



A Welcoming Congregation

HORIZONS Newsletter of the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PHOENIX

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Celebration of Life

Sundays, 10:30 AM

**FEB. 3: "I AM A
UNIVERSALIST"**

By Rev. Roberta Haskin

The Universalist proclamation "give
'em hope, not hell" is the most pertinent
message for our day. What is
Universalism? How is it different
from our Unitarian heritage? Why
is it relevant to our world?

*Poetry Coffeehouse; Exploring UU
Identity Class starts; Children's
Worship; New Day Center Meal;
Family Choir*

SOULFUL SUNDOWN 6 PM

**FEB. 10: "HONOR THE
ANIMALS: A PET BLESSING"**

Rev. Roberta Haskin

Intergenerational Service

We have a special kinship with our
animal companions. Bring your
pet to the service for special recog-
nition.

Family Choir; Roots & Shoots

**FEB. 17: "LISTEN TO MY
HEARTSONG"**

By Rev. Roberta Haskin

Listening is a spiritual practice.
How might we listen better to our
inner selves and to each other?

*New Member Ingathering;
Family Choir*

**FEB. 24: "FROM
GENERATION TO
GENERATION"**

By Rev. Roberta Haskin

A celebration of generational dif-
ferences and commonalities with
the Family and congregational
Choir and Soulful Sundown Band

UUCP Welcoming Ministry Needs You!

Have you been a greeter at the front
door? Have you worked at the
Newcomer Table? Do you like to
make newcomers feel welcome af-
ter the service?

With two months under my belt as
the New Member and Volunteer
Coordinator, I have benefitted from
input of several seasoned volunteers
who have over the years managed
all of these services. I learned that
our previous processes have relied
heavily on the generosity of small
numbers of volunteers. As you can
imagine, this can lead to burnout and
turnover. With guidance of many
congregation leaders, I also re-
searched what other congregations
have been doing, to fill in any possi-
ble gaps we might have missed. I
also looked to advice from UUA. I
am confident that we will now have
a process that is inclusive of all
members as well as responsive to
visitors.

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In the Betweentime...

*“Holy listening – to listen another’s
soul into life,
into a condition of disclosure and
discovery,
may be the greatest service that any
human being performs for another.”
~Douglas Steere*

I have always regarded listening to be a spiritual act. When I was younger, I embraced the notion that prayer is listening to God, even though many others considered prayer talking and asking. Through the years, listening became a passive activity and the spiritual discipline of prayer expanded to other ways of the spirit that engaged the whole body such as yoga and contemplative walking. I welcomed the emphasis placed on talking when I embraced my new religious home in the Unitarian Universalist movement 22 years ago. In the past, I was out of balance – too much listening, not enough talking. Now I wonder if the scale has tipped in the other direction – too much talking, not

enough listening.

Listening is a priority for any leader and particularly important to the function of an interim minister. I listen to you speak about what you need from your religious community and your deep yearnings for what you strive to become as a congregation.

In the spirit of mutual relatedness, I hope you might find these opportunities to listen more deeply in community. First, listen to one another speak about your care for this community which is over 60 years old. This is a great cause for celebration! I hope you will remind one another about where you have been and where you hope to be going in the future.

Second, take more opportunities to talk with one another in small groups about your deeply held beliefs and values. The Covenant groups and other small groups provide an important opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person

and the entire religious community. There are several opportunities for spiritual growth through learning, for example, the Exploring our UU Identity series on Sunday mornings in February or the new Adult Spiritual Practices curriculum that we are field testing this winter and spring.

Third, I hope you will take time to listen across the generations. In a faith community, we sometimes speak of the “multi-generation” congregation. The era you joined the congregation defines the generation. Have you noticed all the new people who have joined the congregation this year? We will have another new member gathering this month. UUCP is an exciting and growing place! Listen up!

I hope you find many ways to listen in this beloved community. Listening is life giving. May we offer this nourishment to one another.

Blessings on our time together,
Roberta

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

Audrey Ames Kaslo
Franklin Anthony Klumpe
Majorie Spear Klumpe
Warren Hastings
Dorothy Pollack
Thomas Richard Fritts
Everett Eller Warner
Margaret Gillespie Harding

For Services We Give, For Needs Which Others Serve ...

I write this as we are preparing for our Congregational Meeting at the end of January, in which we review the year at the midpoint. Some dimensions of our congregational life are easy to quantify directly, such as our finances. Others we measure more indirectly in our Strategic Plan. The Board will be reviewing our progress on all the items the week before the Congregational Meeting. Here I can give a few highlights based on the data I have now.

Financially, we are about where we expect to be halfway through the year. Our major expenses are related to personnel, and these are predictable and indeed right on target. The largest expense outlier is in Buildings and Grounds, because we have either needed to or decided to deal with some deferred maintenance issues: A/C drain lines, patio awnings, parking lot surface, irrigation system, faulty electrical fixtures, etc. Of course, we are also seeing the benefit of that work. On the income side, we have been exceeding our budget expectations. This incremental income is at least partially due to our new members, who have been contributing and pledging as part of their commitment to UUCP. At this point in the year, the extra income has offset the extra expenses, so we are about even with respect to budget. We budgeted to be in the red this year, and halfway through we are the expected shade

of pink.

Our community's health is reflected in many other ways. Enrollment in our RE program is very strong, for which we should thank the Children's Ministry Committee and Kim St. Clair, our Director of RE. The holiday season was especially active at UUCP, with well-attended special events: Solstice Service, caroling, Christmas Eve Service, and New Year's Eve party. Many people contributed to make those events both fun and meaningful: Women's Spirituality, Children's Ministry, and the Choir in particular. We will see at the end of the month just where we are with respect to membership and average Sunday service attendance, but my sense is that the music, readings, sermons, and general spirit of Sunday mornings give us all good reasons to come and be together. We are healthy because we are being the community we want to be.

We have our challenges, to be sure. We will soon be entering the canvass and budget process, and I hope that the color red will be "so last year." There is still much to be done to systematize and document our processes, and we are approaching the end of our three year capital campaign with the way forward still unclear. However, we have accomplished so much in the last few years that I am confident we will continue to work through those and more.

As long as ... and here is the nub. All our progress is the result of

people who have chosen to give of themselves in the true spirit of a loving UU community. Both the work and the feeling are crucial and totally intertwined. The key to keeping this going is the willingness of new people (new members and established members) to serve the community. We have many opportunities to help with our "infrastructure" committees, such as Publicity, Finance, Buildings and Grounds; and also with our "program committees", such as Children's Ministry, and Sunday Services. So, as we move into the second half of the year, we should give thanks for all that is our life here at UUCP, and commit to doing our part to build this beloved community. To quote one of my favorite hymns:

For needs which others serve,
for services we give ...

We come with praise and
thanks ...

For all life is a gift which we are
called to use

To build the common good, and
make our own days glad.

In community,

Gary Ezzell
President, Board of Trustees

Greetings from Your Music Director!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
(GET A PEN. DO IT NOW.)

March 8 – Colorific Cabaret!

This year's theme is colors."

We bring you: music ~ food ~ comedy ~ moans and groans ~ craziness
Watch for details! Where? Bulletin boards, orders of service, you know, the usual places!

Feb. 3 Soulful Sundown 6pm – Reflections of the Inner Journey

Feb 29 Family Fun Night with Lynne Haeseler 7pm – Sanctorum Chanting Choir, Flute, Cello, Violin, Viola, African Drums, Guitar and of course Lynne at the piano, a space for dancing. Bring the kids!

Family Choir – Every Sunday after services during the month of February!

What is Soulful Sundown? Soulful Sundown is an evening celebration of life held the 1st Sunday of every month. We light our chalice to remind us of our inner flame. We sing songs that get the toes tapping, and the hips moving. We remind ourselves of how we have decided to be together by reciting our covenant. We share our joys and sorrows. We give an offering for the life and mission of our congregation. We meditate through words and music. We share our stories around a theme.

The Jan. 6 Soulful Sundown was especially inspiring as we heard sto-

ries of the Civil Rights movement in our own country from Ray Manker. We also heard from Libby Walker about Eritrea and our friend, Aster. We learned about Women's Suffrage in the US from Pauline Gay, and about GLBT rights history from around the world, as told by Kathy Kruse.

The Feb 3 Soulful Sundown will offer the opportunity for you to tell a story about your own spiritual journey. I hope you'll come and share your inner journey.

All for now.

Keep singing!

Connie Jahrmarkt

Music Director

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"Tending Our Garden . . ."

In the introduction to the "Spirit in Practice" curriculum, Unitarian Universalist minister Rev. Scott Alexander is quoted: "In our faith every individual is expected, with the help of clergy and community, to nurture and tend the garden of his or her own religious life each and every day."

I have been working with two outstanding committees – Adult Religious Education and Children's Ministry – for the past five years to find ways to nurture the spirits of adults, children and youth. Both committees have listened carefully to the feedback they receive every year, and what we have discovered a deep yearning to be in community and to infuse a sense of spirit

into our everyday lives. Our recent "Parenting with Spirit" class and the new "Spirit in Practice" series are examples of our attempts to respond to those needs for adults. On the Children's Ministry side, we added "spirit circle" on the playground before Sunday school each week (where we sing and recite our covenant together) and continue to practice our ritual of lighting our chalice, sharing joys and concerns, and singing together on Children's Worship Sundays. More ideas are in the "works" for strengthening family and multi-generational worship services.

Please continue to give us your feedback – what do you need, what do your children need, what does your family need? And, even better, checkout one of these amazing committees and become part of the process that continues to shape our "Beloved Community." The Adult RE Committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in office 2; the Children's Ministry Committee meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at a member's apartment clubhouse. Please feel free to contact me for more details.

In the meantime, I support and encourage you to find ways to "tend your garden" here at the UUCP.

In faith,

Kim St. Clair

Director of Lifespan Religious Education

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Announcements

From the Office

HOW TO WORK WITH THE OFFICE

2008 is starting off with a bang and the office is in a flurry of activity. I have updated the “**How to Guide-book: How to Work with the Office**” and hardcopies are available in Office 2 for UUCP leaders. If you are on a committee please make sure to look this over before contacting the office with questions as it can save both of us time.

LEGACY BINDERS AND OTHER RESOURCES

If you did not make it to Leadership Day on Saturday then you missed my brief talk on Legacy Notebooks. Legacy Notebooks were created a few years ago with the intention of providing a resource to new committee leaders as well as to maintain our historical records of committee work. Unfortunately, with the turnover in the office, they were not maintained properly. I have created a new system of tracking (aka babysitting) to make sure we actually do this important process. All I ask of you, Committee Chairs, is to ***please put me on your committee minutes distribution email list*** so that I can then make sure that they get printed out and put in your Legacy Binder. If you would rather just put the info in yourselves that is fine too. But regardless, if nothing is put in your Legacy Binder by the end of the month you will be getting a friendly reminder call from the office to

email the info to me.

Lastly, please take a minute to stop by Office 2 and see the re-organized resource area (Remember where all those binders sat? You know, with the typewriter as old as me that I don't even know how to turn on? And of course all of which was covered with about a quarter inch of dust???). There you will find your clean Legacy Binder as well as a resource center of books and info for your Committee.

Respectfully,
Heidi Parmenter
Congregation Administrator
administrator@phoenixuu.org

*“Welcoming Ministry” continued
from page 1...*

Now, I am asking all UUCP members -- all who are willing and able -- to join this ministry whose mission will be simply to welcome anyone who enters our building for Sundays and special services. These friendly folks will serve over the course of the year. You will be asked to give a little bit of time (30-45 minutes) before OR after the service. I will provide a very simple overview to each group as to what you will need to do. Several seasoned volunteers have offered their support of this process and will remain on board during the transition from previous processes.

The more people we have for this ministry, the fewer Sundays each person will be asked to serve. To help me ensure the most diverse body of volunteers, please recruit or nominate family, friends, new members, seasoned members, etc.

Blending UUCP traditions with those of other congregations, we will be forming small groups to work together to serve each Sunday in the various welcoming capacities -- door greeters, welcome table and after-service membership information table. Several of us have worked hard to ensure that the work you do should be easy, rewarding and valuable to our greater UUCP community. This new program, to be launched in February, is open to all UUCP members age 13 on up. Responsi-

ble younger members, accompanied by adults, may also be able to participate.

For more information, or to become part of this group, please contact Kate Otting, volunteer@phoenixuu.org or leave a message at the office. Include your e-mail address and phone number.

In community,
Kate Otting
Membership Volunteer
Coordinator
volunteer@phoenixuu.org



“To Seek Knowledge in Freedom . . .”

“EXPLORING OUR UU IDENTITY”

Our very own interim minister, Rev. Roberta Haskin, will facilitate a discussion of the book “Exploring our UU Identity” by Peter Tufts Richardson. The discussion will focus on “who are we in relation to our separate histories, and our 45 years of life together in the Unitarian Universalist Association? The author argues that we are challenged by the radical right in America, in addition to a weakness of spiritual focus and vision. This book opposes insular retreat in favor of a world embrace as a multi-faith denomination. From Emerson and the Transcendentalists forward, Richardson traces a grounding in liberal traditions which prepares Unitarian Universalism for raising global consciousness and extending our ministry.”

Time & Dates: 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 10, 17 and 24

Location: Room 9

Cost: \$10 or presentation of UUS pass plus book for \$14

GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH by Juli Harvey

Shakespeare called jealousy a green-eyed monster. However,

jealousy sometimes can be a sometimes part of love...and your sweetheart may love you more if you give Valentine's Day a new green look. Here are a few ideas from greenchoices.utah.gov/ to turn your love from red to green.

Send organic flowers and foliage that can be planted. Bake (not buy) sweets for your sweet; serve them up in recyclable containers. Create or purchase Valentines on recycled paper or send e-cards. Take mass transit to your romantic dinner or better yet, serve your sweetheart a home-cooked romantic organic meal by soy candlelight.

“TEN SPIRITUAL TUESDAYS” COMES TO UUCP!

The UUCP has been selected as a beta-test site for the newest adult curriculum to “Tapestry of Faith” lifespan series being produced by the Unitarian Universalist Association. This curriculum, “Spirit in Practice,” consists of ten sessions that can either stand-alone or be taken as the entire series. It was developed to help adults develop regular spiritual practices while honoring the theological diversity found in our congregations. At the same time, the sessions are designed to bring about a sense of unity and connectedness to UU-ism. The classes will be held on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

February 5, 12, 19, 26

March 4

April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

We are still contacting facilitators, and hope to have them all commit-



Adult Religious Education...

ted to a particular date and session soon. The sessions are as follows (please note that sessions 2-9 may not be presented in the sequence listed below:

Workshop 1: Toward a Rich and Meaningful Unitarian Universalist Spirituality

Workshop 2: Personal Spiritual Practices

Workshop 3: Communal Worship Practices

Workshop 4: Spiritual Partnerships

Workshop 5: Mind Practices

Workshop 6: Body Practices

Workshop 7: Soul Practices

Workshop 8: Life Practices

Workshop 9: Justice Practices

Workshop 10: Looking Back and

Moving Forward

The cost will be the usual \$10 fee or presentation of the UUS pass. I hope you will take advantage of this exciting opportunity!

“PARENTING WITH SPIRIT” CONTINUES!

After an initial enthusiastic response by “Parenting with Spirit” participants, the class will be extended to February 3 and 10.

These two final classes will look at incorporating concrete spiritual practices into family life and how to help your family feel connected to a larger spiritual community. Previous participation is not required, but purchase of the book *Parenting with Spirit* by Jane Bart-

lett and advance RSVP is highly encouraged!

Dates & Time: Sundays @ 9:00 am – 2/3 and 2/10

Fee: \$10.00 or presentation of the UUS Pass (plus purchase of book for \$14 at the book table). **CHILD-CARE AVAILABLE** in Room 15.

Book Group meets every Sunday at 9:00 in Annex B.

UU Congregation of Phoenix presents:



“Colorific Cabaret”

Saturday, March 8th, 2008

Reception starts at 6:30 p.m.

Show starts at 7 p.m.

in the Sanctuary

Entertainment including live music, dancing, comedy and refreshments

Suggested Donation: \$10 per person or \$25 per family

Additional sponsorship levels available.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 3 – 9:00 a.m. – “Parenting with Spirit” class & “Our UU Identity” class with Rev. Roberta Haskin Children's Worship (Pre-k-6th grade – Johnson Room)

February 9 – PACC 911 Pet Adopt-a-thon

February 10 – 9:00 a.m. – Final “Parenting with Spirit” class; “Our UU Identity” class; Blessing of the Animals” intergenerational service

February 17 – 9:00 a.m. – “Our UU Identity” class; Sunday school class

February 24 – 9:00 a.m. – “Our UU Identity” class; Sunday school class

INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE IN FEBRUARY!

We will have our annual “Blessing of the Animals” service on February 10, 2008, during which everyone is invited to bring well-behaved pets on a leash or cage to be introduced to the congregation and to be “blessed” by Rev. Roberta! If you can't bring your pet or you wish to honor a dearly departed one, please feel free to bring a picture or other memento for our pet altar.

The nursery will still be open during this service for the littler ones who might need a bit more “roaming”

room.

ROOTS & SHOOTS

In January Roots & Shoots families heard Lydia Reznik's Climate Project presentation. Lydia is a science teacher, a Roots & Shoots facilitator, has a passion for the global warming message, and is a trained Al Gore Climate Change Project presenter. Needless to say her qualifications made for a very informative slide show and discussion.

Have a topic you are passionate about that relates to helping people, the planet, or animals? Join the group and bring your favorite (3) ideas to next month's meeting. We will be discussing our future goals and projects.

We meet the second Sunday of the month Room H, from 12:15-2:00pm bring your lunch and a friend. Questions? Contact Nancy Cruse or Susan Leung.

PARENT COVENANT GROUP

By Pam and John Gill

Covenant groups consist of a small group of about 8 to 10 members of the congregation. These groups meet once or twice a month to discuss spiritual topics. The Parenting Covenant Group is unique in that the members have children, and the conversation usually incorporates what we want to share or teach our children.

Covenant Groups are a great way to connect with other members of the congregation and to discuss your religious beliefs. Personally, I

have been able to reflect on what is important to me and realize that children are going to pick up on what is or is not taught to them. Covenant group experiences vary from person to person, but I believe that most individuals find the experience of the Covenant Groups rewarding. I hope that you will consider joining a covenant group and become more connected to the UUCP community.

The Parenting Covenant Group meets the first and third Sundays of the month. Please contact Pam and John Gill at (480) 473-8721 or pdgill1@cox.net or john.gill@cox.net if you would like additional information on finding a covenant group.

YRUU BEING SOCIALLY ACTIVE

by Andy St. Clair

YRUU is working hard to make this a year of social action. We've determined that we want to work on projects both here at UUCP, for our various congregational social action activities, and for the world beyond our borders. YRUU will be cooking and serving dinner at the New Day Center in the coming months. We are also going to be providing help at the PAC 911 event. And to help in our own community-building in Children's Ministry, the senior high group is going to plan and lead a bonding workshop for the 6-7-8 grade age-group.

Beyond our borders, the youth group is buying items and packing a box for our own Vicky Giles to take to an orphanage in Mexico as part of

Children's Ministry...

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos.
Vicky is deeply committed to this work and spends a week down at the orphanage each year.

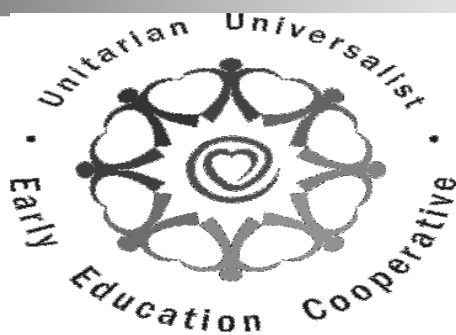
WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

We have moved our "No Muss No Fuss" luncheon to March 2, 2008, in order to accommodate a very busy January and February. We still think it's time to celebrate the new families in our midst, so we are asking that everyone set aside this date to bring a potluck item and spend some time getting to know one another. We will have little welcome gifts for the new families, too! The luncheon will begin immediately after service on the Desert View playground. EVERYONE is invited to this luncheon – just bring an item based on your last name; paper goods and lemonade will be provided by the Children's Ministry Committee.

A-L – Main dish/sandwiches

M-T – Side dish/appetizer

S-Z – Dessert



Greetings from the EEC!

February is a BIG month for the EEC this year. It is Auction Month. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, February 23. The fun begins at 5 pm with the silent auction and dinner. There are many surprises this year and some wonderful auction items. How does two nights at the Biltmore sound? Grab a friend or two or three and come enjoy the evening. Extra invitations with ticket order forms are available in Office 2 and the preschool classrooms. Just remember:

- \$15 per person which includes dinner
- You may purchase a table for 12 for only \$180
- Dress for an evening at the Oscars or as your favorite actor or movie character

All proceeds from this event support the Unitarian Universalist Early Education Cooperative.

EEC ENROLLMENT

February is also Pre-enrollment for the 2008-09 school year. Congregation members can enroll early along with returning families. Programs include:

2 year old class

T/Th 9-11:30

3 year old class

M/W/F 9 – 11:30

4 year old class

M – Th 9 – 11:30

4's Friday Friends

Friday 9 – 2:30

Transitional Kindergarten

M – F 8:45 – 2:15

Lunch Bunch

all ages on their attendance day
11:30 – 2:30

Parents are expected to work two mornings per month in the classroom, attend monthly parent meetings, two work days per year and participation in the fundraising events.

The school is licensed by Arizona Department of Health and Safety Child Care Licensure and follows the Unitarian Universalist Principles.

For more information, please call Director Jane at 480-710-7004 or email at directorjane@gmail.com

Stewardship Committee

It's not too early to mark your calendars for Sunday, April 6th, 2008.

We're having a

**CELEBRATION OF OUR
BELOVED COMMUNITY!**

It won't be complete without you so be sure to hold the date.

It will be special: special service, special guests, special entertainment and a special meal.

You won't want to miss it!

Joan Laurence, Stewardship Chair

From the Finance Committee

As of this writing, we are busy preparing the calendar-year-end statements, which you should have received by the time this issue of *Horizons* reaches you. If not, or if you have questions about your statement, please contact Administrator Heidi Parmenter in the congregation office (602-840-8400) and she will be glad to help you.

The Congregation Meeting held on January 27 reviewed our mid-year financials. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to receive the information, please send your request to finance@phoenixuu.org.

All of us on the Finance Committee would like to join the rest of the congregation in thanking Stewardship Campaign Chair Joan Laurence and those generous members who added their pledges to help us reach and then exceed our *total pledge goal* for 2007-08 – a real accomplishment! The additional funds will help cover any new and unanticipated expenses that have a way of straining the most carefully planned budget (e.g., new awnings for the patio and resealing the parking lot).

With thanks to all of you for being responsible stewards of our beloved community,

Ellie Murphy, for the Finance Committee

Leadership

Development Day

The Nominating Committee is pleased to be bringing renewed focus to developing leadership within the UUCP community. As this goes to press we have received RSVP's that suggest that we'll have well over 50 people coming together to focus on Building Community through effective leadership. This event will have taken place on Sat., Jan. 19 - but it is our sincere desire that the topics that are (were) overviewed will be covered in more depth through various forums and gatherings throughout the year.

Very hearty thanks go out to the rest of the Nominating Committee for pulling this event together. While Heather McLellan has been mending, Lani Comp, Susan Goldsmith, Jeff Newman and Pauline Peverly planned, called, wrote, talked and listened in identifying the elements that would result in a unique and meaningful morning. We also received great support and participation from the Board, Rev. Haskins, Kim St. Clair, Connie Jahrmarkt, Kate Otting, Piya Jacob and Desert View Learning Center and Jane Armstrong and the UU Early Education Cooperative.

Please watch Horizons for a more thorough report on this event as well as plans for upcoming Leadership Development events.

Glen Lockwood for the Nominating Committee
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Search Update

It has been a busy autumn and an even busier winter. As spring approaches, I am happy to report that the Ministerial Search Committee is feeling rosy with anticipation and excitement. We are looking forward to the home stretch.

We have now completed a grueling evaluation process of the large list of ministers who were interested in our congregation's search. This is a very talented, honorable and well qualified group of ministers, who allowed us the privilege of reading their records and hearing their thoughts. We spent many hours talking to ministers on the phone and reading their ministerial packets.

In the next several weeks, we will be evaluating our three top prospects, the so called "pre-candidates". These ministers will visit the Valley and the Search Committee will hear them preach. The searchers will also spend a lot of time getting to know the minister and, sometimes, the minister's family. We are very enthusiastic about the quality of our three pre-candidates.

Just as important, if not more im-

portantly, the Search Committee will have the opportunity, in person, to show off the greatness of UUCP to these ministers. We have been telling everyone about our vision, our plans for growth, and our progress in building our community. This spring, we will get to demonstrate how we walk the walk.

Please excuse me for not being able to give more details at this time, and pardon us for being perhaps less visible in the next few weeks, but the time is drawing near when we can share with you what we have done in the past eight months and when we will overtly include all of you in the search process. That will happen when the Search Committee presents the final candidate to the congregation. Mark your calendars for April 12- 20th when we plan to have the eventual ministerial candidate visit and preach at the UUCP and we will vote on the 20th whether to call the candidate as our next settled minister.

In the meantime, keep sending us your positive thoughts and energy. We truly appreciate it. Keep doing what you are doing. We have heard over and over from people in and out of the congregation that the UUCP is undergoing unprecedented rejuvenation and growth this past year. Thank you for all that you have done to improve the spirit of our community, and thereby make the ministerial search successful. As Rev. Haskin told us - "Be good to each other".

Social Action News

NEW DAY

Want a special bonding for your covenant group or committee? Why not discuss at your next meeting when your group would like to cook and serve the meal at the New Day family shelter? It is fun, very rewarding and no prior experience is needed. The sign up board is next to the Social Action table or contact Heather McLellan, Lydia Yanak or Katie Raife to sign up individually or for your group..



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEB. 3

Since 1993 Souper Bowl Sunday has raised and donated millions of dollars to food banks and shelters in the U.S. UUCP has participated for many years with donations designated for the New Day Center meal food fund. On Souper Bowl Sunday February 3 several of our young people will be holding soup pots after service asking for your donations. It costs approximately \$1700 a year to serve dinner each month at the shelter so your generous donation is very much appreciated.

MEETING

Social Action committee meeting is the 2nd Sunday each month. Please plan to join us on Feb. 10 to help make important decisions on how

we are making a difference in our world.

LUNCHEON

On Feb. 17 our speaker will be Linda Herrera, co-founder of Unidos en Arizona, a Latino organization deeply involved in the fight of Latino immigration issues. Linda is from El Salvador and has been active in the Latino social justice community since the early eighties.



FAIR TRADE COFFEE

To further enhance the SAC's ability to support its various charitable and social action causes, but still provide very competitive Fair Trade coffee, all coffees will be sold for \$8.00 per bag beginning in February--same great coffee, still competitive, more social action

Heather McLellan
socialaction@phoenixuu.org



Save This Date:

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2008

Show your--and UUCP's--PRIDE by marching with UUCP members in the PRIDE PARADE.

About 60 of us marched last year--join the party and support our GLBT community! "Step-off" is at 3rd Street and Virginia, (downtown) Phoenix. The overall time commitment for walkers is about 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the distance is 2.5 miles. Last year UUCP won the "best marching" unit prize, and why no again this year? More information and sign-up sheets will be at membership and social action tables soon. For additional information right now, go to www.phoenixpride.org or contact Sandy Weir at maphappy@cox.net.



Unicare

As we age (sorry, but we all do), or as we see loved ones dealing with life crisis situations, there may be a host of issues that we are ill prepared to deal with. Ellie Murphy recently sent me a web site that is a gold mine of information. It is www.agis.com/caregiverkit. This site talks about planning for the future, assessing your present situation, enlisting help, assisted daily living aids, support services, legal and financial aid and a whole host of other pertinent topics. It is well worth checking out and I thank Ellie for this valuable tip.

Another tip for today as we face the coming tax season has to do with AARP tax-aide. Believe it or not, qualified tax preparers can help you prepare your taxes and this service is free! The tax preparers are well equipped to process your returns online which results in a very timely refund. This service is not just for AARP age members but for all ages depending on their earnings. For information on a center near you, contact AARP.

To those who care for our UU community, our thanks and love.

Julie Smart and
The Unicare Committee

Membership

Welcome to our new Members on February 17th from the January New UU Class!

Our next New UU class comes up in late March/early April. Watch for dates in the order of service, and see us at the Membership Services Table at coffee hour, where the class sign-up book is available, as well as information on current activities of the congregation, and very friendly people!

If you're interested in learning about how to become a member of our liberal religious community, please email membership@phoenixuu.org.

If you're interested in becoming part of our team of New UU Class facilitators to help build beloved community, please contact us also! The more the merrier!

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*Interested in learning more
about Unitarian*

Universalism and this

Congregation?

Please join us for our next

New UU Class in late

March/early April. Dates

will be announced in the

next Horizons.

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From the Art & Aesthetics Committee

NEW ART SHOW FOR JANUARY THROUGH FEBRUARY

Joe and Maleita Wise will be showing their beautiful watercolors on our Sanctuary walls. This husband-wife team is from Sedona. They have been attending art classes in the Johnson rooms for many years. They have exhibited and sold their work in many galleries as well as on our walls before. Art shows such as this are a source of a small income to us as well as contributing to our spiritual experience.

-Jay Alagia

NEW CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

The chair position is currently vacant. Art committee consists of UUCP members interested in getting involved with artists and assisting them in arranging art shows six times a year. The committee members or the chair need not be artists. The committee has virtually no expense and guaranteed income from 20% of the sale of exhibited works. The chair position requires less commitment than most other committee chair positions. It requires about 2 hours on one Saturday every other month and some computer- telephone time prior to that.

If interested, please call Jay Alagia, Phone 602 952-8889, email Jalagia@cox.net. Jay will be glad to assist you.

Facilities Communication

This will be brief. We are still working with the Town of PV and will have updates in the next issue of Horizons with regard to approval of our plan. Bill Mee and the Construction Committee have been reviewing the construction drawings while another group is considering financing issues. We plan to come to the Congregation in the near future with updates and options for proceeding with our plan for improving accessibility and infrastructure while also maintaining our facilities.

If you have attended an event here recently, you know that we have a newly surfaced and striped parking lot as well as new doors and windows in much of the main building. The patio awnings have also been replaced and the sidewalk on the Lincoln Drive is progressing and fast approaching our property. Along the lines of maintenance, the lights have been repaired in the the sculpture pool and should soon be fixed along the Memorial Garden path. There is also a leak being repaired that will (re)enable automatic refilling of the sculpture pool.

Progress! Congratulations! Stay tuned.

Glen Lockwood (Facilities Communication)
renovation@phoenixuu.org

UU Kids Kamp

Happy New Year! Although it is only February, it is not too early to think about summer vacation. For over 30 years the UUCP has offered KIDS KAMP, which is a wonderful and fun summer day camp for children ages 3- 11.

Preschool and kindergarten age children are in self contained classrooms taught by two dynamic and nurturing teachers: Tiffany Lipkeman and Johanna Clark of the Family School. The older children are in groups led by teenage counselors. These groups rotate between various classes taught by experienced and talented artists and specialists- a number of whom have been teaching at KIDS KAMP for over 10 years. Students experience drama, art, sports and games, dance, water play, drumming, and cooking in a cooperative, fun and creative environment. Camp ends with a fantastic Kids Kamp show.

The camp runs through the month of June from 8:45 - 1:30 each day. An optional aftercare program is available. The registration form accompanies this article. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Putta at 602-955-7805 or e-mail Jack at kathyputta@cox.net.

We hope you will join us.

UU KIDS KAMP '08

Dates:

June 4th - June 27th, 2008

Time and Days:

Campers attend Monday-Friday from 8:45 am to 1:30 pm

Cost:

\$500(\$475 for UU Church members enrolled in RG&L programs)

Make checks payable to U. U. Congregation of Phoenix.

Mail to: Kids Kamp 4027 E. Lincoln Dr. P.V., AZ 85253

All fees are non-refundable.

Activities:

Children ages 3 to 6 participate in the preschool and kindergarten programs, which include free play, water play, art, cooking, drama, and sand play activities in two self-contained classrooms. The preschool classroom is for 3 to 5 year olds (potty trained) and the kindergarten is for children entering kindergarten in the Fall of 2008.

Registration:

Early Registration Deadline for returning campers and UU members is March 9th. Open registration begins March 10th, and is on first come, first serve basis. Send in registration form, payment and medical form. Aftercare will be available Monday - Thursday.

Questions:

Call Jeff Sadow at 480-990-8605 or Jack Putta at 602-955-7805

E-mail: johjeff@peoplepc.com kathyputta@cox.net

KIDS KAMP 2008 REGISTRATION FORM

Payment must accompany registration & emergency forms.

Preschool Registration (ages 3 - 5) Circle Fall '08 School Placement

Name 1. _____ Sex ___ Age ___ Birthdate ___-___-___ Preschool or Kindergarten

Name 2. _____ Sex ___ Age ___ Birthdate ___-___-___ Preschool or Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration (must enter Kindergarten Fall '08) Circle Fall '08 Placement

Name 1. _____ Sex ___ Age ___ Birthdate ___-___-___ Kindergarten

Name 2. _____ Sex ___ Age ___ Birthdate ___-___-___ Kindergarten

Elementary Age Registration (ages 6-11) Circle Fall '08 School

Placement

Name 1. _____ Sex ___ Age ___ Birthdate ___-___-___ 1 2 3 4 5 6

Name 2. _____ Sex ___ Age ___ Birthdate ___-___-___ 1 2 3 4 5 6

Name 3. _____ Sex ___ Age ___ Birthdate ___-___-___ 1 2 3 4 5 6

Parents Name: _____ Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Mobile: _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ AZ Zip _____

KIDS KAMP EMERGENCY FORM

One Form Per Child, Please

Be Sure To Send This Form In With Your Registration.

Child's Name _____ Birthdate _____

Parent's Name _____

Home Address: Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Parent's Name (if living in a different location than above parent) _____

Home Address: Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please list those who we may call if the parents cannot be reached:

Name _____ Phone (H) _____ Other _____

Name _____ Phone (H) _____ Other _____

Name _____ Phone (H) _____ Other _____

Children's Doctor _____ Phone _____

Please list any medications your child may be taking while Kids Kamp is in session.

Please list any allergies, special health problems, or other considerations we ought to be aware of in making Kids Kamp an enjoyable experience for your children.

Please list any person(s) that will be picking up your child(ren) during Kids Kamp.

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Parent Signature _____



Outdoor Group

on the Move

The Outdoor Group invites you to join us during our glorious winter days for a hike and great company! We have two hikes in February, so don't forget those New Years resolutions.

FEB. 9 - GO JOHN TRAIL

Location: Cave Creek Recreation Area

Distance: 5.5 miles

Difficulty: Easy/moderate

Leaders: George and Shirley Karas

FEB. 23 - ELEPHANT MOUNTAIN

Location: Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area

Distance: 4+ miles

Difficulty: Moderate +

Leader: Gary Ezzell

For details and meeting places and times please stop by the Outdoor Group table in the back of the sanctuary at UUCP on Sunday mornings.

If you wish to be placed on the e-mail list to get the hike flyers please contact Jessica Stahl at outdoorgrp@phoenixu.org

Traveling 2nd Fridays

Mark your calendars the 2nd Friday of each month. It is held in the sanctuary from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

FEB. 8— EASTERN COST OF THE ADRIATIC BY SMALL SHIP: FROM CROATIA TO GREECE

Presented By: Margo & Thom Wilson

The spectacular Adriatic coastline features villages and cities with Roman and Greek ruins, and Venetian, Renaissance, Romanesque and Gothic architecture. We traveled from Zagreb, Croatia to the UNESCO sites of Plitvice National Park and Diocletian's Palace in Split, and then by the lovely little ship "Athena" to the Croatian islands of Hvar and Korcula, and to the Venetian walled city of Dubrovnik, another UNESCO monument. Kotor, Montenegro (UNESCO) lies on a beautiful bay and is framed by walls climbing the mountain behind. Albania has its own UNESCO site, the Roman, Greek and Byzantine ruins of Butrint. Greece provided us with stops at Corfu, Delphi and Athens.

For more information please contact Barbara Cawthorne at travel@phoenixu.org

The Poetry Coffeehouse

We will next meet on Sunday, Feb. 3 at 9:00 AM in Annex Room C. Please bring poems you yourself have written or those of a favorite author to share. Any writing of poetic quality is welcome! See you there!

John Williamson
Facilitator
480-607-9726
poetry@phoenixu.org



Yoga

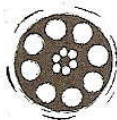
Gentle Yoga class meets Tuesday evenings from 6-7PM in the Johnson Room. Please bring your mat and join us as we use gentle postures, mindful breathing and meditation to support the Hero's Journey, the path to the true self. Questions? engelm@cox.net or 602-265-7584 Mary Engel



**THE RED CARPET AWAITS YOU...
IT'S OSCAR SEASON SO GET INTO THE ACT!**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN UUEEC STAFF, PARENTS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY
AS WE SALUTE THE SPIRIT AND GLAMOUR OF HOLLYWOOD WHILE PAYING
TRIBUTE TO THE LITTLE STARS IN OUR LIVES – OUR PRESCHOOLERS

HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD!



**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST EARLY EDUCATION
COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL'S
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER AND AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2008
5 PM – SILENT AUCTION, COCKTAILS & DINNER
7 PM – LIVE AUCTION BEGINS!**

**\$15 PER PERSON
DRESS FOR AN EVENING AT THE OSCARS,
OR AS YOUR FAVORITE ACTOR OR MOVIE CHARACTER
ALL GUESTS ARE WELCOME**



Calendar of Events...

Friday February 1 2008

6:00 PM Friday Night Covenant Group

Sunday February 3 2008

9:00 AM Poetry Coffeehouse
9:00 AM ARE: Exploring UU Identity"
9:00 AM Sunday Covenant Group
9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
9:00 AM Meditation Group
9:00 AM Parenting with Spirit
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
10:30 AM Children's Worship
11:45 AM OWL Parents Class
12:00 PM New Day Center
12:00 PM Young Adult Group
12:00 PM Green Sanctuary Cmte.
12:30 PM Lunch Bunch
1:00 PM OWL
6:00 PM Soulful Sundown Service

Monday February 4 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday February 5 2008

11:30 AM President's Council
6:30 PM Spiritual Practices Class
7:00 PM Tuesday Covenant Group

Wednesday February 6 2008

1:30 PM Covenant Group
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday February 8 2008

7:00 PM Traveling 2nd Friday

Saturday February 9 2008

PAC 911 Pet-a-Thon

Sunday February 10 2008

Blessing of the Animals
9:00 AM ARE: Exploring UU Identity"
9:00 AM Nominating Committee
9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
9:00 AM Meditation Group
9:00 AM Parenting with Spirit
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
12:00 PM Young Adult Group
12:00 PM Social Action Meeting
12:00 PM Family Choir
12:15 PM Roots & Shoots

12:30 PM Lunch Bunch

6:00 PM MUUVie

Monday February 11 2008

6:30 PM Covenant Group Facilitator
7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday February 12 2008

Cluster Meeting
12:00 PM Covenant Group
6:30 PM Spiritual Practices Class

Wednesday February 13 2008

6:00 PM ARE Committee
6:30 PM Covenant Group
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday February 14 2008

6:00 PM Children's Ministry Cmte.
6:30 PM Covenant Group
7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Green Sanctuary Committee

Friday February 15 2008

6:00 PM Covenant Group

Saturday February 16 2008

2:00 PM Ware Memorial Service
6:00 PM Circle Dinner

Sunday February 17 2008

9:00 AM ARE: Exploring UU Identity"
9:00 AM Sunday Covenant Group
9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
9:00 AM Meditation Group
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
10:45 AM Children's Ministry Classes
12:00 PM Young Adult Group
12:00 PM Social Action Luncheon
12:00 PM Family Choir
12:30 PM Lunch Bunch

Monday February 18 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday February 19 2008

6:30 PM Spiritual Practices Class
7:00 PM Tuesday Covenant Group

Wednesday February 20 2008

1:30 PM Covenant Group
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday February 21 2008

7:00 PM Sunday Services Committee

Friday February 22 2008

Auction Setup

Saturday February 23 2008

5:00 PM EEC Auction

Sunday February 24 2008

9:00 AM Lead Teacher Meeting
9:00 AM ARE: Exploring UU Identity"
9:00 AM Book Discussion Group
9:00 AM Meditation Group
10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service
11:45 AM OWL Parents Class
12:00 PM Young Adult Group
12:00 PM OWL Parent Orientation
12:30 PM Lunch Bunch
1:00 PM OWL

Monday February 25 2008

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

Tuesday February 26 2008

12:00 PM Covenant Group
4:00 PM Committee on Ministry
6:30 PM Spiritual Practices Class

Wednesday February 27 2008

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Green Sanctuary Committee

Thursday February 28 2008

6:00 PM Roots & Shoots
6:30 PM Covenant Group
7:00 PM Board Meeting

Friday February 29 2008

7:00 PM Family Fun Night & Sanctuary Concert

Calendar Submissions

To add your UUCP event, meeting, or activity to the Horizon's calendar please email the office at administrator@phoenixuu.org or call the office at 602-840-8400.

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Our Mission

Our religious community aspires to:

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

-Adopted February 1999

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