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President's Report

Wow, what a summer!

It seems that a day doesn't pass without me thinking about immigration issues. Even when I was in London for a business trip during the week that Arizona's SB 1070 was supposed to go into effect, Arizona's immigration stories were in the television news there.

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General Assembly (GA) in June set the stage for July's activities here in Phoenix. Most of you were not there to see the incredible work of Rev. Susan to craft the resolution that resulted in a "Witness GA" coming to Phoenix in 2012. Rev. Susan and Jimmy Leung gave stirring endorsements of the resolution at the plenary session before the vote was taken. The final vote was overwhelmingly in favor of coming to Phoenix—but that belies the strong feelings that many people had, at least initially, in favor of moving GA. It took many conversations, sometimes emotional ones, to work out a solution that most people could support. While some of you may not agree with the decision, I can assure you that it was made in a spirit of respect for our democratic process. It was a good demonstration of the "fifth principle" of Unitarian Universalism: the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. The Action of Immediate Witness that was spearheaded by Sandy Weir and Margy Angle was another example of the democratic process. The steps they took to write, edit, collaborate, lobby, gather signatures, and speak to the delegates were quite exhaustive. And impressive! As a result the delegates voted to oppose SB 1070 and support immigration reform. I believe our UUCP delegates were some of the most active in recent GA plenary session history.

Speaking of the "fifth principle," we

are incredibly fortunate to have leadership in the UUA that is focused on making sure that we have a democratic process that actually works for us as a denomination. They skillfully set up and managed the discussion of GA 2012 during the plenary session. It was a powerful model for handling contentious issues in a public forum. Some changes to UUA bylaws that govern elections of the president and moderator were approved at GA this year. Other changes are still being discussed, such as reducing the size of the UUA board, changing the district structure, and re-orienting future General Assemblies to be more inclusive. There is a great article in the summer edition of *UU World* about it (page 14-15).

I believe that this is a potentially transformative time for UUCP, and even for our denomination as a whole. The way that we come together to witness for immigration reform, and how we handle dissenting views, will be visible to the world. It can be a powerful advertisement of our values and relevance to those who have never heard of us. I encourage us all to rise to the opportunity.

Paula Kulina, Board President

Minister's Musings

The Standing On the Side of Love campaign has had quite an impact on Phoenix over the past month. Our yellow-gold shirts and our message of love were all over the streets, the newspapers, TV, and YouTube. The Standing on the Side of Love campaign is only a little more than a year old. It was launched at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly in June 2009. It was inspired by the actions and witness of the UU congregation in Knoxville, TN, that was targeted by a gunman for their openness towards gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. The response of that congregation and of their minister, the Rev. Chris Buice, was not to draw inward, not to be intimidated by fear, but to remain true to the best values of the congregation and keep the doors of the congregation wide open. They declared they would continue to stand on the side of love.

The power of their love and faith in the face of violence inspired a new way of doing justice work. Standing on the Side of Love was born and envisioned as a values campaign—that would not be limited to or “owned” by Unitarian Universalism, but would be shared, and which we hoped would spread wide in proclaiming an alternative to growing fear and demonizing rhetoric.

The power of that message was undeniable on July 29th. There were several articles online and on TV where the journalists called the demonstrators angry, even violent. Yet, the stories didn't last, because it was hard to say that while nearly every image that was taken on that day had a big bold sign or t-shirt that said “LOVE.” The events of the 29th were absolutely non-violent, well organized and dignified. And the reverberations of that day are still echoing throughout Phoenix and the country.

A few weeks ago, I had coffee with the Rev. Walt Weider, the minister of the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Surprise, AZ. We discussed politics and he said a truth that he has discovered is “Be careful when you find that a politician is trying to make you afraid. It means they are trying to sell you something you would not ordinarily buy.”

Fear is something to be wary of, particularly when it is someone else who is making you feel afraid. Fear is a powerful emotion that can be used to control others, to limit people, to hold them back from truth and joy. Fear makes us feel helpless, powerless. It tears at the heart of our most fundamental values like hope, love, trust, and community. But it also seems to run contrary to the most fundamental values that have shaped our nation—like innovation, creativity, optimism, self-reliance, the pursuit of happiness. Fear hardens our hearts, pulls us inward and away from each other, limits our ability to listen and to be open. It is a powerful emotion, but not one that brings out our best. Rather, it is love that overcomes fear, that can cure the disease of fear. *Agape* love is what calls us to care for our neighbor

as our self and to see the unity within humanity and strive for that unity. Love is our greatest gift and our most fundamental religious value. Let us remain standing, witnessing and welcoming others to Stand on the Side of Love.

See you on Sunday.

Yours in love,
Susan

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

Warren Herbert Amster
Phillip Kevin Bliklen
Julia Michelle Fritts
Betty K. Irvine
Mary Ellen Mussman
William Eugene Swineford

William Blauvelt Bishop
Betty Halsema Foley
Sarah Patterson Ingersoll
Thomas Stephan Kole
Arthur Wilfred Olsen

Coming Home

I had the opportunity to see many beautiful parts of the Southwest during this, my first, summer in Arizona. There are an incredible number of state and national parks within a day's drive of Phoenix. Even better, some of them are at higher, cooler altitudes!

Yes, there is a lot to discover in the Southwest, but there is also a lot to discover right here at UUCP so please be sure to read about the upcoming Opportunity Fair elsewhere in this newsletter. Discoveries await you whether you are a new or seasoned member of the UUCP community.

As September rolls around, it really is good to return home, and I am happy to say, as a relative newcomer myself, that UUCP is feeling more and more like home to me. For our newest members who have also found a religious home at UUCP and joined in August—Anne Byrne, Erin Succar, Sylvia & Jagdev Sharma, Igor Glenn (returning member), Michael Hipps, Mac & Maureen Jeffries, Katie Karns—welcome! For those who attended the August Pathway to Membership class and continue to participate as friends of UUCP—Jim Sorgatz, Diane Hughes and family, Edward Blundon, and Nick Fussner—we are glad you are among us! For those of you returning from wherever summer travels have taken you—welcome back! I also wish to extend a special welcome and thank you to Lisa Katz who recently joined other trusty longtime office volunteers in helping with Membership and Membership Engagement administrative tasks.

Many Unitarian Universalists describe their first encounter with a UU congregation as a “coming home” experience. Even though we are a year-round congregation, September still feels much

like the start of a new year, giving us the chance to feel that thrill of returning once again to the place where we belong, where we are loved, appreciated, accepted, and challenged to grow. Let us come home to UUCP refreshed and invigorated to continue the work of building beloved community.

Namaste,
Linda

(Linda Lawrence, Membership Coordinator)

Greetings from Your

Music Director!

A little over a year ago I finished up my course work for the Unitarian Universalist Credentialed Music Leader program. As part of the course work, I wrote and yearly revised my philosophy of music ministry. I thought I would share it with you:

As a community, we make music together freely and express that which is most beautiful in us: our divine nature. We realize all that we are. We live up to our full potential as human beings. We become people who live our Unitarian Universalist Principles.

A vital music ministry includes many music groups, playing and singing a wide variety of styles of music. There is a place for every member of the congregation. Everyone's musical gifts are honored.

Musical expression becomes a natural response to life and is woven into everyday life.

Thoughts from musicians at UUCP:

“The music experience also creates a community experience. One vocal section interweaves with the others. We listen to the resulting harmonies and resolved dissonances. The text and melodies echo in our minds and hearts days after the performance.”

“Choir is a huge part of my ‘church life.’ Singing has always been part of who I am, and being in the choir helps me to express the beauty of music. Also, the people in the choir are an amazing group of dedicated people; I’m proud to call them my friends.”

“Music is my spiritual practice.”

“Everyone deserves music, sweet music
Everyone deserves music, sweet music
Even our worst enemies, they deserve music, music
So I pray for them
and I’ll play for them” —Michael Franti

“Singing makes me smile and music makes me want to dance.”

If you want to make music more during Sunday services at UUCP, call or email me. Connie Jahrmarkt, CML 480 970 8807, musicdirector@phoenixuuu.org

From Your Lifespan Religious Education Director

I am very excited to be joining the community of UUCP. Having grown up in the UU Church of Peterborough, NH, this feels a little like coming home—even if it's in the desert!

Growing up with a UU Mom and a liberal Episcopal Dad, I have been steeped in the principles and purposes of the UU tradition, carried them with me into my adult life and into explorations of other religions and spiritual paths. I see the world through this lens, it is part of who I am. As a kid, I spent hours in the woods exploring and enjoying the wonders of nature. I hiked and biked and walked and built forts. I had experiences of wonder and awe, experiences that for me were spiritual and exposed me to the oneness of all life.

My daughter, now 27 years old, lives in Maine and was also raised with these values. For a summer we lived outside in the woods of Maine sleeping in a teepee near a stream, learning from the woods and eating raspberries off the vine. I taught her the cycles of the moon and how to read the signs left by the animals. She rode her tricycle around the teepee and danced in rain storms in her boots.

When I attended Antioch we moved in with my grandfather and led a more conventional life. I studied Anthroposophy (a spiritual science) and the ways of Waldorf education. Waldorf teachers are focused on the whole child, having respect for who they are and where they are in their cognitive, emotional and spiritual development.

I look forward to getting to know you all and hearing your stories. I expect I will make mistakes and you will set me straight, I look forward to learning with you.

Victoria Capon, Interim DLRE

Love Is The Doctrine of this Congregation . . . Children's Ministry

We have a number of exciting changes this year!

First, we have added a dedicated nursery for our infants up to two years old. Tiffany Mendez will remain our nursery coordinator; she will be assisted by a rotation of three volunteers throughout the month. The nursery is now located in Room 10. Before and after service childcare will still occur in Room 15.

Daniel Mendez will lead our two- and three-year-olds in a simple routine each Sunday morning in Room 15.

Our Pre-K/Kindergarteners will now be located in Room E in the old annex building (the room closest to the basketball court). These children will now ALL begin in the sanctuary for Together Time and then will proceed to the basketball court for Spirit Circle.

We have also added two new curricula and have had some changes to our teaching teams. Please see the descriptions below for a preview. Sunday School Begins at 9:30 AM on September 19, 2010.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CURRICULUM DESCRIPTIONS 2010-2011

This year's focus: Our unique Unitarian Universalist history and identity.

Infants-2 years – Lead: Tiffany Mendez – Babies are kept happy and comfortable with loving care from our experienced staff and parent volunteers.

2-3 years old – Lead: Daniel Mendez – This age group will be engaged with hands-on activities, a simple circle time and free play.

Pre-K/Kindergarten (4-6 years old) – Lead: Karen Kurtz – *Wonderful Welcome*

The Wonderful Welcome curriculum engages and challenges leaders and children alike to explore how and why we are willing to welcome others into our lives.

1st-2nd Grade – (6-7 years old) – Lead: Sarah Banegas – *Creating Home*

This class helps children develop a sense of home that is grounded in faith. Together with your group you will ask questions about the purpose of having a home and the functions a home serves, for us as humans and for other animals.

Our Whole Lives – (OWL) – Lani Comp and Julie Erfle

From late February to April, first and second graders participate in *Our Whole Lives*. This is an age-appropriate curriculum that supports parents in educating their children about birth, babies, bodies and families.

3rd-4th Grade – (8-9 years old) – Lead: Geraldine Mendez – *UU Superheroes* is a values-based Uni-

tarian Universalist identity curriculum that encourages children to explore the lives of historical people who were Unitarians, Universalists, or Unitarian Universalists. The children will also be encouraged to use their own positive “super powers” to grow both spiritually and ethically.

5th-6th Grade (10-11 years old) – Lead: Briana Noonan – *The Questing Year*

The Questing Year engages fifth and sixth graders in four different quests connected through the central themes and purposes of faith development and social action. The goal is for participants to develop a greater understanding of their personal beliefs and their UU faith.

7th-8th Grade (12-14 years old) – Lead: Hannah Roberts – *Coming of Age*

Coming of Age (COA) is a special rite of passage in our Unitarian Universalist tradition. COA candidates will embark on a year of discovery about their UU heritage and visit houses of worship of other faith traditions. All 7th-8th graders are invited to participate in the Sunday morning curriculum even if they opt out of the requirements for graduation.

9th-12th Grade (14-18 years old) – Co-Advisors: Jaynn Truran, Sarah Henkel, James Forrest – *Senior High/YRUU*
Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) meets regularly on Sunday mornings for worship, fellowship and all around fun! The YRUU group will follow a small group ministry format with topics chosen and led by the group.

YRUU Kicks Off with Gusto!

YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) is our congregation’s dynamic high school-aged youth group. We will kick off our new year together with our annual Lock-In at UUCP on August 28, when we will build a covenant, discuss our curriculum, get to know each other better and decide on what projects, trips, social action, fundraisers, and spiritual food we will feast on for the next nine months together! We hope to channel some of our efforts toward our very own DeBenneville Pines Camp and the ongoing WaterWorks campaign there. Camp is a very special and important place for so many of us, and we want to ensure that it stays that way for future generations. We will also focus on eco/green issues, and continue to discuss the many issues that both our state and our nation are facing. (Of course, we will also talk about dating and farts and movies and what to wear for Halloween...)

We meet in Room C of the Annex Building during first service (9:30 A.M. until approximately 11:00 A.M.) and often find ourselves sharing lunch together at a neighborhood restaurant. We welcome visitors and encourage you to let us know if you have an idea or feedback for us. Contact any of the advisors (Jaynn Truran, Sarah Henkel and James Forrest) at yruu@phoenixuu.org for more information.

To Seek Knowledge in Freedom . . . Adult Faith Development

We have a name change and an entirely new vision for this coming year! These changes are based on the feedback gathered from the focus groups held in the spring as well as on current trends in adult programming. We hope that we have created a program that is more flexible and aligned to the needs of our adult members and friends.

A more detailed description of these changes can be found in the UUCP program catalogue; the grid below will give you a snapshot of what will be offered. Descriptions of all courses can be found at:

<http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/108181.shtml>

Join a course for one session or for the entire series; all sessions are designed to stand alone but also to connect to each other. And, don’t let the “New UU” course title keep you away if you’re not “new;” the workshops are chock-full of interesting and inspiring material whether you’re a newcomer or a long-time UU.

In other words, jump in and see just where your spirit might take you.

Adult Faith Development 2010-2011 Courses

Dates	Day of Week	Course	Facilitator	Developmental Level
Sept. 14, 21, 28	Tuesday 6-8:30 p.m.	The New UU - Workshops 1-3	Linda Lawrence	101*
Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14	Tuesday 6-8:30 p.m.	The New UU - Workshops 4-6	Linda Lawrence	101*
Feb. 10, 17, 24	Thursday 6-8:30 p.m.	The New UU - Workshops 1-3	Linda Lawrence	101*
Apr. 14, 21, 28	Thursday 6-8:30 p.m.	The New UU - Workshops 4-6	Linda Lawrence	101*

*The above “New UU” workshops are suitable for those new Unitarian Universalism or those who would like a refresher on UU history and theology.

Dates	Day of Week	Course	Facilitator	Developmental Level
Sept 15 (movie); Sept 26 (workshop)	Wed & Sat	Forgiveness	Vince Waldron	201**
Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Nov 7, 14, 21, 28	Sunday	Spirit of Life	Juli Harvey and Lois Leader	201**
Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Feb 6	Sunday	Principled Commitment: UU Couples	Vince and Kathleen Waldron and another couple (same sex)	201**
Feb (1 full-day or 2 half-day workshops)	1 or 2 Saturdays	Harvest the Power: Lay Leadership	Nominating Committee	301***
March 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22	Sunday	What Moves Us: UU Theology	Gary Ezzell & Lillian Habeich	201**

** The above courses designated at “201” are suitable to those seeking to deepen their UU identity and spiritual practice

*** The above course designated as “301” is suitable for those wishing to develop their lay leadership skills to contribute to the life and health of the UUCP community

We are grateful to the Rev. Paul Langston-Daley, who shared the model “Circle of Courage,” which helped us to re-envision adult faith development.



This “Circle of Courage” concept was translated into a developmental model of adult religious education. Hence, our course offerings will now have designations, which recognize that adults are at different stages of faith development.

101 - Corresponds to the “Belonging” stage and are suitable for newcomers or those adults who feel they need a refresher in the “basics” of Unitarian Universalism

201 - Corresponds to the “Mastery” stage; these courses are suitable for folks wishing to deepen their UU identity through inquiry and spiritual practices

301 - Corresponds to the “Independence” stage and are suitable for adults ready to move into congregational leadership. The “Generosity” stage is when adults are taking an active leadership role in the congregation by engaging in activities such as facilitating a course or serving on the Board of Trustees.

From the Adult Faith Development Committee

Greetings!!

Over the years, member polls have shown that UUCP's education programs are met with great favor among our congregants. This year marks a new era in our adult program. To begin, Adult Religious Education, known as ARE, is now AFD, Adult Faith development. What's in a word? Why is the name important?

We are developing our own adult education program in ways that will integrate with the dynamics of the UUA resources in Tapestry of Faith. Here is a brief part of their web page:

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) offers lifespan resources for education, worship, advocacy, and social action that nurture Unitarian Universalist identity, spiritual growth, a transforming faith, and vital communities of justice and love.

Exploring religious truth, meaning and experience is central to Unitarian Universalist (UU) faith, and faith development is central to our liberal religious education. In communities and as individuals we seek lives of meaning anchored by values and a commitment to promote principles of justice, love, trust, safety, tolerance and encouragement. We want to deepen in spirit and nurture our souls; we strive to contribute to and shape the wider world for the greater good. We recognize that we are part of an interdependent web of life.

How will this play out at UUCP? The AFD Committee will start immediately

to offer programs that include classes from the Tapestry program. Beginning this September, we offer New UU Workshops, with Linda Lawrence facilitating. After that we have a nine-week program called Spirit of Life, which is described below. In the spring we have other offerings, all of which fit into a larger pattern of growth for newcomers, long-time members, and those ready to move into leadership roles. This re-envisioning derives from a concept brought to us by Rev. Paul Langston-Daley, called Circle of Courage. (Rev. Langston-Daley will be guest speaker at a UUCP Sunday Service in October.) Circle of Courage is a model for adult religious education with different stages of faith development, with the stages designated as 101, 201, and 301, for "Belonging," "Mastery," and "Independence." A more detailed description is in our section of the new program guide.

We hope you will take advantage of the resources we offer. The classes are more flexible than before, where you can attend all or a few of the meetings in the various series. Additional material will be available online for the classes, to help supplement or fill in. And you can select the levels of learning and degree of participation that seems right for you.

If you have any questions, please e-mail terrynsimmons@gmail.com.

In faith,

Terry Simmons, AFD Chair

THE NEW UU: IT'S NOT *JUST* FOR NEW UUS!

Tuesdays, Sept. 14, 21, 28

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Annex B

Facilitator: Linda Lawrence

The first three sessions of this interactive workshop will begin with a simple soup and bread supper as we set the tone for learning and sharing together. Don't let the dryness of the workshop titles dissuade you from participation in the juicy conversations sure to occur!

Session I: Theology and Worship – Among other things, we will explore Dr. Forrest Church's cathedral metaphor for Unitarian Universalist theology, discuss UU approaches to traditional theological constructs, and talk about how UU values are carried into liturgy and worship.

Session 2: Where Do We Come From? Unitarian Universalist Roots – We will get to know some famous UUs and take a look at the broad sweep of UU history, including the theological shifts that have occurred in Unitarian Universalism over time.

Session 3: How We Grow in Faith/Philosophy of Religious Education – This session lets us take a look at formative religious stories and the importance of narrative in faith development as well as gain insights into our own religious and spiritual inspiration.

Note that Sessions 1-3 will be offered again in February and Sessions 4-6 can be taken in November/December or April. Please register in advance to ensure that sufficient materials are available for the first class. Register at <http://doodle.com/vc67pxucxvskkzs8>,

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or by contacting Linda Lawrence at membershipcoordinator@phoenixuu.org or 815-218-3148.

The course fee is \$10 or you can purchase a \$35 pass that allows you to participate in an unlimited number of Adult Faith Development courses during the 2010-2011 congregational year.

DR. VINCE WALDRON PRESENTS "FORGIVENESS"

In September, as part of the Adult Faith Development Committee's fall programming, Dr. Vince Waldron will bring the following presentations on Forgiveness:

Wednesday, September 15, 6:00 p.m.
Doors open at 5:30. Screening of the documentary film *Forgiving Dr. Mengele* about Eva Mozes Kor and her controversial decision to forgive the Nazi's who experimented on her and her twin sister as well as 1,400 other twin pairs. The film explores the opportunities and limits of forgiveness as a process for healing the human spirit and redressing wrongdoing.
(Refreshments, suggested donation \$5.)

On Sunday, September 19, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray will speak on the subject of atonement in recognition of the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement).

We conclude on Saturday, September 25, with the workshop: Understanding and Practicing Forgiveness, conducted by Dr. Waldron. Forgiveness can be a constructive and hopeful response to the hurt we experience in relationships. In nearly all theological traditions, forgiveness is recommended as an alternative to grudge-holding and revenge. It can also be helpful as we seek relational

justice and reconciliation. However, forgiveness is neither easy nor always appropriate.

This workshop will help participants decide when and why they should forgive. We will explore the steps of forgiveness seeking and forgiveness granting. The material will be useful to anyone who has struggled with forgiveness in a personal or work relationships and to those who simply have an interest in this important topic. \$30 for non-members, \$10 or AFD pass for UUCP members.
(Passes are available at the book table after every Sunday service or at the door).

SPIRIT OF LIFE COURSE

Starting October 3, every Sunday for nine weeks, 9:00-10:30 in Room 9, our new Adult Faith Development program presents Spirit of Life, Juli Harvey and Lois Leader, facilitators.

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

Circle Dinners Are Back!

Circle Dinners are starting this year with a reception in the Johnson Room on Saturday, September 18 at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in the dinners and would like to attend the September reception, please contact us by email or by phone. When you respond we will let you know what food we would like you to provide for the reception: appetizer, salad, or dessert. Our committee will provide the drinks.

Please RSVP by emailing us at phuucircle@yahoo.com or by calling a committee member: Shirley Anderson (480-946-3669), Sherry Celine (602-840-4611), Marcia Farrell (602-995-9501), Mary Wilber (480-473-1150).

We hope to see those of you who have enjoyed the dinners in the past and those who want to know more about the dinners. You do not have to commit to attend all dinners or even to host. But we really need hosts so everyone who wishes to participate can.

Starting in October, the monthly dinners will be small ones at members' homes. The dinners have been part of the Phoenix Congregation for many years and are a popular UU activity in many congregations across the country. They are not potlucks since the host provides the main dish and then assigns dishes to the guests who have been assigned by the committee chair. These small dinners of 6 to 10 people are an excellent way to bring together old friends and to meet new ones.

Mary Wilber
Phoenix Circle Dinners

Women's Spirituality Circle

Next meeting September 20 in annex B at 6:30. We welcome all women who wish to deepen friendships, learn and discuss spiritual journeys and have fun. Meetings are held the third Monday each month.

For more information contact Heather McLellan at 480.941.1038 or Carolyn Allenby at 623.398.6765.

Discover UUCP

OCTOBER 10TH OPPORTUNITY FAIR

Although Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492, we know that his "discoveries" were already treasured by many. Likewise, UUCP contains many treasures awaiting your discovery: opportunities for ministry and service; ways to get to know others; chances to laugh, learn and grow; channels for sharing your interests, talents, gifts, and passions.

Be sure to add UUCP to your October 10th itinerary so that you can chart your course for the 2010-2011 congregational year. Following both Sunday services, UUCP Service and Activity Groups will offer treasures (literal and metaphorical) at islands scattered about the Johnson Room Inlet and the Patio Sea. Come and discover everything you ever wanted to know about UUCP's service and action opportunities.

Update from the

Renovation Committee

The work of the Renovation Committee addresses the technical aspects of the restroom core project that is the target of the recently completed Capital Campaign. The committee will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM in Annex B. The next scheduled meeting is October 7th. All UUCP members and friends who are interested in the project are welcome to attend.

The current focus is to determine the effort that will meet our needs for restrooms that are consistent with the level of pledged support. An option for a Lincoln Drive sewer connection has been identified and is being aggressively pursued. It represents a considerable cost savings compared to connecting to the sewer at the southeast corner of our property. Engineering design and dialog with the Town of Paradise Valley has begun.

Details of the project may be found on the UUCP website at the "UUCP Renovation" tab. Please feel free to contact the Renovation Committee at renovation@phoenixuu.org if you have any questions.

Don Weir, Chair, 2010-11 Renovation Committee

Fall Covenant Groups

REGISTRATION BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 26TH!

What are Covenant Groups, what is their purpose? Covenant Groups are small groups of 6-10 people who meet regularly over five months for

spiritual reflection and sharing. Meeting topics invite members of the group to share stories from their own inner wisdom and experiences. Themes can be chosen by members of the group but some examples are: "What is Sacred," "Spiritual Discipline" and "Sustaining Hope." Members of the group make a commitment to show up, to share deeply and to build connections.

Unlike other groups, the purpose is not an activity, nor intellectual. It is intended to create the space to explore our deeper human questions of meaning. Each group has a trained facilitator and group members create a covenant to abide by the rules of their own group.

The power and helpfulness of covenant groups are in how they provide another space, in addition to worship, for intentional reflection about what is most meaningful and challenging about life. A time to consider the great spiritual questions, even the harshest realities, like death, at times when we are not in crisis. They also help us build connection, friendships and community, for those times when we do need one another.

The facilitator and the covenant help create the kind of sacred space that welcomes this sharing and exploration.

The Sunday Service on September 26 will talk about the power and purpose of covenant groups and registration forms will be available that day and after to sign up for a group.

Share the Plate

On Sunday, September 26 all undesignated collections will be donated to ANSWER as part of our monthly Share the Plate Program.

American-Nepali Student and Women's Educational Relief (ANSWER) enrolls and administers educational programs for disadvantaged children of Nepal. They place low-caste Nepalese children whose families cannot afford to pay for an education in private, high-caste schools where they can learn English. They currently sponsor 500 children in more than 100 private schools. ANSWER also has a medical fund which provides for eyeglasses and other medical needs of the students and their families. Funds are raised through sponsors who make a three-year commitment—and there are no overhead costs. All funds go directly to school tuition. There are currently ten UUCP members acting as sponsors. You can learn more at www.answernepal.org.

On Sunday, October 3 all undesignated collections will be donated to the Unitarian Universalist Association in recognition of UUA's Association Sunday scheduled for that date.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the association of the Unitarian and Universalist congregations. Rather than applying the collection to the regular UUA budget, this collection will go towards a special project: ensuring that our faith thrives for generations to come. The UUA is conducting an in-depth strategic review of leadership and growth in order to support the "Leap of Faith" action plan to strengthen our community for future generations.

If you would like to know more about the Share the Plate Program or submit

an application for an organization to be considered for future donations, please see the UUCP website or contact a member of the Share the Plate Committee: Paula Kulina, Larry Thwing or Judy Lambert.

From the Social Action Committee

SOCIAL ACTION LUNCHEON

Social Action Luncheons return this month after our summer break. We are lining up speakers for the upcoming year starting with our own Paula and Ernie Kulina sharing with us their visit to Circulo de Amigas, a non-profit center for women and children in Nicaragua which is a longtime sponsored project of UUCP. Please join us on the third Sunday of the month, September 19, after the 11:15 service in the Johnson Room. Everyone is welcome.

NEW DAY CENTER

Volunteers are needed to help with dinner preparation and serving for New Day Center on Sunday, September 5. If interested, please see the sign up board in the back of the sanctuary or contact Heather McClellan at 480.941.1038.

RAINBOWS FESTIVAL

Participation in the spring Pride Parade has become popular annual tradition for many at UUCP as part of effort to be a welcoming congregation. For the first time the Social Action Committee, along with the other Phoenix-area UU congregations, will have a UU booth at the Rainbows

Festival in downtown Phoenix on October 2 and 3. If you are interested in helping please contact the committee at socialaction@phoenixuu.org.

IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE

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

The task force extends a thank you to all who participated in or helped with events of late July. We look forward to the hiring of the new Social Justice Director to help in our immigration effort and will continue to keep the congregation informed and engaged in pursuit of reform. You can contact the task force at immigration@phoenixuu.org.

UMOM Sponsors

2nd Annual 5K Walk for Homeless Families

A growing number of homeless families are served by UMOM's New Day Centers. UMOM has provided homeless families and individuals with safe shelter, housing and supportive services for over 40 years. Last year, more than 4,000 people were served. UUCP has provided a dinner the first Sunday each month for more than 15 years.

Homeless Family Walk on September

25:

- registration begins at 6:30 AM
- walk begins at 7:30 AM
- WesleyBolin Memorial Park(at 15th Avenue & Washington Street)
- registration before September 12
- \$20 per person and \$15 for students
- after September 12, \$30 per person and \$20 for students

Walk on your own or join friends, family or coworkers or make a pledge on behalf of a walker's efforts. Show your support for AZ's growing number of homeless families

Wear your yellow Standing on the Side of Love t-shirt and make a UUCP presence! Register today: www.umom.org.

More information at the Social Action table.

Early Education Cooperative

School days, school days, good old golden rule days.....yes, it is time for the UUEEC to open for another school year! As parents and teachers prepare for another year, we pause to reflect on years gone by. There are a number of young people in the congregation who attended the UUEEC over the years. We celebrate those who have passed through and welcome new families with open arms.

If you know of a child looking for a pre-school, we have a few openings for this fall. Please contact Director Jane for information at directorjane@gmail.com or 480-710-7004. Parent Orientation Night is September 2 with the first day of school September 7.

Fedoras, Flappers and Fundraisers: The First Annual UUCP Auction

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

Your auction committee has already made great progress planning this year's event, but we need *your* help:

- **We need auction items!** Your tax-deductible donation will help support UUCP's beloved community. Ideas include: jewelry, golf four-somes, bottles of wine, new children's games and books, art, collectibles and tickets to the theatre/opera/concert/ball game. We're also looking for services and experiences, like a hosted dinner at your home, haircut from your favorite stylist, childcare or a weekend at your timeshare. We've already received many fabulous donations, including an Eritrean coffee ceremony, ballroom dance lessons and a sterling silver chalice pendant. Email Mary Dokes at mugdokes@cox.net with your donation information or questions.
- **We're looking for 20's decor!** If you have long beads, cigarette holders, casino decor, a roulette wheel, large feathers or any other items that tie in with the Roaring 20's/casino/speakeasy theme, email Sarah Henkel at oatmeal-pie@gmail.com.
- **We need professionals!** We're looking for an inexpensive, professional caterer for this event. We would also like to rent a tent to cover the patio. If you know of any-

one, please email Diana Ashley at diana.ashley@yahoo.com.

We are very excited to bring you this fabulous event. Individual and group tickets will be available October.

Welcome New Members to UUCP

ANNE BYRNE

Anne recently returned to the valley after a 30-year hiatus to be close to her wonderfully vibrant 88-year-old mother. Anne directs a nonprofit healthy living program for kids and is a singer-songwriter for fun.

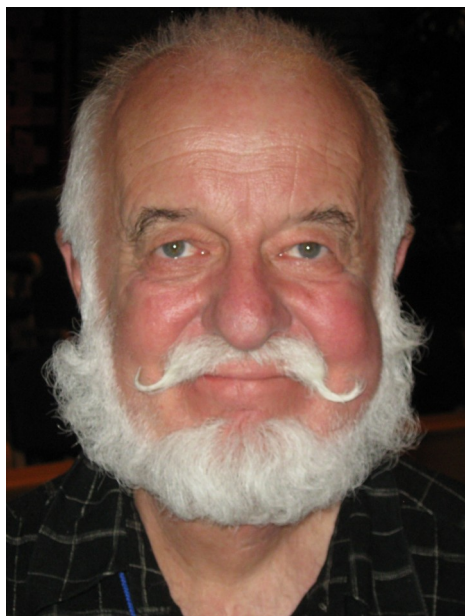


KAYE CARLSON

After living many years in the San Francisco bay area, Kaye made a permanent move to Phoenix in February 2008, which had long been a part of her retirement plan. While she has family and a few friends in the area, it was in many ways a new beginning. While in San Francisco the UU Society had been an enjoyable and meaningful part of Kaye's life, so it seemed natural to seek

New Members...

out the UU community in Phoenix. Along with attendance at Sunday services, participation in a covenant group has made her feel welcome, so Kaye is pleased to now officially become a member of this congregation.



IGOR GLENN

Igor first attended UUCP in 1961 while living at Taliesin West. He was a member of UUCP in the 1990's before becoming a member of VUU, and now returns to UUCP with his wife Barbara. Their daughter Johanna Glenn (dedicated at 10 by Rev. Ray Manker) is a member of UU 1st Church in Portland, OR, and finishing a post-grad degree in Mortuary Science. Igor is a graduate of ASU, has toured as member of The New Christy Minstrels, and entertains and tours as a solo act and with his show The Jazz Cowboys.



BOBBI HESS

Bobbi is a single mom currently trying to adjust to the fact that daughter, Daria, just started high school. She has lived in Phoenix since 1983, much preferring the climate here to previous residences Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, and Cincinnati. Bobbi is self-employed as an attorney involved in civil litigation. After discovering UUCP in late 2008, the first UU church she has attended, Bobbi realized she has been a UU for 40 years without knowing it. She is glad to finally end up in the right place.

MICHAEL HIPPS

An Arizona native, Michael grew up in Mesa and attended Dobson High School (first graduation class!). He works as a case manager for adults with developmental disabilities for the State of Arizona. His spiritual journey has included growing up Jehovah's Witness, being agnostic (and occasionally Buddhist), converting to Judaism, and spending the last three years as a liberal Christian. Michael sees becoming a Unitarian Universalist as just making official something he has felt in his heart for 25 years. He looks forward to continuing his

journey here and to making new friends and contributing to the life of this congregation.

MAC & MAUREEN JEFFRIES



KATIE KARNs

Katie is a 32-year-old single mom who enjoys life, family, and friends. Originally from Ohio (go Bucks!), Katie has lived in Phoenix now for six years. She has a wonderful two-year-old son, Grant, and both are looking forward to joining UUCP!

JEFF LOBAS

LILLY O'FINCH

New Members...



BRIAN & JILL QUICK

Jill and Brian were previously UU members in Vero Beach, Florida, and Livermore, California. They came to Scottsdale in October for a three-month consulting assignment, which is now scheduled to last until 2011 or longer. Since October they have been active in a Covenant Circle, the meditation group, Traveling Second Fridays, and the Asian Religions Adult Education class.

Although their home is now in Florida, neither is a native Floridian. Jill grew up in Southern California, and Brian is from England. They have been married for 10 years, and they each have three adult sons from their first marriages. Between them, they have 13 grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Jill is a retired college administrator and researcher. Brian is a computer expert and does consulting with the pharmaceutical industry. They enjoy reading, travel, bridge, the out-of-doors, keeping in touch with family and friends, and exploring art, science and history museums. They love UUCP and are delighted to now call it their church home!

LAURIE ROSALES



SYLVIA & JAGDEV SHARMA

Sylvia Mayahuel Lemus Sharma has



been a UU member for the last 38 years, and believes it is a comfortable place to meet open-minded and culturally diverse people. Sylvia, of Mexican heritage, met and married a foreign student from Punjab, India, named Jagdev Sharma. They wanted their children exposed to all religions and a congregation community. Sylvia was raised Catholic and Jagdev is an Aryasamaji, which is a liberal branch of Hinduism.

For the last 20 years, Sylvia has turned to indigenous Mexico practices learned in Mexico. She has been honored with a staff by the Council of Elders in Mexico City for bringing the traditions for women who gather in leadership circles to the north, and

is regarded as an *abuela de tradicion*. Sylvia and Jagdev recently moved from the Twin Cities, MN to Scottsdale, AZ. Sylvia continues working for the American Association of Avian Pathologists in the publication of two international scientific journals. Our offices are located in the BioDesign Institute, ASU, Tempe, AZ.

ERIN SUCCAR



Celebrations of Life

10:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 5: POETRY AND HYMN SING

Service Leaders: Sarah Burchard and Connie Jahrmarkt

Celebration of Life on Sunday, September 5, will combine poetry and UU music! Participants in Poetry Coffeehouse and contributors to our annual creative writing volume, *Poikilos*, will read from their works. From sad to glad, from the personal to the public, our talented writers will explore issues and experiences that make us human. This will be part of the regular Sunday service, with hymns and other music, to deliver a labor of love for the Labor Day Sunday celebration.

SEPTEMBER 12: INGATHERING WATER COMMUNION SERVICE

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

This is our Annual Ingathering Service as we join together after summers of travels. Everyone is invited to bring a small amount of water from a sacred or meaningful place. Waters have been brought from home, from vacation trips, tears gathered in the mourning of loved ones, rain water. Together we will mingle the water we have brought as a symbol of how in community we join our lives together.

9:30 AM and 11:15 AM

—Two services beginning September 19—

SEPTEMBER 19: YOM KIPPUR: A HEALING WHOLENESS

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

This is the time of the High Holy Days of Judaism, the Days of Awe. Our service will focus on how forgiveness plays a role in bringing about wholeness in our lives and communities. Look to the Compass and Announcements for information about a film (September 15) and a workshop (September 25) that will also center on the theme of forgiveness to deepen our work on this important topic.

SEPTEMBER 26: SHARING JOURNEYS

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Our mission statements calls us to share our journeys, to find ways to deepen our connection to one another by sharing our stories and finding ways to support and nurture each other through life's joys and sorrows. One way we can do this is through our Covenant Groups, or small group ministries. This service will kick off registration for our Fall Covenant Groups. Learn about Covenant groups and how they can be a place of ministry in our congregation.

Share the Plate: This Sunday we will give our offering away to benefit ANSWER Nepal, and Earle Canfield, Executive Director of ANSWER will be with us to talk about the agency.

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