work. We are almost finished with policies that govern how we will monitor congregational activities, and we are just starting the heavy lifting to create a new strategic plan. I would have preferred to see these things through to completion but I know they are in good hands.

When I return the fall season will be starting. Plans will be underway for General Assembly in Phoenix in 2012. The congregation will have new bathrooms. We may have a new strategic plan. Some new faces will be in the auditorium on Sunday morning, and some familiar ones will be gone. Things will have been transformed again. While I won't be a part of making these changes, I look forward to appreciating them. I will look for a new way to move our mission forward.

Thanks to everyone who has helped to make my Board tenure so enjoyable and rewarding: Board members present and past, Rev. Susan, and anyone who has given me feedback or advice along the way. It helped, and I'm grateful.

Until the fall!

Paula Kulina,  
Board President

## Dancing with the STARS

SUNDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> ON THE PATIO BETWEEN SERVICES

One of my favorite Virginia Satir sayings is, "You are the star of your own life!" However, at UUCP you can be a STAR for others, too. Come to Dancing with the STARS between Sunday services on March 13<sup>th</sup> and find out more.

If you're already a STAR, you'll get a quick refresher to help you shine even brighter. If you want to become a STAR, you can learn to twinkle in a flash. If you have no idea what it means to be a STAR, come and find out (Hint: It has to do with learning how to be more welcoming to newcomers when they show up for worship services, coffee hour, and other UUCP activities).

Two of our own special stars, Bill Snowden and Joan Gale, will dance for us and then you will have an opportunity to become a STAR and dance with other STARS, too. Fun for all! Participation prizes! Don't miss it!

Linda Lawrence,  
Membership Coordinator

## Greetings from your Music Director!

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful Cabaret!

In January, we had a special guest musician during Sunday service on MLK weekend. Amy Banks, our soloist, was not named in the order of service. She is the daughter of long-time choir member Myra Banks. We are always happy when Amy is in town and shares her wonderful gift of music with us. Thank you, Amy!

Keep making music!

Connie Jahrmarkt, CML

## Adult Faith Development

MARCH CLASS PREVIEW: UU EVOLUTION – FROM 1800 TO 2000

The Adult Faith Development Committee will present a class at 9:00 on Sunday mornings, March 20–April 24, highlighting the work of six significant leaders from the Universalist and Unitarian traditions: Hosea Ballou, William Ellery Channing, Margaret Fuller, James Luther Adams, Forrest Church, and William Schulz. Our goal is to understand the times in which each lived, their contributions, and their relevance to us today. Pre-registration is encouraged by emailing [redirector@phoenixuu.org](mailto:redirector@phoenixuu.org) or signing up at the Book Table. The class will be facilitated by Lillian Habeich and Gary Ezzell. A minimum of

six participants is required. As a preview, here is some of the material on Channing. If the topic and a combination of information and discussion appeal to you, then join us beginning March 20.

*William Ellery Channing*  
(1780-1842)

Channing was the greatest spokesman in the early 1800s for a religious worldview that was Christian, but differed from the prevailing Calvinist orthodoxy in:

- believing that people were not innately and hopelessly sinful, but were capable of good lives and good works and could grow and progress
- believing that the value of Jesus was in his teachings about how to love and live, and not primarily as a sacrifice vicariously atoning for humanity's sins
- believing that reason and growing knowledge must inform religious faith
- recognizing with humility the limitations of every religious system and being respectful of those who, thinking for themselves, arrive at differing opinions

In 1819, Channing delivered a sermon, "Unitarian Christianity," which defined and justified a worldview that differed from Calvinist orthodoxy (original sin, total depravity, predestination and the trinity). Some excerpts from that sermon illustrate his thinking, as well as the expository style of the day:

Our leading principle in interpreting Scripture is this, that the Bible is a book written for men, in the language of men, and that its meaning is to be sought in the same manner as that of other books... We reason about the Bible precisely as civilians do about the constitution under which we live; who, you know, are accustomed to limit one provision of that venerable instrument by others, and to fix the precise import of its parts, by inquiring into its general spirit, into the intentions of its authors, and into the prevalent feelings, impressions, and circumstances of the time when it was framed.

The worst errors, after all, having sprung up in that church, which proscribes reason, and demands from its members implicit faith... Say what we may, God has given us a rational nature, and will call us to account for it.

*Example discussion points:*

Many of the disputes of Channing's day persist in our culture, notably the conflict between liberal and fundamentalist faiths. We cannot fully identify with him, however, because most of us do not identify as Christians or struggle with interpreting the Bible. Questions about the natures of God and Jesus and the means of gaining a heavenly life after death seem to many of us to be irrelevant to our concerns. So, what about Channing's approach to religion might speak to us, nearly 200 years later?

## From the Staff...

*He used reason, evidence, and logic to inform his beliefs.*

Questions: Are there examples today of beliefs that are commonly espoused in our culture (general and UU) but do not motivate common behavior? Are there examples of beliefs that are commonly held but are contradicted by evidence?

*He believed that people are not fundamentally and hopelessly depraved, but are capable of right action and moral growth, but also of poor choices and evil.*

Questions: Does a person's belief about the fundamental character of human nature affect how he/she treats other people? Does acting as if you believe people are usually "good" make it more likely for them to be so? Does it make it more likely to act so yourself? How do we reconcile an affirmation of "the inherent worth and dignity" of every person with the reality of evil?

*He practiced respectful consideration of others' beliefs.*

Questions: Are we sometimes more accepting of "foreign" belief systems than the one we grew up with? How do you respond to the word "Christian"? Positive, negative, neutral?

*He was progressive in promoting social reforms, but moderate in his approach, not condemning those who disagreed.*

Questions: How does one decide when to confront? Is moderation always a virtue?

*He argued for emotional transcendence.*

Questions: Does Channing's approach contradict a celebration of life? What is the role of emotional experience vs. emotional control?

***BULLIED: A TIMELY, MUST-SEE FILM FOR ALL TEENAGERS AND THEIR PARENTS***

The compelling film *Bullied* will be shown free of charge at UUCP on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. UUCP's recently-revived Interweave Committee (LGBTQI and allies) is sponsoring this film showing as their first public service event, to be followed by a panel of experts on LGBTQI youth and bullying for a post-film discussion. UUCP Interweave gratefully acknowledges Southern Poverty Law Center for its generous gift of this DVD.

*Bullied* has received the highest critical acclaim and accolades for its outstandingly portrayal of the story of Jamie Nabozny's groundbreaking lawsuit against his school district. It echoes the continuing problem of bullying that goes on in high schools and online, where teenagers are bullied by their peers with tragic consequences.

Organizations advocating LGBTQI issues have called this film a "must see" for all gay teenagers and their parents, and for all their allies who are deeply concerned about what's happening to gay teenagers, such as the recent spate of suicide provocations resultant from bullying.

"*Bullied* puts it right out there, front and center, as to exactly what teenagers have to endure on a daily basis, the bullying that turns their already difficult lives into nightmares," said Dean Clarke Taylor, Co-Chair of UUCP Interweave Committee. "With this film, no one can plead ignorance of the plight of teenagers who are bullied," Taylor asserted, adding that the film "is a clarion call to action to save bullied teenagers, specifically LGBTQI youth, from the disastrous consequences of teenage bullying."

Seating for the film will be first come, first served. There will be snacks and beverages available at nominal charge. For more information, contact Dean Clarke Taylor at [uudean@gmail.com](mailto:uudean@gmail.com). Please call (623-262-8579) or email ([redirector@phoenixuu.org](mailto:redirector@phoenixuu.org)) Victoria Capon if you will need childcare.

### CHALLENGING QUESTIONS DISCUSSION

What is the nature/meaning of my death? Is there anything after death? Reincarnation?

Gather for the next Challenging Questions discussion, Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in Annex C at 12:30.

## From the Social Action Committee

### NAMIWALK

UUCP is Standing on the Side of Love with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and its supporters for the upcoming NAMIWalk fundraising event on March 27, 2011 at Tempe Town Lake. Check-in time is at 12:00 and the walk starts at 1:00 PM.

NAMI has produced profound changes for the past three decades. NAMI offers support and education for families and friends of individuals with mental illness. It offers peer support groups for those struggling with mental illness who are seeking recovery. NAMI also is a well-respected voice on Capitol Hill, fighting against stigma and securing the rights of those with mental illnesses.

If you'd like to participate in the walk, you can join the Standing on the Side of Love team at [www.nami.org/namiwalks11/ARZ/SSL](http://www.nami.org/namiwalks11/ARZ/SSL). Or make your donations at that same link. If you have any questions, contact Steven Miskell at [stevenmiskell@cox.net](mailto:stevenmiskell@cox.net). Thank you!

### MARCH SOCIAL ACTION LUNCHEON

Be sure to mark your calendars for the March 20<sup>th</sup> Social Action Luncheon at 12:30 PM in the Johnson Room. Enjoy Eritrean food and eat with your fingers. Meet refugees and hear their sto-

ries about resettlement in Phoenix. Learn more about the Eritrean Refugee Initiative (ERI), an outreach ministry of UUCP. A donation of \$5.00 is recommended for lunch and ERI will offer bracelets for sale in addition to paper bead jewelry which directly benefits the refugee women who make it. Everyone is welcome!

### PHOENIX PRIDE PARADE

Please mark your calendars for the Pride Parade on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Interweave and the Social Action Committee are coordinating UUCP's entries in the parade and festival. Our participation in Pride has become an annual event and one part of our commitment to being a welcoming congregation. Details and sign-up information will be coming this month in the Compass and at the SAC table in the rear of the sanctuary.

### UUSC GUEST AT YOUR TABLE BOXES

Guest at Your Table boxes produced a total of \$886.22 for the UU Service Committee's humanitarian work around the world, in places like in Darfur, Gaza, Haiti, Kenya, Pakistan and Uganda. UUSC has a presence in 23 countries upholding the inherent worth and dignity of every person in their Rights in Humanitarian Crisis Program. If you are not a member of UUSC and would like to join (or if you have a question about your membership status), come to the Social Action table for more information.

If you would like your GAYT donation to go toward a UUSC membership, come to the SAC table. Thank you for your participation and generous donations to this very worthy cause.

UUCP's goal this year is to increase our memberships in UUSC so we can be listed as an Honor Roll congregation and be listed in their annual report like most other Arizona UU congregations, so let's change that this year!

For more information on the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, please see Heather McLellan, UUSC representative, at the Social Action table.

### NO MORE ICM COLLECTIONS

UUCP will no longer be a repository for ICM donations. Yes, we still love ICM and will continue our longtime relationship with the food and clothing bank in south Phoenix. The decision was made in order to clean up our "first impression" look at the front doors for members and guests. ICM will continue to be one of our congregation's annual Christmas projects sponsored by the Social Action Committee, as well as a share-the-plate recipient. Your food and clothing donations will be appreciated at many other nonprofit thrift stores, including UMOM's New Day Center and Chrysalis' Seconds to Go thrift shops. Thank you for understanding and for your cooperation in keeping our foyer clean and uncluttered for ourselves and our visitors.

## Covenant Groups

Covenant groups provide a structure for members to minister to each other. Groups consist of 6-10 people and are led by trained lay people. Members meet twice a month initially, for a total of 5 months. Covenant groups encourage people in their spiritual growth and help them develop relationships of substance and depth. Registration for Covenant Groups is ongoing. Please contact Natalie Summit at [covenant-groups@phoenixuu.org](mailto:covenant-groups@phoenixuu.org) for more information.

## Women's Spirituality Circle

Next meeting will be Monday, March 21, open to all women on a spiritual journey and who want to make new friends. Meet in annex B at 6:30 pm. For more information call Heather McLellan at 480-941-1038.

To subscribe or receive Horizons via email, please submit your contact info at the visitors' desk or email [administrator@phoenixuu.org](mailto:administrator@phoenixuu.org).

## End-of-Life Planning

### Workshop , March 5<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-12:00, UUCP will be hosting a joint presentation with Funeral Consumers Alliance (FCA) to help you learn how to plan for end of life.

The workshop will cover:

- Making funeral arrangements
- Level of medical intervention
- Wills and other legal documents
- Cremation and/or burial
- Financial arrangements
- Estate closure

In our culture, people tend to avoid being willing to discuss the one event that we all share. What better gift for your children than to pre-plan, before time of pressure?

FCA is one of 72 chapters in the United States, and has been helping people plan for more than 60 years. Join in this discussion. Be prepared.

## Unicare

The celebration of life continues in our UUCP community as we remember with fond memories those who have died and those newly born who are welcomed with great joy.

Terry Votichenko, a long-time member of our congregation died on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 94 years of age. Terry and his wife Helen have been members of UUCP since the early 1960s. Terry was a professor of Philosophy and Psychology at ASU. He served under General Eisenhower establishing a US military government in newly liberated France. Our love to Helen and the Votichenko family.

Our dear friend, Kermit Butler, died on January 22, "passing in the same peaceful and dignified way he lived his 91 years with us, his loving family." Kermit served during World War II in the Air Force. He and wife, Billye, of almost 68 years, have been members of UUCP since 1958. Those of us who were fortunate to have met this kind and gentle man will always remember the joy, love, and humor he brought to all who knew him. We hold Billye and her loving family in our hearts.

Dorothy Giel, a longtime UU and active leader for many years in her UU congregation in Michigan, died on January 26<sup>th</sup>. A member of UUCP for 10 years, she participated in our Covenant Group program and brought a loving, generous and warm presence to our congregation. Our sympathy to Dorothy's family.

Robert Morris, once very active at UUCP, died on January 21<sup>st</sup>. He was 95 years old. Robert was a serious photographer for most of his life and one of his favorite subjects was the sculpture of artist John Waddell, whose sculptures grace our memorial garden. Our sympathy to Robert's family and friends.

A special thank you to all the UUCP members who volunteered to help with each of these memorial services. The family members are so appreciative of all that has been done to honor their loved ones.

A joyous greeting to the parents of Elizabeth who was welcomed into the world on February 3<sup>rd</sup> by her parents, Ceysha Napa and Terry Torrey.

Congratulations to Russell Deneault who graduated from Arizona State University and to Annie and Dawn who are on the February cover of Raising Arizona Kids!

We send our love and support to the family of Pat Shannon who is, at this writing, hospitalized. We hope for her full recovery and her presence among us soon.

To all of those who face life's challenges we offer support and the strength of friendship in community.

Unicare Chair,  
Julie Smart

## Traveling 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays

Mark your calendars the second Friday of each month, 7:00-8:00 PM in the UUCP sanctuary.

March 11: Visiting the Islands, Lakes and Medieval Cities of Italy, by Joy and Bill Mee

In the late summer of 2009, Joy and Bill Mee sailed on a 64-foot sailboat with their son and his fiancée and two crew members to various ports on the islands of Sardinia, Corsica, and Elba for a week. Joy and Bill then took a ferry and trains to Milan to join a Country Walkers tour of the hills and villas around and in the lakes of Orta, Maggiore, and Como. Each day they learned about the history and culture of the area on walks up to 12 miles in length and saw some places visited by few tourists. From Milan they drove a rented car to San Gimignano, where they stayed in an apartment in a converted farmhouse on a hill above working olive and wine vineyards. They took day trips to various medieval villages as well as to Florence and Sienna. On their last day they explored the ancient ruins of Ostia Antica outside of Rome. Come see gorgeous scenery and historic and ancient architecture and learn about life in the slow and fast lanes in Italy.

If you have any questions about Traveling 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays, call Barbara Cawthorne at 480-994-1452. Join us for this one-hour presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

## Finance Committee

The budget process for next year has begun. The staff and finance committee are reviewing the budget needs for the coming year, with the goal of matching the expenses with the income to have a balanced budget. For this fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2011, we are still on track to have a balanced budget. Please note that we will be mailing out our calendar year donation statement and pledge statements on Friday, February 25. We apologize for the delay this year. We thank the congregation for their continuing support of the congregation by keeping the pledges up to date and appreciate all of your generous gifts and patience. If you have questions about your pledges or tax statements, please contact Heidi Parmenter at the office between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday (602-840-8400) or send an email to [administrator@phoenixuu.org](mailto:administrator@phoenixuu.org).

## EEC Director Nominated for Governor's Arts Award

Early Education Cooperative Director KellyAnn Bonnell has been nominated for the 2011 Arizona Governor's Arts Award. The award, presented jointly by Arizona Citizens for the Arts, the Arizona Commission on the Arts and the Office of the Governor, recognizes extraordinary contributions of artists, arts organizations, educators and individuals to the quality of life in our state. KellyAnn has been recognized for her individual accomplishments in arts education. She serves as a Board Member and Development Chair of the Phoenix Conservatory of Music, works as a Peer Consultant at Arizona Commission on the Arts, and leads as Arts for Social Change Director for Infinite Spectrum Productions.

## Welcome, New Members!

We had 23 folks sign UUCP's membership book in February—not all newcomers and not all new to Unitarian Universalism, but all enthusiastic about becoming members of our congregation. You can see their photos and read their bios in the March and April issues of Horizons. Their pictures will also be posted on the bulletin board just to the left of Office 2 to help you match names with faces. Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself if you haven't already met. They are a talented and interesting bunch of people!

Congratulations and a warm welcome to our new members: Brian and Karin Quinn, Anna Serafin, Katie Marion, April Mack, Jack Ripple, John Moats and Jenny Jones Moats, Ann Bixel, Catherine Desberg, Dave Miller, Tonia Davenport, Matt Brazil, Carl and Val Bailey, Sara Strawn, Mary Dawes, Vincent Kruse, Laurie Arora, Jon Penrose, Brian and Meliana Dam. Welcome, too, to their children! We are glad to have all of you be a part of the UUCP community.



### CARL & VAL BAILEY

Carl signed the UUCP membership book after more than 33 years of consideration. He had drifted from the church in the 1980s, when he felt out of place due to his theistic leanings. Seeing himself as a Universalist (and comfortably Christian) more than a Unitarian, Carl was a vocal advocate, during the recent ministerial search, for the welcoming community at the church to include liberal Christians. He believes that finding the balance of diversity that both recognizes and embraces our rich Christian heritage and worship, and honors and values dissent and genuine questioning, will make Unitarian Universalism very attractive to a large segment of American society. In addition to being a husband and father of two boys, Carl is a Special Educator and Master Social Worker working with adjudicated youth. His interests include nature, kids, philosophy, art and politics.

Val became acquainted with UUCP via the EEC preschool when her first son was three years old. She loved the preschool and the UU philosophy. After eleven years of lingering around the back door and getting a glimpse of the UU principles in action, the welcoming congregation, the opportunities for social justice, and the inspirational messages from Rev.

## New Members...

Susan, Val is pleased to become a member and continue a meaningful journey in this community. She works in Early Education, is joyfully married, and has two incredibly awesome boys, ages 14 and 11. Their family also includes two dogs, two cats, two desert tortoises, a hamster, and a snake. Val enjoys reading, hiking, and being in nature.



### BRIAN & MELIANA DAM

Brian and Meliana are new arrivals to the Phoenix area from Chicago. Brian is a Chicago native with 16 years of Catholic schooling, graduating from Marquette University with degrees in Accounting and Finance. Meliana was born and raised in Sumatera, Indonesia, where she worked in the tourism industry. They met more than nine years ago in Sumatera and quickly fell in love and were married in Meliana's Muslim tradition. When they were not back in the Washington, D.C. area doing real estate development, Brian and Meliana were mainly in Indonesia and Thailand, studying and practicing Buddhist meditation and Hindu-based Hatha Yoga. In his free time, Brian worked in Sumatera as a whitewater kayaking instructor and volunteer English teacher. After the birth of their first daughter, Morgan, in 2006, the family moved back to the States where Brian took a position with a public accounting firm as a CPA in the Chicago area. They welcomed their second daughter, Breana, this past summer. A new position in the tax and wealth management fields has brought the family to Phoenix and they are excited to be joining a congregation that is welcoming to people of all faiths and backgrounds.



### TONIA DAVENPORT

Tonia is the Acquisitions Editor for North Light Craft Books. Her favorite part of her job is the inspiration she receives from working with so many authors. "Each time I get to work with an artist on a book, it's like having my own private workshop, and I love learning new art-making techniques that I then can later use in my own creative work." Tonia has been in the Valley for a year and a half and comes here most recently from Cincinnati, where she lived for the last 10 years. She's also lived in the Seattle area and was born in Salt Lake City. When she's not working, Tonia enjoys cooking (and eating!), making art and jewelry, exploring outdoor areas, and, of course, reading. A friend suggested she investigate the UU church. "I have been searching my entire life for a spiritual community that I fit in with and it seems I have found the place."

## New Members...



### CATHERINE DESBERG

Catherine recently moved with her husband and son to Central Phoenix from Laveen. Although she has a background in marketing, her most important career decision was to become a stay-at-home-mom to Daniel, age two. She is looking forward to getting to know the congregation members and bringing up Daniel under the UU principles.



### VINCENT KRUSE

A practicing Pagan reconstructionist for 16 years, and more recently a member of CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans), Vincent is interested in sharing ideas with other UU Pagans and those interested in nature spirituality and ancient religions. An Amnesty International member/supporter, Vincent's keen interest in social justice ministry and working with others to bring full democracy to Arizona drew him to UUCP. Vincent moved to Phoenix in 2005 with his best friend and mate Russ, and they live under the careful supervision of two feline house managers, Ralph and Stoneleigh. Professionally, Vincent has worked with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental illness in vocational service provider agencies in NJ, CA, and now here in the Valley. He currently works as a services coordinator for a behavioral health outpatient clinic at a large provider agency. Vincent attended UU churches in his youth—after attending Roman Catholic seminary—on the path to an open mind. He looks forward to getting involved with the congregation and sharing with new friends.



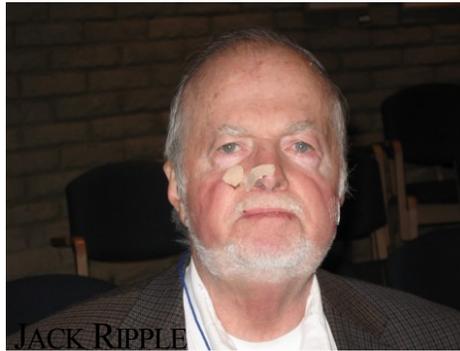
### JOHN MOATS & JENNY JONES MOATS

Jenny is 50-something and enjoying the freedom of her “empty nester” status. Her daughter is 30 years old, lives in NJ, and has blessed her with an 18-month-old grandson, who Jenny doesn't get to see enough of! She and John have been married for almost five years, and their family consists of a Sheltie mix, Bonnie, two cats, and two “part-time” dogs. Jenny works for the Property and Casualty division of a large insurance company and has the pleasure of interacting with customers on a daily basis. Jenny and John enjoy spending time together at their off-grid “ranch” in eastern AZ, a 40-acre getaway in the high desert powered only by solar and wind (and supplemented by propane), which allows them to escape the heat and hustle and bustle of urban life in Phoenix. They find it refreshing to go “back to basics” and dispense with many modern conveniences while they enjoy hiking, reading, and visiting with neighbors.

John is a self-employed entrepreneur, and is in the process of transitioning from 12 years as a landscaping contractor to becoming a consignment shop owner. They find themselves at a very challenging and hopeful turning point in their lives. Both have felt a need

## New Members...

for some sort of spiritual fulfillment that they can enjoy together. Like many UU members, the mainstream religions that Jenny and John grew up with didn't fit their concept of "what it's all about." They both feel that they have found a philosophical and spiritual "home" at UUCP, and look forward to getting involved in the congregation and getting to know other members.



Jack was born in Johnstown, PA, and grew up in a plain, conservative Pennsylvania Dutch religion. He spent three years in the service and graduated from Penn State in 1958. He then worked in Germany for four years, married a German girl, and has two daughters and a three-year-old granddaughter in the Philadelphia area. Jack joined the Unitarian Church of South Jersey in 1973 in order to provide a religious education for his four- and six-year-old daughters. Honeywell, Inc. transferred Jack from Philadelphia to Phoenix in 1987 and he retired in 1999 with 31 years of service.

Jack has been a member of the Valley UU in Chandler for 20 years and has been involved with the Pacific Southwest District's Camp de Benneville for several years as a member of the Board of Trustees. He considers himself a Unitarian Universalist Agnostic/ Humanist. He also has a second home in Overgaard, AZ—in order to escape the summer heat in Phoenix—and is presently "owned" by an eight-month-old Australian Sheppard named Maxine who is his Therapy Dog first class. Jack enjoys spending time in the mountains, hiking, biking, travel, dancing, the internet, cooking, and dinner discussion groups.

SARA STRAWN



Sara grew up in Texas and Arkansas and moved to Tucson in 1994, where she primarily worked as a physical therapist at University Medical Center for 15 years. She then moved to Scottsdale in 2009 when her significant other, Michael Demeure, relocated for work, and has since pursued her own physical therapy private practice, Inner Strength Physical Therapy, specializing in chronic pain and pelvic health for men, women and children. She and Mike are expecting their first child, Sophia Claire, in April.

## VUU Prescott Family Retreat

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
PLEASE JOIN IN THE FUN!

April 29–May 1 will be a fun weekend in the woods at Pine Summit Camp ([www.pinesummitcamp.com](http://www.pinesummitcamp.com)). Besides being located in a beautiful forest, the camp has a mini-golf course, basketball and volleyball courts, and an enclosed gym with a rock wall, zip line, and game room. You'll spend two nights in dormitory-style rooms, enjoy five meals, and spend time with new and long-time UU friends. Registration will begin on March 20. For more information contact Nancy Stillings at [nstillings1@cox.net](mailto:nstillings1@cox.net) or 480-325-0550.

## Awakening the Muse, Nourishing the Spirit

UU WOMEN'S RETREAT AT  
CAMP DE BENNEVILLE PINES

Camp de Benneville Pines is proud to announce the theme and keynote speaker for the annual UU Women's Retreat on May 13-15, 2011. *Awakening the Muse, Nourishing the Spirit* promises to be an inspiring weekend for women from throughout the PSWD. With over half the beds already sold, we are expecting this event to sell out early. So if you need a bottom bunk, don't delay in registering. A \$75 non-refundable deposit is required to hold a space.

"The muse is that which inspires and invokes our creative self, the expression of which connects us to our spirit." Rev. Erika Hewitt from the Live Oak UU Congregation in Goleta, CA, will explore:

- What forms can the muse take?
- How do we cultivate a deeper relationship with the source of inspiration and creativity?
- How does nourishing the spirit go beyond simple self-care and enter the realm of spirituality?
- How might we live from a place of greater centeredness, spiritual depth, compassion and interconnectedness?

Rev. Erika will also offer a Saturday afternoon workshop titled "Yoga as Spiritual Practice."

Hiking, relaxing, drumming, music making, crafting, dancing, singing, recreating are just some of the activities that will be offered during the weekend. Self care with yoga, massage, facials, specialized workshops

and hot tubbing will also be available. Please join your sisters at the 2011 Unitarian Universalist Women's Retreat. Rediscover your essential spirit as you engage your mind, body and soul through art, inspiration play and renewal.

To download a flier to share with a friend or to register for this event, visit [www.uucamp.org](http://www.uucamp.org), click on "Come to Camp" and then "Women's Retreat." Should you wish to reach the camp directly about this event, email Melissa Blackwell, Camper Liaison Coordinator, at [registrar@uucamp.org](mailto:registrar@uucamp.org), or call 909-794-1252.

## Wine Country Holiday

The UUs of Napa, CA, proudly announce the sixth season of our Wine Country Excursions. There is much to see and do in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys: wine tasting at renowned and boutique wineries; visits to art galleries and museums; exploring the natural beauty of our hills and valleys on miles of hiking and bike trails or by car on our highways and back country roads.

Choose a two-day "Wine Country Excursion," a guided, personalized tour conducted by one of our members—or lodging and self-guided touring. UU ministers will be personally guided by our minister, Rev. Bonnie Dlott. The program runs April through October, with fees below market rate, and all proceeds go to our small fellowship. For complete details contact: Tom Wilson (707-254-7443) or [2wilsons1dog@comcast.net](mailto:2wilsons1dog@comcast.net).

## Celebrations of Life

9:30 AM and 11:15 AM

### MARCH 6: *LET'S MAKE HISTORY! ARE YOU IN?*

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

We are embarking on an exciting journey toward General Assembly 2012 in Phoenix. Already this year, we have created an exciting partnership with the national Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) to prepare the ground for Justice GA. As we kick off our Stewardship Campaign for UUCP's 2011-2012 ministry year, how are we being called, and are you excited to be a part of making history?

### MARCH 13: *TRYING TIMES*

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

This community can be a source of renewal and strength in difficult time. And when we are not facing difficulty, we can provide support to others in need. That why it is so important to have a community to share guidance, support and encouragement during trying times.

*Share the Plate Sunday:* This Sunday's offering will benefit Interfaith Cooperative Ministries (ICM) a direct service agency in the Valley.

### MARCH 20: *MULTIGENERATIONAL FLOWER COMMUNION SERVICE*

Service Leaders: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray and Jim Scott

The Flower Communion is a traditional Unitarian Universalist celebration of life, equality and freedom. Everyone is invited to bring a flower to this service. Together we will make an arrangement with the flowers, and everyone goes home with a flower different than they brought. Famous UU composer Jim Scott will provide music and singing for the service—it will be fun for the whole family.

### MARCH 27: *UUCP—AN OUTSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE*

Service Leaders: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray and Rev. Don Southworth

Rev. Don Southworth is the Executive Director of the Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association—the national professional organization of UU ministers. Don has been in Phoenix several times over the last year and has attended the immigration marches and the events of July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Day of Non Compliance. In this service, Don will share his perspective on the role and vision that UUCP is bringing to the larger association.

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Welcoming all  
in building religious community,  
called to  
share journeys,  
grow in spirit,  
advance justice.



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