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—Open Art Studio
—Meditation Group
—Walking Group
—Young Adult Group

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

Entertainer and peace activist Holly Near brings her folk music to the Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Chandler at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

Near’s career as a singer has been defined by “an unwillingness to separate her passion for music from her passion for human dignity.” She is a skilled performer and an outspoken ambassador for peace who brings to the stage an integration of world consciousness, spiritual discovery, and theatricality.

Singing publicly since age 8, Near’s professional career began with numerous performances in film and television, and a run in the Broadway production of “Hair.” Torn between a career as an actor or a singer, Near chose to pursue her love of music, especially that music which articulated the social conditions of the world community.

During her long career in folk and protest music, Near has worked with a wide array of musicians, including Ronnie Gilbert, Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie, Mercedes Sosa, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, Meg (Shambhavi) Christian, Cris Williamson, Linda Tillery, Joan Baez, Phil Ochs, Harry Belafonte and many others, as well as
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the Chilean exile group Inti-Illimani.

Most notable is Near’s humanitarian work. She is an activist and an advocate for important organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the National Organization for Women (NOW), and more. In 2005, she was voted as one of the 1,000 Women for a Nobel Peace Prize.

Her song “Singing For Our Lives” appears in Singing the Living Tradition, the official hymnal of the Unitarian Universalist Association, under the title “We Are A Gentle, Angry People” (Hymn #170). The hymn was also performed by Quaker Friends in an episode of the TV series “Six Feet Under.”

A prolific writer and recording artist, Near has released 26 recordings of her own, including the seminal “Imagine My Surprise,” and performs as a guest on many others. In the past few years, Near has been busy re-releasing much of her early material. She continues to write and sing political songs with grace and humor, and her integrity earns her the reputation as one of the most articulate social change artists working today, with a power and maturity that may only come from decades of love and fear, despair and inspiration. Her website is www.hollynear.com.

The event is open to the public. Tickets are $20 in advance and available online at www.vuu.org, or $25 at the door. Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation is at 6400 W. Del Rio, south of Ray Road in Chandler. For details, call 480-899-4249.

Greetings from Your Music Director!

As I write this, I’m preparing for a trip to China. When you read this I will have been on tour with the American Festival Orchestra, playing nine concerts in nine cities in China. I left on December 21 and will return January 6, 2012. I have directed choirs in Christmas Eve services for the past 36 years. Know that I have missed being with you during this time. On the other hand, what an opportunity to be jerked out of my Christmas-Hannukah-Solstice comfort zone and to be forced to examine a culture where I do not even speak the language.

In preparation for this adventure, I have spent many hours practicing the music for the concerts, and learning some Mandarin. I have enjoyed writing numbers from 1-100 in Chinese characters, and learning some basic Pīn-yīn.

It is a long journey to begin to understand aspects of any culture in which we have not been raised, but every journey is a series of small steps. You may have noticed that the Congregation Choir has been singing in Spanish more this year than other years. We have been taking small steps toward greater understanding. This has been difficult for choir members who do not speak Spanish… and the Spanish alphabet is almost the same as the English alphabet!

Learning to sing in the language of any culture is one small step in making this journey. Writing Chinese characters is one small step toward understanding. The Unitarian Universalist Association has helped us begin this journey by publishing our hymnal supplement, Singing the Journey. Another resource is Las voces del camino. These publications have rocked the Unitarian Universalist musical world. May this trend continue.

Our world is full of many beautiful cultures. Each is diverse as the people who represent it. May our Sunday Services be celebrations of life in all its diversity. Together, let us take those steps toward understanding.

Connie Jahrmarkt, CML
musicdirector@phoenixuu.org
Minister’s Musings

Welcome 2012! Happy New Year! It is time to stomp on the grave of the old year and open our hearts to what this new year will bring. Yet, even writing this, I know the coming year will bring with it challenges. It will bring joys, like new life and new love, and new restrooms! But it will also bring its fair share of losses and setbacks (they all do).

As a ritual to bring in the New Year, we light candles on the first Sunday of January. They are candles for the hopes and dreams we have for the new year. Hopes for personal and spiritual growth, for resolution to conflicts in our lives, for peace, for better opportunity, and deeper connection, and dreams of peace and justice in our world. As I think of the many hopes I have for our community and for all of you, I am reminded of this simple story about humanity and creation.

After God finished Creation, she had a desire to leave something behind, just a small piece of divinity and wholeness so that humans could experience this power. But, God was also a bit of a trickster and she did not want it to be too easily found. So she asked the other living things in creation where she should hide it. Some said hide it up in the stars; humans will never find it there. But God knew that one day humans would explore the stars and the planets and would eventually find it there. Others suggested she hide it at the bottom of sea. But once again, God knew that it would only be a matter of time before humans would explore all the depths of the oceans—that was also too easy. Then suddenly, God had it. “I know where I'll put this special something, a place where they will never look. I’ll hide it within them, they will never look there.” And so it was.

While sometimes we forget it, and sometimes the oppressive realities of life try to stamp it out, this light, this hope, is inside each one of us, and it is inside our world. And it is this flame that is the beginning of all our dreams. May you dream boldly, share generously and may we all have a part in encouraging the hopes and dreams of each other and our world.

May you and yours have a happy and healthy New Year!

Love,
Susan

We give thanks for those moments when we can feel that we live in a world that is not indifferent to our need.

We all have so many needs—a thousand prayers—a thousand needs—that really only have one answer: let the world not be indifferent.

And may we live and be with each other in the way that shows this truth whatever the day brings: that neither are we indifferent to each other.

—Rev. Judith Meyer
Happy New Year, friends!

January 2012, even more than most years, brings to my mind the Roman god Janus, the god with two faces, one that looks back and the other that looks forward.

I believe this will be no ordinary year for our congregation, because we are truly poised to do great things this year. While our upcoming opportunities are momentous and energizing, we should also take a moment to look back at the remarkable trajectory that we have set ourselves on the last several years.

I have been a member of the UUCP for more than eight years, and I have seen us go through many transitions, including struggles with finances, multiple ministerial changes, governance makeover, and several cycles of renovation. We have grown from a mid-sized, 200+ member congregation to one that is 400+. Through it all, we have maintained and nurtured and grown our community; we have become even more welcoming; we have significantly sharpened and established our social action agenda; and we are making solid progress on the daunting task of building renovation.

Through these many transitions, I find myself internally looking at the UUCP in a fundamentally different way than when I first joined. Back then, it was clear that the congregation was deeply important and central to the lives of the core members of the UUCP. Today, the same is very much true, but I now think of the UUCP as also being very important to the lives of people outside of our congregation, both UUs and non-UUs.

The congregation is, like Janus, looking both inward at our own community, as well as outward, toward our social justice allies and our UU brethren. We are becoming a community that is important to people in the valley and the state for our principles and values. I now think of our congregation—or perhaps our congregation’s constituency—as a broad and diverse group of people that stretches way beyond our campus. Most of all, I think about our community’s importance to those people who may not even know we are here… yet.

As an illustrative example of our journey, when I first became a member of the UUCP Board of Trustees, the Board was actively involved in the day-to-day management of the congregation. We were focused on how to carry out many of the programs on the UUCP, including things like coffee hour and door greeting. Today, the
Board is grappling with topics like: “How do we become a resource congregation?” or “How do we enhance the spiritual lives of our members?” or “How do be come a more vibrant and healthy congregation?” (I’m certainly not saying that Board work is easier, but it has definitely changed.)

The outward-gazing face of Janus challenges us now to meet the practical and concrete opportunities that lie in our near future. The most obvious is the arrival of Justice General Assembly in Phoenix this summer, when Unitarian Universalists from all over the country and all over the world converge here to educate and rededicate ourselves to our mission of social justice. Rev. Susan, Sandy Weir, Asha Arora, and others have been providing leadership to help determine the shape of this most important event. There will be many tasks in the next six months and our congregation will have the honor of being able help host this event.

The Board of Trustees is also deeply focused on the inward-reflecting face of Janus—we are currently continuing work on the next strategic plan, which will help determine the allocation of resources for the next five years. Our strategic plan will include concepts for guiding the UUCP in ways that will improve the lives of individual congregants, the UUCP community as a whole, and the greater community outside of the UUCP. This will be discussed with the congregation in general at the January 29th Congregational Meeting. I invite all of you to join us at that time.

The UUCP, like most congregations, may seem like it is always undergoing a transition in one way or another. However, one thing is certain from my perspective—we are making progress, even in the current challenging environment. Sometimes when you feel like you are traveling in a circle, you are really climbing a spiral staircase. We have been climbing and will continue to climb with your help, your commitment, your spirit and your presence.

Blessed be, and happy new year!

Jimmy Leung

The next Board meetings will be:
January 26th
February 23rd
6:00 PM in the Johnson Room
We plan to be reviewing congregational ByLaws, and preparing for January’s Congregational Meeting.

The UUCP mid-year Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 29th, after the second service. (Childcare will be provided.)

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

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From the Staff...

One Small Thing

You’ll be hearing a lot this month about New Year’s resolutions being made and broken. In fact, many people bah-humbug the idea of New Year’s resolutions right along with all the rest of the folderol that surrounds the winter holidays. It makes me wonder: Are we too self-satisfied to consider making changes or are we simply afraid of failure?

For me, the start of a new year is a perfect time for intentional reflection. To borrow a phrase from poet Mary Oliver, January is a time for asking: What will I do with my “one wild and precious life” during this one wild and precious day/month/year that I have before me? Will I just keep on keepin’ on—or is there more to life than that?

I challenge you this year to do one small thing, just one, every day of 2012 to remind yourself that you are precious. That you have gifts to give. That whatever your circumstances, you can experience moments of clarity, contentment, meaning, and joy.

“What is that one small thing?” you may wonder. Ah, I can’t tell you what yours is because yours may be different from mine. You must discover it for yourself. I can point you towards some paths of discovery and be your companion for brief moments along the way, but the challenge of the one small thing is yours to discern.

Albert Camus famously wrote, “In the depth of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer.” I doubt he was talking specifically about an Arizona summer, but I trust you understand the meaning of the metaphor. During the longest, darkest, coldest nights, throughout our personal winters of despair, we each carry within us some reservoir or “place” of peace, hope, and joy. I challenge you this year to find the one small thing that you can do each day to nurture your own invincible summer, the one small thing that will help you remember how precious you and your time really are.

Namaste,
Linda

Rev. Linda Lawrence

Inaugural Men’s Group Meeting, January 22!

Many have expressed interest in our new Men’s Group. Hooray! Let’s have a first meeting on Sunday, January 22 at 12:30 PM—after second service coffee—in Annex Room H. We will talk about the group and decide on a regular weekday time for future gatherings. If you have questions, contact Michael Relland at mjvielle@yahoo.com or 602-321-8991.
Thirty Days of Love (Jan 16-Feb 14): Past, Present, and Future

I am looking at a preview of the “Thirty Days of Love” calendar that just arrived in my email box from the Standing on the Side of Love campaign (www.standingonthesideoflove.org). As I peek at this virtual Valentine’s Day advent calendar, our history brings confidence that members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix (UUCP) will engage in several of the suggested actions.

For example, the first meeting of the “Immigration as a Moral Issue” winter class is on January 16, the first “Day of Love,” Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The students in the class will deepen their understanding of today’s human rights issues as they compare and contrast with the civil rights movement of the 1960s. I am especially reminded of the Sunday morning sermons that Dr. King preached at the same time as he was leading a national movement. In 1966, King preached “the church is called to set free those that are captive, to set free those that are victims of the slavery of segregation and discrimination, those who are caught up in the slavery of fear and prejudice. “Ours is a denomination where our worship service brings the message “justice is what love looks like in public.”

Two years ago, on January 16, 2010, there was a march to the county’s Tent City Jail where we became more closely acquainted with some of our human rights partners. We heard about brothers of marchers who were stuck inside the fences while their families stood vigil.

Thursday, February 2 describes an action, “Stop Secure Communities,” whose ultimate success would reduce the flow of migrant breadwinners to the thousands of detention beds in Arizona’s public and private prisons. Our Immigration Task Force focuses on ending “the mass incarceration of migrants” and will take part in the February 2 action.

I look at February 11: “Commit to Attending Justice GA.” Yes, please do. Plans for training, celebrations, witness, and worship are taking shape. It will be a privilege to encourage UUCP members to spend June 20-24 at Justice GA, hearing powerful speakers such as Rev. Karen I. Tse, who will talk of her work in Cambodia and beyond.

February 14 will be the thirtieth Day of Love, rounding out a month of many actions: advocacy with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community and advocacy with migrants and indigenous persons. Recently we’ve heard powerful testimony from a member of 3rd Space Phoenix: “Queer and migrant: fighting for the right to be whole.” Thanks for such courage; please teach us; and may our denomination and our Phoenix journey toward wholeness.

Con abrazos fuertes,
Sandy Weir

Covenant Groups

More covenant groups will be starting in January. Meet with others in small groups to talk at a deeper level. We may talk about spirituality, mystery, compassion, our principles, and much more. What would you like to discuss? Want to join? Contact Ellie Anderla at covenantgroups@phoenixuu.org.
The Business Behind Membership

When you become a member of UUCP, you become a part of something larger than our individual congregation. Each of the 1,041 Unitarian Universalist congregations unite in the Unitarian Universalist Association (www.uua.org) to provide services that individual congregations cannot provide for themselves. Each congregation is also associated with one of the UUA’s 19 districts. UUCP is a member of the Pacific Southwest District (www.pswduua.org).

It is my job as the Business Administrator to audit our membership list for the purpose of annual certification. The certified membership number is used to calculate our congregation’s Fair Share contribution to the UUA’s Annual Program Fund for the following fiscal year, determines total District dues, and determines the number of voting delegates who may represent our congregation at General Assembly. This fiscal year our Fair Share based upon 416 members is $24,128 to the UUA and $9,984 to the District. This means that for each certified member, UUCP must send $58 to the UUA and $24 to the District. See the table below on the past 10 years of UUCP’s Membership Certification numbers.

The idea that membership results in a direct cost to the congregation comes as a surprise to many people. What may come as an even bigger surprise is each member’s “share” of the congregation budget.

The cost of membership to our Congregation is more like $1,419…per person…this year. To determine this you’d divide the annual expense budget ($590,511) and divide it by the number of members (416 from last certification).

All of this is, of course, assuming that all households are created economically equal. We recognize that this isn’t true, so don’t worry, I will not be sending you a bill from UUCP to this effect! This article is intended more as an informational piece in light of our annual membership certification due in February. How does that saying go? “The more you know, the more you…grow?”

Right now Rev. Susan and I are putting the finishing touches on the July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 Budget to set the pledge target for our annual Stewardship Campaign that starts in March. Next month I will report on the results of our 2012 annual certification and include a list of our voting members.

For all of you who give generously within your means to the life and mission of this Congregation…thank you! Without you our Congregation could not be the spiritual home that it is for so many.

In community,
Heidi Parmenter, Business Administrator

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“It’s the Process, Not the Product”

For those of you who have swapped emails with me, you may have noticed this phrase in my signature line and probably wondered about it. It is one of the most powerful mantras for an early childhood educator because it reminds us that it’s about the journey, not the destination.

January marks my first anniversary as the director of your preschool. I want to say thank you all for trusting me with such a precious treasure. There are few early childhood programs in the valley with the legacy of the UUEEC. Your preschool has molded the minds of thousands of children in the past fifty years.

I want to thank all of you for your overwhelming support of this weekday outreach ministry. There are many families who enter the west door Monday through Friday who we’d never be able to get themselves to come in the front door on Sunday. After a few years with our talented teachers and the UU message of love and acceptance, they look at the world a little bit differently and their children have a foundation of love and respect that will change how they interact with the world and how they raise future generations. Teacher Doug often talks about changing the world 13 two-year-olds at a time.

It has been a distinct pleasure to meet so many of you who have a history with the preschool. A community is not a community without its elders and you are our elders and we love to see you involved in each of your little ways. Reverend Linda reads stories to the four-year-olds once a month, Maureen Jeffries and Catherine Desberg volunteer their time to help with fundraising and on the parent committee. Some of you have donated your old cell phones to us, others have begun composting with us. A few of you have even embraced our recycling project and I’m proud to say we’ve reached 1/5 of our goal for recycling cell phones this year.

The preschool has many other ways you can become involved as we move into the second half of the school year and many of them don’t even require you coming into a classroom. Take a look at a few of the opportunities you have to support this valuable ministry program:

1. Write a note to a preschool family letting them know you appreciate their involvement in the program.
2. Help stock the preschool pantry with healthy snacks, including fruit (fresh and dried), fruit juice (100% only please), and cheese sticks.
3. Continue to bring in your old cell phones and printer ink cartridges for the preschool recycling project.
4. Attend a UUEEC event at a local restaurant or bookstore (dates to come).
5. Distribute preschool brochures at business and networking events.
6. Consider purchasing a nonprofit membership to Local First Arizona or the GPGLCC for the preschool.
7. Sponsor an ad in a local parenting magazine to let families know about our program.

Make the preschool a part of your charitable giving each year.

See you all in the playroom!

KellyAnn Bonnell, UUEEC Director
Sock Monkeys and Science: A Visit with Our UUCP Youth

Last month, I took you on a whirlwind journey through our children’s religious education classes that meet during first service. Today, come with me (during second service) as we venture into shark-infested waters teaming with alligators, jellyfish, and the occasional sock monkey. This is junior high and high school. Hey, wait, come back…

First up we find you on your third cup of coffee (in 5 minutes) at coffee hour. Out of the corner of your eye, you see a string of kids grabbing cookies and chips and you hear them giggling as the clear ringleader holds up a long, narrow shaped goodie and declares: “phallic symbol! Let’s get enough for everyone!” You gulp down the rest of your coffee and decide to follow. Through the woods and over the mountains you go, until you find yourself rooted outside of Annex Room H. Inside, you see about 20 pre-teens and at least five adults, all sitting in a circle around a low table adorned with colorful sentiments and a beautiful chalice.

The electric flame of the chalice flickers as you hear the group calling out things like, “kissing,” “holding hands,” “sharing your burrito,” and “not laughing when you fart.” Although this sounds like they are discussing your last relationship, you realize this must be the OWL class. OWL stands for Our Whole Lives and is a comprehensive sexuality program that offers age-appropriate curriculums for all levels. Teachers Kathleen, Sam, Jen, Rajeev, and Laurie all spot you at the door at the same time and rush to explain that the class is closed and that they are discussing sensitive relationship and intimacy issues today.

You smile, happy to know that our kids are getting an opportunity to discuss important topics like these in safe, comfortable surroundings with kids their own ages, and specially trained facilitators. As you turn from the door, you swear you hear a voice asking if it is important to light the labia minora every night of Hanukah*.

You lock that gem away and remind yourself to pull it out at your holiday dinner as you head up to Annex C to see what YRUU (our high school class) is doing today.

Your gentle knock on the door is answered with a loud chorus of “What’s the password?” and one kind soul opening the door, rolling her eyes at her cohorts, and inviting you inside. Where to look first? There is a huge wall that looks like a rainbow threw up on it, and a happy dog with a pink Mohawk humping your leg, and food and markers and hand massages and hair braiding and one tall red head standing, asking the others if poetry is more important than science. “Well, I think fruit roll-ups are superior to gummy bears if that helps,” is the answer she gets, and your love of non-sequiturs is reborn.

The group is actually discussing the upcoming Justice General Assembly, humor, and the inner time paradigm, all at once. They are having three discussions in this one space at the same time, and it is working. You are in awe. They are completing each other’s sentences, comparing ideas, and actively listening to each other. Advisor Sarah is keeping the discussion on track by asking open-ended questions, making sure everyone is being heard, and knitting. You decide this is a special group and sign up for the training session on January 7 to learn more about getting involved with our teenagers. You love mysteries.

*Special thanks to Plattner/Kammerle/Comp/Brookshire OWL crew for this “gem.”

Thank you for taking this virtual journey. I hope that it made you giggle. But more than that, I hope you want to jump in and be part of our children’s program! You don’t have to have kids in the program, you just have to want to help support our children’s ministry. Children are the future of our congregation and our community. If you would like to get involved, there are many easy one-time tasks, as well as ongoing commitments to fit every lifestyle!
From the Staff...

As we begin the second half of our year together, I have to take this chance to thank so many people for their helping hands and caring hearts! Our Sunday School program and children’s ministry are shared endeavors, and we depend on the cooperation and support of volunteers and families to help make each Sunday the best it can be for our children and youth. Our program has had so much support and encouragement, and to that end, I want to thank the following people:

Families and teaching helpers who have offered time, talents and kind words: Vicki, Barb, Dorothy, David and Uli, Carey, Sarah, Jean, Brittan, Jairo, Dawn and Russell, Ellie and Ellie, Bill, Cara, Karin, Jen, Elyse, Amy, Maureen, Melinda, Steve, Francis, Aida, Margaret and Margy.

Lead Teachers and OWL Facilitators: Tiffany, Daniel, Karen, Sara, Jen, Kelia and Briana, Steve, Jen, Rajeev, Kathleen, Sam, Laurie, Jeff and Cynthia.

Children’s Ministry Committee members: Sarah, Tammy, Jen, Wendy, Nancy.

Special thanks to Karin, Cara, Bill and Charlotte, Kim, Victoria, China Rae, Celeste, Heidi, Jill and Rev. Susan.

And a huge hUUg to the two women who have mentored me, both intentionally and unintentionally: Susan Goldsmith and Lani Angell-Comp. Your encouragement and support helps me realize how important it is to be there for our children.

Hats off to 2012!

Cheers,
Jaynn Truran
Temporary Director of Children’s Religious Education

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**YRUU Advisor Training** – Saturday, January 7, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (light lunch and rap session included)
If you would like to get involved with our high school group, this is the workshop for you! YRUU Advisors help to facilitate activities and Sunday morning discussions; they help transport, chaperone, and empower our youth at conferences and camps, and help to ensure a safe space for our young people to explore and challenge themselves. Please let me know (if you haven’t already) if you plan to attend!

**UUCP Childcare Worker Training** – Saturday, January 14, 10:00 AM to Noon
We are currently hiring childcare workers to help with childcare for events, activities, and meetings scheduled on the UUCP campus. This is a mandatory training session, so if you would like to be included, please email me as soon as possible for more information. This is open to youth ages 14 and up, and to adults as well. This is an easy way to make a little extra money, and to help out in the community!

**5th-6th Grade OWL** – Coming soon!
If you are the parent of a 5th-6th grader, your orientation session will be announced soon. Jeff Newman and Cynthia Diefert will be facilitating this nine-session class.

**PSWD YRUU Spirituality Conference** – February 24-26
If you can help chaperone this district-wide event that will be held on our campus, please email Jaynn Truran at jatruran@aol.com. We are looking for three- to four-hour time commitments—you will not have to be there the whole weekend. Youth coordinate and lead this event.
The Science of Thinking

On January 15th, UUCP Book Group will begin to discuss Danial Kahneman’s *Thinking Fast and Slow*. Book Group meets every Sunday at 10:45 AM in Annex B. We hope you will join us!

Publication Date: October 25, 2011
A *Globe and Mail* Best Books of the Year 2011 Title

Daniel Kahneman, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for his seminal work in psychology that challenged the rational model of judgment and decision making, is one of our most important thinkers. His ideas have had a profound and widely regarded impact on many fields—including economics, medicine, and politics—but until now, he has never brought together his many years of research and thinking in one book.

In the highly anticipated *Thinking, Fast and Slow*, Kahneman takes us on a groundbreaking tour of the mind and explains the two systems that drive the way we think. System 1 is fast, intuitive, and emotional; System 2 is slower, more deliberative, and more logical. Kahneman exposes the extraordinary capabilities—and also the faults and biases—of fast thinking, and reveals the pervasive influence of intuitive impressions on our thoughts and behavior. The impact of loss aversion and overconfidence on corporate strategies, the difficulties of predicting what will make us happy in the future, the challenges of properly framing risks at work and at home, the profound effect of cognitive biases on everything from playing the stock market to planning the next vacation—each of these can be understood only by knowing how the two systems work together to shape our judgments and decisions.

Engaging the reader in a lively conversation about how we think, Kahneman reveals where we can and cannot trust our intuitions and how we can tap into the benefits of slow thinking. He offers practical and enlightening insights into how choices are made in both our business and our personal lives—and how we can use different techniques to guard against the mental glitches that often get us into trouble. *Thinking, Fast and Slow* will transform the way you think about thinking.

2\textsuperscript{nd} & 4\textsuperscript{th} Saturdays Addictions Discussion Group

According to the latest Addictions Ministry map on the UUA website, there are a dozen congregations with active programs:

Phoenix, AZ; Rancho Palos Verdes, CA; Santa Barbara, CA; Westboro, MA; Columbia, MD; Toronto, ON; Harrisburg, PA; Austin, TX; Des Moines, WA; Olympia, WA; Shoreline, WA; and River Falls, WI. That means the next closest group to UCCP is 6 ½ hours away!

If you have some stable recovery (six months suggested) from alcohol, drugs, gambling, sex, eating disorders including bulimia and anorexia, or compulsive shopping, come join us in Annex B at 4:30 PM. Your anonymity will be protected. We are a safe place to discuss spirituality without judgment. We are not the right group for co-dependency or families of addicts. If interested, call 602-361-9067 or just drop by.
Support DVLC Students Through Tax Credits

Your Arizona state taxes can fund scholarships at Desert View Learning Center using the Private School Tuition Tax Credit. Desert View Learning Center has been on the UUCP campus since 1973.

A taxpayer does not need to have a child to take advantage of this tax credit. All Arizona taxpayers can direct $1,000 of their state taxes to education and get a dollar-for-dollar credit for doing so. Those filing jointly can claim up to a $1,000 tax credit. For single tax payers, the limit is $500.

You have until April 15, 2012 to make your payment and receive the credit. However, we ask that you make your payment by December 31, 2011 because we award scholarships in February.

Please make out your check to Schools with Heart Foundation*. Be sure to write “For DVLC” on the memo line. Mail your check to:

Schools with Heart Foundation  
1131 East Highland Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85014

A receipt for tax purposes will be mailed to the address on your check (or to an address included with your check).

Your support of Desert View scholarships ensures that all children, regardless of financial means, can be a part of this diverse school community. Scholarships are awarded to families with a demonstrated financial need.

Because your contribution creates a 100% tax credit for you, this is a gift that truly costs you nothing and creates incredible value for education.

ADOR NOTICE: A school tuition organization cannot award, restrict, or reserve scholarships solely on the basis of donor recommendation. A taxpayer may not claim a tax credit if the taxpayer agrees to swap donations with another taxpayer to benefit either taxpayer’s own dependent.

* Schools with Heart is the School Tax Organization that administers the scholarship fund for Desert View Learning Center.

Traveling 2nd Fridays

Curious about Traveling 2nd Fridays? Come learn about other cultures and far-off lands as UUCP members and guests share about their adventures in Shanghai, Brazil, and other foreign locales. Join us the second Friday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the UUCP sanctuary.

January 13: Escaping the Holocaust to Shanghai with Dinah Schwarz  
There is no place to hide! We have to run! But where can we go? Who will welcome us? Who will allow us to live among them in peace? Hitler and his brown shirts have been hunting and murdering us. We must leave. This is the story of Dinah’s parents and 20,000 plus refugees from the Holocaust.

Feel free to contact Barbara Cawthorne at (480) 994-1452 or thetravellers@q.com with any questions. Everyone is welcome! Travel with us the second Friday of the month from January to June.
Ministry and Committee Reports...

UU Service Committee

Thank you to everyone who took a UUSC Guest at Your Table box in December and put a coin or dollar in it at mealtime in gratitude for the bountiful gifts in our lives. I hope you will continue to fill the box to overflowing until they are returned at a Sunday to be determined. Don’t forget to put your name on the box so that the amount will go towards your UUSC membership. Last year we collected $541—let’s top that this year!

UUSC is our denomination’s global ministry serving humanity in many capacities in 22 countries in Africa, South and Central America, Asia, and right here in the U.S. If you are not a member, I urge you to become enlightened by visiting www.uusc.org and join this 40,000 member organization.

The UU Service Committee began in 1941, at the onset of WWII, when Martha and Waitstill Sharp who, as UUA representatives, traveled to Europe to see what they could do to help the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing Hitler’s armies. Today, UUSC is a presence in places such as Haiti, Pakistan, Kenya, Gaza, Uganda, Peru, and Mexico. More information and applications are available at the Social Action table in the back of the sanctuary.

UUPC did not reach our goal of at least 25% of us becoming UUSC members this year. While it is disappointing, no, embarrassing, to again not be listed in the UUSC annual report as almost all other Arizona UU congregations and fellowships, there is hope that we can attain the goal this year. Please join or renew your current UUSC membership at these very affordable rates to make it happen:

- $40 General membership
- $75 General membership (dual)
- $10 Student/Youth
- $20 Senior
- $40 Senior (dual)
- $100 Shelter Rock matching gift

“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something…” (Edward Everett Hale, Unitarian minister). Together we can change the world one person, one UUSC member, at a time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Share the Plate with Circulo de Amigas on January 15th

Circulo de Amigas, founded by UU Pat McCully of California, has assisted the education of nearly 200 girls in the remote mountain town of Jinotega, Nicaragua. Through a variety of programs from reading to lowering teen pregnancy rates, Circulo de Amigas helps provide a pathway out of poverty in the second poorest country in the western hemisphere. Members of our congregation have visited and helped set up a computer classroom, and supported girls’ studies since 1998. Proceeds of Share the Plate on January 15 will support students Jaritsa and Lisbeth. For more information on Circulo de Amigas, see www.camigas.org.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the application of UU values through Share the Plate.
Construction Continues!

The 2010 Combined Campaign “Time to make it real!” included a three-year capital campaign to address the following building needs:

- New restrooms
- Sewer connection
- Electrical upgrades

Construction work continued in December. The sewer line installation began in the center of Lincoln Drive, went south through the east (paved) parking lot, and then west to behind the main UUCP building. The playground between the main building and the annexes was closed for much of the month of December. The main entrance to the building was not available for several days during the construction. The view from the front door on the left below shows the deep ditch required for the sewer. The overall view on the right shows the large excavator used to dig the hard caliche rock.

It is planned that all of the existing plumbing will be connected to the new sewer line and the septic system will be abandoned in January 2012. The footings will be poured in late December to begin construction of the new restroom core.

Water and electrical upgrades on the west end of the campus will begin in the latter part of December and continue into January. A new electrical service entry station will be built. Access to the campus from the west will be restricted during that time.

Please watch the Compass weekly newsletter for announcements of construction activity and any facility closures. More important, please look at any information signs when you are on the UUCP campus. Although all efforts are being taken to reduce impact on programs, a certain amount of inconvenience (and dust) cannot be avoided.

Details of the project may be found on the UUCP website at the “UUCP Renovation” tab. Please feel free to contact the Renovation Project Team at renovation@phoenixuu.org or the office if you have any questions.

Don Weir
Chair, 2010-12 Renovation Project
Racism and Multiculturalism

Our next Diversity Dinner is Friday, January 20, 6:00-8:00 PM. Please join us for our potluck dinner and discussion of what it really means to live in a society where racism and multiculturalism still remain in conflict, but where these forces still have to be reckoned with every day by almost everybody. The evening will be hosted by the Adult Faith Development Committee.

While racism is something many would like to deny or ignore, it shows up in many ways. Most everyone has some kind of prejudice, fear, curiosity, or misconception about the “other.” Some worthwhile questions can be helpful to almost anyone and we would like to include those in dinner discussion: What experience have you had with people of different cultures and ideologies? What do you think is going on with the conflicts and the harmony that keep emerging in our ever-changing society? Are we more alike than we realize?

All ages are invited and welcome for spirited multi-generational interaction. For the potluck in the Johnson Room, please bring a dish according to this breakout: last names A-G Main Dish; H-M Side Dish or Chips; N-S Dessert; T-Z Drinks. We ask that you bring your own reusable plates, cups, and utensils in an effort to reduce waste.

We look forward to hearing from each of you on this vital and close-to-home topic!

Finance Committee

The finance committee continues to have excellent news concerning the current fiscal year. Overall, the handling of the finances are running smoothly with few problems, including the funds associated with the ongoing Capital work and the Arizona Immigration Ministry. Support continues to be strong with received pledges standing at $163,929.97 and representing 42.6 % of the total pledge amount. The overall balance continues to run positive and currently stands at +$16,957.30.

Critical to this fiscal success is continued support of the Congregation members and we are thankful to all members for their continued commitment to the operation of the Congregation. In January 2012, statements will be provided to all members concerning their support for the 2011 calendar year (January 2011-December 2011 for tax purposes) as well as the current received pledges for the fiscal year (July 2011-December 2011). If you are one of the many members who make payments towards their pledges on a regular payment schedule, we remind you that it is possible to make use of an automated payment plan. With this process, there is no need for writing checks, as the payments are withdrawn from your account on a monthly basis. If you are interested in enrolling in this method or have questions concerning the pledge 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.
Social Action News

The Social Action Committee would like to thank everyone who donated items for Interfaith Cooperative Ministries during our Holiday Drive. Our table was overflowing with donations. Also, thank you to those who participated in the “Bucks for Booker T” charitable tax credit program, which benefits Booker T. Washington Early Learning Center. Your generosity to those in need during this holiday season and year around is appreciated!

Please join us at the Social Action Luncheon on Sunday, January 15th at 12:30 PM in the Johnson Room. Everyone is welcome and a small voluntary donation for food is appreciated. Our guests presenters will be from the Worker Rights Center. They will perform a skit and more as they inform us about their organization. The Worker Rights Center is affiliated with the Arizona Interfaith Alliance for Worker Justice (AIAWJ).

AIAWJ (formerly Interfaith Worker Justice of Arizona) was established in 2006 through the cooperative efforts of local faith leaders and the national offices of Interfaith Worker Justice. In its first year, IWJAZ served as a lead partner in the statewide coalition for the “Raise the Minimum Wage for Working Arizonans” ballot initiative; partnered with low-income workers in residential construction and hotel and laundry worker campaigns; and resourced low-income faith communities in civic engagement activities.

In 2008, IWJAZ expanded its mission to include a worker rights center where workers are trained in self-advocacy and strategic planning to address workplace injustice. In 2009, the center became an independent organization, changing its name to Arizona Interfaith Alliance for Worker Justice. To date, AIAWJ actively works toward achieving its mission and vision by educating workers about their civil and labor rights; training and developing leaders; providing services to assist workers in resolving workplace issues; and engaging with faith communities, labor and community groups, and university allies to support worker initiatives and develop a worker-led anti-wage theft campaign.

Over the past three years, AIAWJ has accepted 256 cases (representing 450+ workers) and has compiled rudimentary data that identifies more than one million in stolen wages within these cases. Further, more comprehensive studies will certainly see this number increase. Our staff has collected more than $283,000 over the past three years, including one of our most successful months in June 2011 in which the Worker Rights Center collected $29,177.75 in back-wages and punitive damages.

Over the past year, AIAWJ has made workplace organizing and campaigns a priority. In the summer of 2010, AIAWJ launched a campaign against a large drywall contractor that was notorious throughout Arizona for its abusive labor practices. The campaign resulted in a legal battle and 12 workers in the case are currently negotiating a six-figure settlement. Apart from individual campaigns, AIAWJ has also focused on leadership development; since January 2011, AIAWJ has graduated 40 members from our nine-week leadership course which prepares workers for the long-term struggle against wage theft. Also in 2011, AIAWJ began hosting quarterly Community Health Fairs. In addition to the services offered to the community it serves directly, AIAWJ supports other community-based organizations by hosting meeting space for other grassroots organizations like 3rd Space and AZResistsAlec and hosting Spanish for Social Justice Classes and English-Spanish Language Exchanges led by independent organizers.

To subscribe or receive Horizons via email, please submit your contact info at the visitors’ desk or email administrator@phoenixuu.org.
Ministry and Committee Reports...

Unicare

Thank you to Jean Rosenberg for her ministry to UUCP as Unicare Coordinator for the past six months! Your UUCP friends wish you and Mort all happiness in your new California home and hope you will come to love and appreciate your new UU congregation, and they you. We will miss you.

Another big thank you goes to Carolyn Allenby and all the choir and congregation members who caroled for many of our homebound members on December 17th. By all reports, the music and revelry was enjoyed by one and all. Thank you for this musical outreach!

UUCP members and friends have shared many joys and sorrows during Sunday morning worship services. Here are some we received from mid-November through mid-December:

- The Iyer family was able to make their trip to India following successful physical therapy for Melinda and effective breathing treatments for Sara. Safe travels!
- Connie Jahrmarkt’s uncle, Ed Ebyl, the “Music Man of Richmond, Indiana” died recently. We extend our sympathy to Connie for her loss. We also share in Connie’s excitement about her three-week orchestra trip through China.
- Our loving thoughts go to Stephanie Hart and family. Stephanie’s cousin, Stephen, passed away after fighting for life for ten weeks on an artificial heart.
- Joshua Russell, son-in-law of Gary and Linda Lawrence, left in early December for a one-year USAF tour of duty in Afghanistan. We pray for his safe return to family and friends.
- Amy McCluer’s dad has taken several falls and now requires surgery and rehab. This means that Amy’s marriage to Steven Miskell will have to be postponed. We are sorry, Amy and Steven! We hope your father heals quickly, Amy.
- Ruth Pinkus reports the death of Bill Ferguson, a lifelong friend who introduced her to UUism. May you have many fond memories to comfort you, Ruth.
- Longtime member Dave Walker was recently diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer. We send our love and support to Dave, Libby, and their family. They would like you to know that cards and phone calls are welcomed.
- Mort Rosenberg fell and required a “do-over” on his hip replacement. At this writing, he is at Live Care of Paradise Valley for rehab but may well be back home in Phoenix by the time Horizons is published. Phone calls are welcomed. The Rosenbergs expect to move to CA by mid-January if all goes well with Mort’s recovery.
- Kathy Baughman had bunion surgery on the 12th of December and will be off work for six weeks of recuperation. Cards, calls, and visits are welcomed, but please call first if you’d like to visit. Best wishes, Kathy!
- Pat Shannon is expected to be home soon, too, after an emergency hospital visit and time in rehab for recovery. We send you our love, Pat, and know that you enjoy receiving cards and letters.
- Pat’s daughter, Diana Ashley, is doing well following surgery and we were glad to see her back for services in December.
- Congratulations to Lois Fisher on becoming the Executive Director of Scottsdale Early Learning Center. That’s terrific! Lois and husband Dale write, “If you too are looking for a job, keep going!”
- Robert Back and Laurie Folsom are happy to welcome their second grandson into the family, a healthy ten-pound baby! May he bring you great joy!
- Let us remember the people of Reno and members of the UU congregation there (including the Rev. Neal Anderson and his wife, former UUCP member Ruth Clark, and her son Cruz) in the aftermath of the terrible fire in Reno in late November.
- Finally, we remember Aster Yohannes, a member of our congregation who was imprisoned in Eritrea eight years ago. We earnestly hope for her health and safety and pray that she may one day soon be reunited with her family.
May you find this community a place of comfort, encouragement, and celebration for the joys and sorrows in your life. Remember that each of us is a member of the larger “caring committee” that is UUCP. If you feel a particular call to assist in our shared ministry of caring for one another, please do not hesitate to talk with me about where/how your particular gifts might match the needs of our congregation.

Namaste,
Linda
Rev. Linda Lawrence

LGBTQI • Youth At Risk • GLSEN Ally Training

L equals Lesbian
G equals Gay
B equals Bisexual
T equals Transgendered
Q equals Questioning
I equals Intersex (hermaphrodite)

Sometimes it seems the entire alphabet may be needed for complete inclusion when it comes to equal rights under the law for everyone.

Our youth now speak in terms of non-sexual pronouns such as Z or Z, in order to end the compartmentalization of gender. Some do not use any gender pronouns, and just address a person by their given name. Others ask, “How do you identify sexually, and what are your preferred pronouns?”

Although there may be some success in desexualizing pronouns, bullying, name calling, cyber-bullying, and teen suicides have not been eradicated. LGBTQI youth are the most vulnerable, and they by far continue to be isolated, at risk, and victims of violence sometimes ending in tragedy or death.

The initial offering for ally training was presented at UUCP on Saturday, December 3, 2011 by Cammy Billis of Phoenix GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network). Ally training consisted of questions, definitions, presentation, videos, conversation, group work, and action planning during the two-hour session. Safe space definition and designation, Gay/Straight Alliances, and inclusive curricula are some of GLSEN’s goals, and they are being established steadily even in Arizona. School districts are slowly changing one district at a time. Legal challenges often are successful for strengthening rights of LGBTQI students, but there is still a lot of work to do.

Ally training can help, and YOU can become an ally. Even if you currently are not in a role as a parent, teacher, or mentor, you can develop ally skills and be given tools to have a positive impact on protection of at-risk youth. You can respond to disrespectful language, challenge paradigms, balance inclusive school curricula and library selections, discover the power to change school boards, inform politicians, and more.

You can have a positive impact, and GLSEN’s Ally Training can show you how. Together, we at UUCP can make a difference. We have a powerful network, and can learn how to use it to become allies to youth at risk. GLSEN has graciously offered to repeat and expand the recent ally training held at UUCP. We encourage you to contact interweave@phoenixuu.org for more information on attending our next ally training at UUCP.
Publicity Committee Update

In November the Publicity Committee met to regroup and revise our Charter. Committee members include:

- Michele Chaves – Chair, Press Releases, Graphic Designer
- Jimmy Leung – Member, Facebook Editor
- Melinda Merkel Iyer – Member, Compass Editor
- Elyse Arring – Member, Horizons Editor
- Smoot Carl-Mitchell – Member, Website Consultant
- Heidi Parmenter – Staff, Webmaster
- Jill Story – Staff, Announcements Editor, Webmaster

Our purpose is to assist the staff and leadership in promoting activities of UUCP to further our mission. We will meet quarterly (February, May, August, and November) to evaluate current publicity methods and to share new ideas.

This year we have several exciting goals that we are all working on:

- Rev. Susan is working with Michele to create a unified brand for UUCP, which includes a new logo, color palette, fonts, etc. to be used on our website, letterhead, and publications. We hope to have the results of their efforts revealed this spring.
- Also this spring, Melinda and Jimmy will work together to revive our UUCP Blog. Our goal is to have a group of bloggers committed to each writing a new piece once a month. If you are interested in this project please contact Melinda or Jimmy.
- Michele and Heidi are going to work together to revise and update our press release contact list and press release template. The press release template will be included in the Guidebook. We hope that more lay leaders utilize this service to help promote our programming to the greater community.
- Rev. Susan and her assistant, David Weaver, will work on providing a daily reading to be posted on our Facebook page and uploaded to the website.

The publicity committee would also like to ask congregation members to clip any news or mentions of UUCP in local media, newspapers, blogs, websites, etc. If you come across anything, please clip or print it out and drop it off in the office for Heidi.

If you are interested in joining our committee, or if you have ideas or feedback you’d like to share, please email publicity@phoenixuu.org. We’d love to have you at our next meeting in February!

Second Annual Couples’ Enrichment Program

The Adult Faith Development and Right Relations Ministries are again offering the couples’ enrichment program. Last year’s program was a success with participants stating they learned many helpful communication skills and how the UU principles can be used to enhance their relationship. The program will be given by Bill Sabatino and Dean Clarke Taylor and is open to both mixed and same-sex couples. It will be held for six weeks on successive Thursdays from February 2 through March 8, 7:00-9:00 PM at UUCP. The class is limited to eight couples, and since we had a wait list last year, you may want to sign up early.

To sign up, see Gene Cherry and Sandy Thompson at the back of the sanctuary between services. You can also contact Bill at 516-679-6929 or gwsbatino@aol.com or Dean at 480-310-0661 or deanclarketaylor@hotmail.com.
Pathway to Membership – February 5 & 11

If you’re thinking about becoming a UUCP member or even if you just want to learn more about the congregation, consider attending our next Pathway to Membership (PTM) series: Sunday, February 5th, 8:45-10:30 AM and Saturday, February 11th, 6:00-8:00 PM. There is no cost for this program and free childcare is provided. We welcome people new to UUCP or new to Unitarian Universalism to attend this series.

Let us assure you: there is no pressure to join. We believe that the decision to become a member is a serious commitment and should be made only after thoughtful consideration, giving full attention to one’s own internal promptings. Of course, we hope you will find a religious home here, but if you decide you need to keep searching, you will have learned something and we will be pleased to have helped you in your discernment process. We encourage you to explore our congregational and denominational websites to gather information before attending the PTM series so that you can come with questions: www.phoenixuu.org and www.uua.org. Also, feel free to contact our Assistant Minister with questions about membership or about Unitarian Universalism in general: assistantminister@phoenixuu.org or 602-840-8400, ext. 204.

What happens during a Pathway to Membership series? During PTM, participants have an opportunity to meet other newcomers, longtime members, and our ministers over a simple breakfast program on Sunday and a potluck dinner program the following Saturday (yes, we enjoy eating!). During this time together, each person has a chance to share a bit of his or her own faith journey, find out about the responsibilities and benefits of UUCP membership, and discover ways of connecting with people and activities of the congregation. There is also time to view a short video presentation of UUCP’s history and hear a special message from one of our ministers. Immediately following the Saturday evening potluck, those who wish to become members are invited to sign the Membership Book during a brief celebration.

If you’ve read this far, you just might be considering UUCP membership! How about indicating your interest by adding your name and contact information to the PTM form at the Welcome Table before the end of this month? You can also call the office at 602-840-8400, ext. 204, to indicate your interest in the Pathway to Membership series. Please let us know if you will require childcare. You will receive a phone call or email about a week before the series begins asking for your RSVP and confirming childcare needs. We are looking forward to responding to your questions and getting to know you! The February PTM dates don’t work for you? We will be offering the series again in May.

Welcoming you to UUCP whether it’s for a day or a lifetime,
Rev. Linda Lawrence and the Membership and Membership Engagement Committees

New Members

NICOLE & DEREK NIELSEN
Originally from MA, Nicole moved to Scottsdale via San Diego. Also from MA, Derek ended up in Arizona in 1986 and graduated from the University of Arizona in 1994. After stops in Minneapolis, Chicago, and San Diego, he returned to Arizona seven years ago. They have two sons and are expecting a new baby girl in May. Nicole is a practicing school psychologist and portrait photographer. She recently completed yoga teacher training, and enjoys teaching and practicing yoga when she can find a free minute. Most of all, Nicole enjoys laughing with her family. Derek is an Information (Network) Security manager at American Express, and enjoys hiking, listening to (and playing) music, and following all Boston area and U of A sports teams.
50 Years of Camp de Benneville Pines

Have you ever searched for a subtle light to guide your path, thought it would be impossible to find, and then found it in abundance? During the planning for the 50th anniversary of Camp de Benneville Pines this past summer, Camp Director Janet James needed historical materials to share with member churches of the PSWD. Written anecdotes and black and white photographs slowly emerged to tell the tale of the Boy Scout camp that became our UU conference center in 1961.

Janet wondered if these few found items would be enough to convey the crucial development of the camp to modern audiences. One day she received a phone call from Medford, Oregon. The caller had bought a trunk from a garage sale and discovered an 8mm film can inside, titled “The building of Homet Lodge, de Benneville Pines.” Curiosity, potential profit, and the internet brought the caller straight to Janet. Originally looking to sell the film, the caller was swayed by Janet’s enthusiasm and agreed to part with the film for the mere cost of postage.

Too often do we take the present for granted, unburdened by the effort required to create the sanctuary we now enjoy. By shovels and hand picks, UUs from all over the district laid the water system by hand. With crews of church teens they erected cabins. With the help of contractors, Homet lodge was built.

Camp de Benneville Pines is owned by the collective membership of the PSWD. We are one of the few districts in the country to own its own retreat center. Take a moment to view our parents’ and grandparents’ leap of faith as they labored together to construct our beautiful mountain camp 50 years ago.

Firewood Fundraiser for SAWUURA

Help SAWUURA raise funds to protect the 100 acres owned by UUs of Arizona. Please ask friends and neighbors if they need firewood. Trailer load is $150 and can be divided into cord deliveries. For more information or to arrange purchase, please contact SAWUURA Board Member Eb at 520-622-6966 or eb@dakotacom.net.

SAWUURA is the Sierra Ancha Wilderness Unitarian Universalist Religious Association. The SAWUURA-owned camp is located five miles south of Young, AZ, at an altitude of 5,500 feet. SAWUURA is a beautiful 109-acre wilderness nestled in the heart of the Sierra Ancha Wilderness and surrounded by thousands of acres of national forest. For more information, visit www.SAWUURA.org.
January 2012

Celebrations of Life

9:30 AM and 11:15 AM

(except where noted)

JANUARY 1: LIVING WELL
One Service: 10:30am
Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray
Young and old, let us gather and ring in the New Year together. With music, singing, and ritual, we welcome the New Year and mark our hopes for the coming year.

JANUARY 8: BORDERLANDS
Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray
In addition to Getting Religion and Training Leaders, Rev. Peter Morales, UUA President, says we must Cross Borders in order to fully develop the depth and promise of Unitarian Universalism. What does it mean to cross borders? How do we do this individually and as a congregation, and how might it change us?

JANUARY 15: TO BE ANNOUNCED
Service Leader: David Weaver

JANUARY 22: FROM INSPIRATION TO ACTION—PRAYING WITH OUR FEET
Service Leaders: Jaynn Truran and Susan Goldsmith
Sermon: Rabbi John Linder from Temple Solel
Staying indefinitely with God on the mountaintop is tempting indeed. Yet, the mission of the Jew is not to linger too long. Our work as God’s partner on Earth happens at the bottom of the mountain.

JANUARY 29: TO BE ANNOUNCED
Our Mission

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