



A Welcoming Congregation

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THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE:

- 1st-2nd—Rainbows Festival
- 2nd—Share the Plate
- 2nd—AIDS Walk
- 2nd—New Day Center Meal
- 2nd—Poetry Coffeehouse
- 2nd—Children's RE Meet & Greet
- 11th—Interweave
- 15th—Leadership Development Day
- 16th—UUCP University
- 16th—Social Action Luncheon
- 17th—Women's Spirituality Circle
- 19th—mUUvie night
- 21st—Diversity Dinner
- 22nd—Outdoor Group Hike
- 22nd—UUEEC Fall Festival
- 23rd—Bluegrass Jamboree
- 29th—Sewing Circle
- Ongoing
 - Open Art Studio
 - Meditation Group
 - Book Group
 - Addiction Discussion Group

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

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Friends, Welcome to Autumn!

October, for me, is like a second New Year's celebration. In addition to Rosh Hashana, Autumnal Solstice, it is also near the beginning of the 2011-2012 UUCP program year. I am seeing friends whom I've missed all summer and meeting new people who are joining our community.

Because this year is expected to be more eventful than usual, I have found myself more reflective than usual this autumn. I have also recently been helping Charlotte Carl-Mitchell, our UUCP archivist, and as I look at those old photographs and articles, I have been astounded at the changes that UUCP has made in its lifetime. When I consider what the congregation is today in context of where we have been and what we have accomplished together, it fills me with excitement about what we can do, and what we will be in the very near future.

"To look backward for a while is to refresh the eye, to restore it, and to render it the more fit for its prime function of looking forward."

—Margaret Fairless Barber

A quiet event happened a few weeks ago that I think is an important milestone of remembrance. Erika (Ricky) Michaud, a longtime member of the UUCP, passed away in June at the age of 87. Her memorial was held at the UUCP on September 18th. Although she was not an original charter-signing member of the UUCP, for many, including me, Ricky represents the last of UUCP's "founding generation"—those members whose efforts and sacrifices were critical to the establishment of the UUCP as a stable and permanent congregation. The first of the founders, Isabelle Johnson, we are probably more familiar with, but Ricky Michaud's contribution came at a unique time of crisis.

In 1950, Ricky was a young adult in the congregation. At that time, the UUCP was a nomad, renting space from the Kenilworth School, then the Valley Garden Center, then the YWCA. In the autumn of 1950, the YWCA abruptly terminated its agreement with the UUCP, leaving the congregation desperate and without a home. They almost disbanded the congregation at that time, but according to Frances Bishop (another founding member of UUCP), Ricky Michaud and her parents stepped in to help.

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“Mimi Muth and her daughter, Erika, owned property at 800 E. Pasadena, and for a nominal fee of \$10... they “loaned” this property to the church. With our paltry sum of \$1100, we erected with our own hands a temporary but adequate building...Virtually the entire membership (of 87) labored to build our first church home.”

“On Sunday Mornings we would meet at 9am for a work period, each family bringing a picnic lunch. At 11, we took a brief break for a short worship service, sitting on planks supported by bricks... It was strictly a family project and even babies in playpens were scattered around the grounds and, of course, got attention from all of the adults.”

—Excerpt from “History of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Phoenix, 1947-1972” by Frances J. Bishop, published 1974

In my mind’s eye, I picture them in 1950, building community in their hearts while constructing a building with their hands. I see them commemorating Joys and Sorrows in their construction clothes; I can imagine the minister, Rev. John Findley, preaching from a makeshift pulpit, maybe a board on cinder blocks. Perhaps the shared effort and common goal increased their feeling of community.

In 2011, we, the present-day UUCP, will have a similar shared experience—building community and holding worship while expanding our building. The Board of Trustees recently finalized the construction contract with Robert Porter Construction Company, clearing the way for the overdue and much anticipated construction of the addition to our building. It will be a busy endeavor, in an already overly busy church year, but the goal is to finish construction before June 2012, in time for hosting Justice General Assembly.

Ricky Michaud, Frances Bishop and the rest of our predecessors did not build the 800 Pasadena building just for themselves, they built it for the people who had not yet discovered the church, and they built it for us. Likewise, our 2011 building addition will help us accommodate those UUs yet to come and will give our descendants something to build on further.

Beyond the construction, we are also building our ministry in other ways for the same reason. This autumn, we welcome to the UUCP staff the Rev. Linda Lawrence, Assistant Minister, and the Rev. David Weaver, Executive Assistant to the Lead Minister. Both Linda and David are very gifted ministers and excellent preachers who will complement our Lead Minister, the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray.

We are also preparing for Justice General Assembly through the efforts of the Arizona Immigration Ministry, led by Sandy Weir. Heidi Parmenter will continue to build our administrative infrastructure by expanding her role into UUCP Business Administrator.

We have come a long way and have made great strides as a congregation since 1950. Although, in my opinion, perhaps the greatest change is that we are evolving from a community focused inwardly on its own survival, to an outwardly focused congregation intent on projecting its love and spirit beyond our church walls. We are on a good trajectory, thanks to lay people like Ricky Michaud and Isabelle Johnson, and ministers like Arthur Olsen, who helped build our current building.

What will future Unitarian Universalists say about our time and our construction project? The 800 Pasadena building has long been replaced; and the UUCP has long repaid its financial debt to the Ricky Michaud’s family, but we will never forget their courageous contribution that helped us become the community we are today. Likewise, our upcoming 2011 building addition will one day be replaced, but what will endure is how we build and deepen our community through this time of construction. May our spirit of love and life grow beyond our capability to add brick and mortar. May it be so.



*A more recent picture
of Ricky Michaud*

*UUCP members circa 1950 in front of the 800 Pasadena Building.
Ricky Michaud is standing second from left in the back row, wearing white top and glasses.
The man third from the left in the white shirt and tie is Bill Bishop, the founder and first
editor of Horizons. The lady in the big dark hat to Bill's left is Frances Locke Bishop,
founding charter member and daughter of Isabelle Johnson.*

The Board of Trustees will meet on a slightly altered schedule this winter because of the holidays, but we intend to return to the fourth Thursday of each month starting in January. Our schedule is as follows:

September 29th
November 3rd
December 1st
December 22nd

We meet at 6:00 PM in the Johnson Room. Board Meetings are open to all. Please join us.
In September and October we will be discussing Strategic Planning as a part of our expected agenda.

Yours,

Jimmy Leung
UUCP Board President

Minster's Musings

I came across these words from Unitarian Universalist minister Judith Meyer a couple of weeks ago and they have stayed with me:

This is what we do with our faith. Live in this world knowing that we will lose each other, loving despite the hard bargain it makes of us. Do what we can to make the world a place where this truth can be safely lived, measuring our faith by the difference we have made. Build faith communities to continue after we are gone, where we are remembered by lives of good works and care; worlds we have made so that others might live.

October is a time of turning. The season begins to change. Even now, the mornings are cool, the heat of summer is slowly turning. Our ministry at UUCP reflects this spirit, as we engage in the work of building our community, honoring those who did it for us, and doing our part to make a world where we might all be able to safely live and love.

The month of October begins with a host of activities in the congregation and in the Phoenix community that are a part of making a difference around how all of us can safely live and love. It begins on October 1st with the Phoenix Rainbows Festival and Street Fair, one of the largest LGBT events in Arizona (October 1st-2nd). Join UUCP Interweave at the booth and sponsor or join our walkers at the Annual AIDSWalk on October 2nd.

This month the activity within our congregation also deepens with UUCP University and Leadership Development Day—inviting everyone into active participation and leadership at UUCP. Our Children's Ministry and Adult Faith Development are in full swing with multiple offerings. All of these are ways we build our faith community, not just for us, but for those who will come after us.

Together we are all called to live lives of good work and care, to create a world so that others might live safely and free. With the end of October, we will celebrate those who did this work on behalf of us, our loved ones who have died. Mindful of the many cultures that take this time in the fall to celebrate those who came before, we will end the month with our annual Dia de Los Muertos service. And so October is truly this time of turning, returning, deepening, remembering and celebrating.

In gratitude for this ministry that we share,

Susan

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

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

The UUCP Community and 2012 Justice GA

The General Assembly (GA) of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) is in Phoenix in 2012. Our congregations in the Phoenix area have special benefits and responsibilities because we are hosting the annual meeting of the UUA. As is the case in any host city, attending GA will be convenient for us and we have fewer travel costs than others from around the country.

How may you explore becoming a volunteer for Justice GA? If you would like to help perform the volunteer services vital to any GA, you might think about contacting Carolyn Saunders of UU Church of Tucson. Carolyn invites you to email her at c_saunders1@msn.com starting now to describe your interest in volunteering. Carolyn has the position of District Coordinator for the Pacific Southwest District, a position held by one person in the host district for GA each year. Thank you in advance, Carolyn!

Carolyn is directly recruiting members of the "umbrella" Volunteer Committee, and she will facilitate their training. In turn, the volunteers she recruits serve as the coordinators for Accessibility Services, Administrative Assistant, Ambience, Information Services, Registration, Technical Services, Ushers, Volunteers, and Special Events. Members of the volunteer committee must have attended at least one GA.

Carolyn has stated that the 2012 Justice GA will give all of us in the PSWD an amazing opportunity to concretely express our values of social justice and our belief in the inherent worth of every individual. Let's all work to make GA 2012 an overwhelming success both for our District and for the greater UU movement. This event can truly give our lives the shape of justice!

There will be additional opportunities at the unique 2012 Justice GA. Rev. Susan and I met at the UUA headquarters in Boston September 14-18 with many groups who are working together to plan Justice GA. One of many results of that week was a statement envisioning Justice GA, which begins:

"General Assembly (GA) 2012 will be a gathering with multiple ways of engaging in justice work for people of all ages. Joining with the people of Arizona, we will worship, witness, learn and work together. We will leave General Assembly grounded in our faith, energized for justice and with resources to bring this work home to our congregations."

The statement continues with a description of Service and Witness events at Justice GA, as follows:

"We will partner with communities in Arizona to bring attention to the injustices and human rights abuses they face. Our service will allow all participants to witness in ways that reflect our commitment to justice, equity and compassion for all. We will also do hands-on work with our community partners. Projects will take place in a variety of settings, and include multigenerational teams and accessible venues. Whether you choose to witness for one hour, make signs for people to carry, or spend a day at a project, there will be opportunities for everyone."

The Arizona Immigration Ministry has a special responsibility to recommend specific witness events, and we are also to participate in organizing service events. Another way for you to volunteer for Justice GA is to join in as we work toward the witness and service events, by working through our congregation's Immigration Task Force, which meets on the third Thursday of each month. Please contact me at azim@phoenixuu.org or 602-840-8400 x 205 if you would like more information.

Con abrazos fuertes,
Sandy Weir

Bits and Pieces: Some Little Ways That You Can Help

You may have noticed that we have quite a few visitors and newcomers at our services. Some of them may only be attending Sunday services and may not yet know many of our UUCP members and friends. If you are planning to attend a Diversity Dinner, go out on a Friday morning with the Walking Poets, participate in Women's Spirituality Circle, or attend some other UUCP group or activity that you really like, why don't you invite someone new (or even not so new) to join you? A personal invitation from a friend or acquaintance is the single best way to help someone get connected and get involved. Won't you consider doing this little bit to help?

As I learn more about the pastoral care needs of our congregation, I see many opportunities for personal ministry—yours, mine, ours. If you are a caring individual who would like to extend a hand of friendship to someone who is no longer able to come to UUCP, Unicare's Friendship Pairs might be just the right-sized piece of personal ministry for you. Many people gave so much for so many years so that we might enjoy the building and congregation we have today. It is important that those people stay connected to our congregation in some way. Want to learn more about how you might help accomplish that?

We have some wonderful Welcoming Ministry (WM) volunteers who serve as Greeters and Ushers but we would be glad for more help. Our WM volunteers enjoy this fun way of embodying our mission as they "welcome all in" on Sunday mornings. Do you have time to donate one Sunday service per month to this fun and important ministry?

I believe that each of us has gifts to give and, in many cases, some of us are still looking for meaningful ways to express those gifts. I invite any of you to talk with me about how you might best match your individual passions, skills, and talents to the ministry opportunities available within our congregation and the wider community. Whether you are just looking for some little ways to help, bits and pieces of time or skills to share, or whether you are wondering, "What should I do with my life?"—I'd be happy to talk with you about it.

Namaste,
Linda

Rev. Linda Lawrence

UUEEC Fall Festival

The families of the UUEEC Preschool would like to invite you to join us for our Annual Fall Festival, which will be held October 22nd, 10:00-1:00.

There will be bounce houses, arts and crafts, a book walk and a pumpkin patch. It's the perfect fall event for kids of all ages. The cost is \$35 for UUEEC Enrolled Families, \$25 for UUCP families and the general community and \$10 for individuals. Tickets can be purchased in advance through the office or the day of the event.

Two Spirits Showing

Don't miss UUCP's showing of *Two Spirits*—a film that explores the contemporary lives and history of Native two-spirit people—in honor of National Coming Out Day. More information on pages 13-14.

Greetings from Your Music Director!

On a recent Sunday I needed to stop the congregational singing before the song had ended. As I was leading the singing I saw mouths moving and heard gospel singing. Much of the music was coming from a people who looked as if they had been told not to set off the newly installed motion detectors. Maybe I was being too stoic while singing?

I've put together a little vocabulary lesson of words which have to do with congregational singing. Feel free to pick the numbered definition that best works for you. Have fun applying what you have learned during congregational singing.

Sing together: n – 1: make music vocally, 2: recite convictions with sustained vocal sounds, 3: learn about history while vocalizing, 4: recite sustained poetry with inspiring messages, 5: smile at your neighbors while vocally making music, 6: make friends

No-fault harmony: n – 1: singing notes that sound good to you when your neighbor is singing other notes, no one will scowl at you, thus “no fault” (the notes you sing need not appear on any printed pages anywhere in any music literature)

Play percussion: v – 1: slap palms together when led to do so by song-leaders, 2: slap palms together as the spirit moves, 3: opt for a shaker, 4: snap fingers as the spirit moves, 5: slap other musical body parts (your own)

Dance: v – 1: move about the room as the music moves you, 2: move your body while holding your feet in front of your chair, 3: hold hand(s) of a partner and sway together, 4: change weight from one foot to the next in rhythm to the music, 5: shrug shoulders, or tilt head occasionally as the spirit moves

And if you don't get enough singing on Sundays, maybe you'd like to sing some gospel songs with Igor Glenn? He is on a “Mission to Increase Community Singing.” **Try it out: September 28, 6-6:30pm**, Johnson Room (prior to choir rehearsal). Informal: Igor on guitar/bass. Chord- playing string players welcome. He will bring sheet music for all, but you don't have to be able to read music. Questions: Give him a call at 602-315-1525.

The Congregation Choir rehearses every Wednesday night, 7:00-9:00 PM.
WARNING: It might become addictive. It was addictive for Pauline Gay.

I have been given a wonderful gift. I have had the privilege of standing in front of Pauline Gay twice a week for 13 years. We made music together, we ate together, we talked and we hugged. But the best gift was her beautiful smile. May you rest in peace, my friend. Your light will shine brightly in our all hearts for the rest of our lives.

Connie Jahrmarkt, CML
musicedirector@phoenixuu.org.

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On Your Marks, Get Set...Go!

And we are off, full speed ahead to an exciting new program year. By now you all should have received your annual **UUCP Program Catalog**, and if you are at all like me, teared up a bit to see how as a whole community we come together to build religious community, share journeys, and advance justice. If you somehow missed your copy you can access it online at: <http://www.phoenixuu.org/files/UUCP%20Program%20Catalog%202011-12.pdf> or pick up a hardcopy from the lobby.

As I reported in my September column, we have a new **phone system** for the congregation thanks to Richard Plattner and his law office partner. With the new phone system each of the staff members have their own extensions. When you call the main number (602-840-8400) you can dial an extension at any time to skip the over the greeting. Here's a handy little cheat sheet you can cut out and stick somewhere convenient.

Name	Title	Extension
Connie Jahrmarkt	Music Director	234
David Weaver	Executive Assistant to the Minister	206
Heidi Parmenter	Business Administrator	202
Jill Story	Office Assistant	201
KellyAnn Bonnell	Preschool Director	233
Linda Lawrence	Assistant Minister	204
Office Volunteer Desk	Office Volunteer	200
Sandy Weir	AZ Immigration Ministry Organizer	205
Susan Frederick-Gray	Minister	203

The application process for the **Acting Director of Lifespan Religious Education** closed Monday, September 12. The hiring committee, which includes myself; Sarah Henkel, chair of the Children's Ministry Committee; Terry Simmons, chair of the Adult Faith Development Committee; and Jen Smith, Children's Ministry Committee member, are conducting interviews September 19-30. The hiring process includes at minimum two interviews for qualified candidates with the second interview including Rev. Susan. We hope that by the beginning of October we will be able to announce our new acting director. In the meantime Jaynn Truran continues to work with the Children's Ministry program and I continue to work with the Adult Faith Development program to ensure that everything runs smoothly in this transition.

For years I have received phone calls and emails asking "how do access our **online membership directory**?" and for years I had to respond with "we don't have an online membership directory. ☹" Yes, I always made a frowny face when saying this. But now I can ☺ and say "you access our online membership directory by clicking on the 'Online Membership Directory' link in the left menu bar of our website's homepage." From there, follow the instructions on how to setup your membership database login. If you have any questions or problems contact me or Jill in the office.

You will be receiving your first **quarterly pledge statement** this month. With it will be a 'Reoccurring Credit Card Payment Form' to complete and mail back if you would like to sign up for this payment method. If you have any questions regarding your statement please contact me as soon as possible so we may resolve any issues.

Be sure to read the rest of your Horizons, which includes an update on ways to volunteer for the annual auction.

In community,
Heidi Parmenter

What is Belonging?

One of our Unitarian Universalist hymns has a beautiful line that reads, in part, “Roots hold me close, wings set me free...” So, what is it that holds us close, and from where are we being set free? This line conjures images of being hugged and nurtured, and then released into the world to thrive. Is that what “belonging” looks like to a child? Is “belonging” about being cared for with tender hands, protected from harm, and ultimately released with hope and love?

As adults, we know when we belong. We have identification cards, registration numbers, dues to pay, or common symbols or ideas that bind us to others. We find comfort in joining others with whom we share a common interest, task or passion. We often look like, sound like, or think like others, and sometimes that is enough to know we belong. We choose to join groups or organizations; we get involved in projects that are important to us.

But how does a child know she belongs? At what age do children begin to choose where they might like to belong? What does “belonging” really look like and feel like for a child? Studies have repeatedly proven that children are more self-confident when they can readily identify with a group of people – be it a family, spiritual, social, or school community.

After talking with several of the children and young people in our community recently, it is clear that, for them, belonging goes much deeper than just feeling good or liking the people that surround them. The kids I spoke to intimated that belonging is about a reciprocal responsibility.

Kids want to be able to offer something of their own (tangible or not), to take ownership in the group, or to have a specific role. They want to offer love and support; they want to feel safe and secure; they want to be able to identify themselves, and to say, “yes, I belong.” They want to influence and support others.

Challenge yourself this month to talk to your children (or children you know), about belonging. Find out what it looks like to belong, and how that might look different for different people. Ask them if they belong to any groups and how they know they belong there. Ask them if belonging is important, and if they can belong to multiple groups or circles at one time. Talk with them about groups they belong to without even trying (i.e., family, class in school, boys with brown eyes) and groups they might chose to belong to in the future. Discuss the decision-making process when it comes to deciding if they belong. Share with them what belonging means to you.

Some great stories to help facilitate this conversation are Susan Milord’s *Pebble: A Story About Belonging*, *The Lost Thing: A Whimsical Story about Belonging* by Shaun Tan (also available on DVD), and *Always Adam* By Sheldon Oberman. Drop me a line to let me know how your conversation goes. I’d love to be able to print a follow-up. What does belonging look like to our children?

In Peace,
Jaynn Truran
Temporary Director of Children’s Religious Education

Mark Your Calendars! Come to our easy “MEET and GREET and EAT” Children’s Religious Education Luncheon, Sunday, October 2nd between services (10:30-11:15) in the playground area. Bring a simple lunch for you and your family and come gather with other families and children in our Sunday school program. Teachers and members of the children’s ministry committee will be available to field questions, ideas and suggestions. Our kids know each other—and now we all have the chance to learn more about each other too. See you there!

From the Early Education Cooperative

Often I am asked how the UUEEC Preschool serves the mission of the UUCP. We address the same pillars of faith throughout the week that the Children's Ministry program does on Sunday morning. We use an acronym called CREWS, each letter addressing a different aspect of faith development.

1. Community
2. Ritual
3. Education
4. Worship
5. Service

In essence, the UUEEC Preschool is a weekday reflection of the UUCP Children's Ministry.

We build **community** by bringing families at similar stages of life together to share the journey of child rearing. We intentionally structure a program in which these diverse individuals break bread together and work together. In the process they build friendships that last a lifetime.

The UUEEC creates **rituals** that provide participating families with a sense of legacy because we know that a shared history is what binds us together. Whether is an annual incoming dinner or a PreK bridging ceremony our families know these rituals will be similar for every family that passes through our doors.

The UUEEC is a place of **learning**, not just for the children but for the entire family.

Our developmentally appropriate programs create an environment that teaches children the Unitarian Universalist principles in child-appropriate language:

1. Respect for all people.
2. Offer fair and kind treatment.
3. Yearn to learn throughout life.
4. Grow by exploring ideas together.
5. Believe in our ideas and act on them.
6. Insist on peace, freedom and justice for all.
7. Value our interdependence with nature.

We **celebrate** the sense of wonder that young children experience each passing day.

We call our family of families to serve one another, the school and the community at large because we know that **service** to our community makes us stronger.

If you haven't visited us in a while, we invite you to do so. We'd love for you to see the wonderful ways in which the Unitarian Universalist Philosophy is being brought to our wider community. Perhaps you might even consider becoming involved.

We welcome congregation members to volunteer in our classrooms and on our committee. Or, perhaps you'll simply consider supporting the program by attending our annual Fall Festival with the children in your life on Saturday, October 22nd here at UUCP.

Although the program is small, its impact is large. For 50 years we've worked alongside you to support our community. We hope you'll remember us if you run in to someone looking for a "family of families" for themselves and their preschool-age children. And if you happen to be alumni take a few moments to email Director KellyAnn at eeddirector@phoenixuu.org and we'll put you on the alumni newsletter mailing list.

What Moves Us Into Action: UU Evolution 1800-2000

His words were woven into a president's rug, her face adorns the side of a coin, and another woke up at his own funeral. Do you want to learn more? Come and hear about Unitarian Universalism's most interesting and influential figures.

This program explores the life experiences of both historic and contemporary Unitarian Universalist theologians, highlighting that which caused in them a change of heart, a deeper understanding of their own liberal faith, and a call to action.

In mid-October, we will explore the times and works of four seminal forebears, beginning with **George de Benneville**. De Benneville was born in London in 1703 to French parents who were part of the court of Queen Anne. Although his experiences as a sailor exposed him to other cultures and caused him to question some of his own religious education, it was his own death which influenced him the most.

Following a period of several days of increasing fever, de Benneville suddenly found himself waking up at his own funeral. He wrote a book outlining the experience he had during those few days, and of his encounter with the other side. That experience convinced Mr. de Benneville that God had no "favored" group, as preached by the Puritans of the day, but that everyone was of a nature that assured each person's salvation. This new passionate belief in the universal salvation of all humankind led George de Benneville to become a lay preacher throughout his new home of Pennsylvania, causing him to be evicted from the Church and to being threatened with death on several occasions.

Theodore Parker (1810-1860) was instrumental in pushing Unitarianism beyond a Bible-based Christianity and was a social reformer, promoting abolition, public education, and women's rights. This individual's innovative leadership in those early years created movements that influence who we are today.

Susan B. Anthony, (1820-1906) both a Unitarian and Quaker at different times in her life, was a prominent American civil rights leader who played a pivotal role in the 19th century women's rights movement to introduce women's suffrage into the United States. She and Elizabeth Cady Stanton were heavily influenced by Margaret Fuller, who we learned about in our previous course. She also co-founded the women's rights journal, *The Revolution*. She traveled the United States and Europe, and averaged 75 to 100 speeches per year. She was one of the important advocates in leading the way for women's rights to be acknowledged and instituted in the American government.

Morris Seligman Dees, Jr. (1936-) is the co-founder and chief trial counsel for the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), and a former direct mail marketer for book publishing. Along with his law partner, Joseph J. Levin Jr., Dees founded the SPLC in 1971, the start of a legal career dedicated to suing racist organizations and other controversial discrimination cases and done so with considerable ingenuity.

The late Rev. Dr. Harry Meserve said of Unitarian Universalism, "It is a curious error to suppose that you can carry on effectively a great liberal tradition while remaining ignorant or almost ignorant, of the beliefs and achievements of the people who have handed that tradition over to you."

We have a history that is worth exploring and knowing. Join us. We will explore that history for four Sundays beginning October 20th and running through November 6th. The class will start at 9:00 AM and be held in Annex Room B. The cost is \$10. Pre-registration is encouraged by emailing redirector@phoenixuu.org or signing up at the book table; a minimum of six participants is required.

Facilitated by Gary Ezzell, Tobin Frisinger, Lillian Habeich, and Michael Hipps

Adult Faith Development Committee Needs You

By now you all should have received your copy of the annual UUCP Program Catalog and been awestruck by all the amazing programming happening this year. In particular you might have noticed the great Adult Faith Development line up which includes many exciting opportunities to build religious community, share journeys, grow in spirit and advance justice.

In order to carry all this off we need passionate UUs to join our committee. The committee works together to plan the annual course offerings, Muuvie Nights, and Book Group. Planning means picking class/movie/book topics, recruiting facilitators, publicizing to the community, and setting up for these events.

We meet the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00-7:30 pm in Office 2. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 5th and some of the things we will be doing are:

- Setting the date/time/location and agenda of the committee's winter retreat
- Preparing for UU University (formerly the Opportunity Fair) on Sunday, October 16
- Planning October and November Muuvie Nights
- Planning publicity for October and November course offerings

Feel free to come and check us out. For more information please contact Terry Simmons at terrynsimmons@gmail.com or Heidi Parmenter at administrator@phoenixuu.org.

Harvest the Power: Lay Leadership Development Day

Annual Leadership Development Days provide an opportunity for prospective congregational leaders to connect with experienced leaders as they explore leadership skills together. This year, we will be presenting two more workshops from UUA's "Harvest the Power" program:

INTEGRITY explores how important it is for congregational leaders to connect fully with their spiritual and emotional selves. Highlights include:

- navigating moments of crisis
- what sustains you?
- barriers that prevent new and creative thinking, which include:
 - data overload
 - self
 - empathy (yes, empathy can be a barrier!)

IMAGINATION & CREATIVITY introduces reasons and ways to include many voices in the visioning work of the congregation. Highlights of this workshop include:

- mattering and marginality and how they affect one's ability to offer creativity and wisdom
- crafting leadership questions
- experiencing and considering ways to model a "listening circle" in a congregational setting

Saturday, October 15, 2011, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Yes, you will be out in time to enjoy the rest of your day!) A mid-morning food break is included.

Location: Johnson Room

Coordinator: Nominating Committee, Susan Morris, Chair

To reserve a space: <http://www.doodle.com/2dhqhgfyys6v8ux2g> or email Susan (morristutor28@gmail.com).

Interweave News

This month Interweave, our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and intersex (LGBTQI) ministry is proud to announce the following events. We hope that you can find your way to some of them and help our congregation in the constant effort to be a welcoming community.

THE RAINBOWS FESTIVAL & STREET FAIR

The annual Rainbows Festival & Street Fair is a celebration of the diversity of the LGBT community. The event is located in historic Heritage Square Park in downtown Phoenix. Each year, the Rainbows Festival draws a crowd in excess of 25,000 gays and lesbians, family members and friends. This is one of the largest LGBT events in the state of Arizona.

The first ever Rainbows Festival was held in downtown Phoenix in 2002. UUCP and other valley UU congregations have come together to host a booth at the festival. Be sure to stop by and say hi! The annual Rainbows Festival is a free admission event—there is no charge to attend this fun weekend of fun, frolic and food. The event is open to the general public.

Date & Time: Saturday & Sunday, October 1st & 2nd, 10:00-6:00

Location: Heritage Square Park is located in downtown Phoenix at 7th Street & Monroe, adjacent to the Phoenix Convention Center and the Science Museum. There are several light rail stations located adjacent to the event—just get off at the Chase Field exit, and walk to the Rainbows Festival.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY (NCOD)

National Coming Out Day (NCOD) is an internationally observed civil awareness day for coming out and discussion about gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender people (LGBT), and asexuals. It is observed by members of the LGBT communities and their supporters—often referred to as “allies”—on October 11th every year (or October 12th in the United Kingdom).

NCOD was founded in 1988 by Robert Eichberg, a psychologist from New Mexico, and Jean O’Leary, an openly-gay political leader from Los Angeles, on behalf of the personal growth workshop The Experience and National Gay Rights Advocates. The date of October 11 was chosen because it was the anniversary of the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Events are held annually to celebrate coming out and to raise awareness of the LGBT community and LGBT rights movement. Participants are encouraged to wear pride symbols, such as the pink triangle (gay men), Bisexual pride flag (bisexuals) & the black triangle (lesbians), the Greek letter lambda, and rainbows in jewelry and on clothing. In honor of NCOD we will be showing the film *Two Spirits* at the Muuvie Night on Wednesday, October 19th at 6:00 PM in the Johnson Room.

Two Spirits interweaves the tragic story of a mother’s loss of her son with a revealing look at the largely unknown history of a time when the world wasn’t simply divided into male and female and many Native American cultures held places of honor for people of integrated genders.

Fred Martinez was *nádleehí*, a male-bodied person with a feminine nature, a special gift according to his ancient Navajo culture. He was one of the youngest hate-crime victims in modern history when he was brutally murdered at 16. *Two Spirits* explores the life and death of this boy who was also a girl, and the essentially spiritual nature of gender.

Two Spirits tells compelling stories about traditions that were once widespread among the indigenous cultures of North America. The film explores the contemporary lives and history of Native two-spirit people—who

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combine the traits of both men and women with qualities that are also unique to individuals who express multiple genders.

The Navajo believe that to maintain harmony, there must be a balanced interrelationship between the feminine and the masculine within the individual, in families, in the culture, and in the natural world. *Two Spirits* reveals how these beliefs are expressed in a natural range of gender diversity. For the first time on film, it examines the Navajo concept of *nádleehí*, “one who constantly transforms.”

In Navajo culture, there are four genders; some indigenous cultures recognize more. Native activists working to renew their cultural heritage adopted the English term “two-spirit” as a useful shorthand to describe the entire spectrum of gender and sexual expression that is better and more completely described in their own languages. The film demonstrates how they are revitalizing two-spirit traditions and once again claiming their rightful place within their tribal communities.

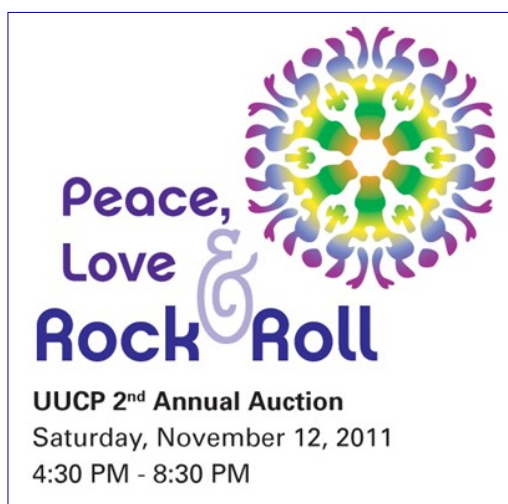
Two Spirits mourns the young Fred Martinez and the threatened disappearance of the two-spirit tradition, but it also brims with hope and the belief that we all are enriched by multi-gendered people, and that all of us—regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexuality, or cultural heritage—benefit from being free to be our truest selves.

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 19, 2011, doors open at 5:30 PM and film starts at 6:00 PM

Location: Johnson Room

Fee: \$5 suggested donation but no one is turned away

Interweave meets the second Tuesday of each month in annex room C at 7:00 PM. Please join us! For more information contact Dean Clarke Taylor at interweave@phoenixuu.org.



Our 2nd Annual Auction: Peace, Love & Rock n' Roll will be on Saturday, November 12, 2011, 4:30-8:30 PM.

There will be childcare, hearty finger foods for all, cash bar, groovy music, and of course many wonderful items up for silent and live auction! But what really makes the auction a true community event is the many ways members contribute to make it a success. As you read this please think about how *you* can contribute to this important fundraiser to our annual operating budget.

Choose as many of these opportunities as you can!

1. **Donate.** Read over the guidelines carefully and think of what you might donate. Submit your Item Donation Form to the office as soon as possible and deliver any physical items Sundays in October. Forms and guidelines are available on our website. Just click on the auction logo.
2. **Volunteer.** There are still many volunteer positions open to make our auction happen. If any of these fun opportunities fit your schedule (see list on next page) contact Heidi Parmenter in the office and sign up (administrator@phoenixuu.org or 602-840-8400).
3. **Attend and bid!**

Volunteer Position	Description	Time Commitment
Sunday Ticket Seller	Dress in tie dye and sell tickets between services	(Pick a Sunday) Sundays, 10/2/11, 10/9/11, 10/16/11, 10/23/11, 10/30/11, 11/5/11 10:30-11:15 AM
Basket Decorators	Get items ready for showcasing, attach bidding sheet and info sheet, organize items by section	Wednesday, 11/2/11 4:00-6:00 PM
Auction Setup	Set up check-in area in lobby and other preparatory tasks	Friday, 11/11/11 2:30-5:30 PM
Auction Decorating	Decorate sanctuary for auction	Friday, 11/11/11 2:30-5:30 PM
Checkout: Cash Handler	Take cash payments at checkout	Saturday, 11/12/11 6:30-9:00 PM
Checkout: Credit Card/Check Handler	Take credit card and check payments at checkout	Saturday, 11/12/11 6:30-9:00 PM
Checkout: Item retrieval – 2 needed	Collect winning items	Saturday, 11/12/11 6:30-9:00 PM
Checkout: Line attendant	Usher people into correct payment line and have credit card payers complete credit card slip while waiting	Saturday, 11/12/11 6:30-9:00 PM
Auction Attendants – 4 needed	Remove items from tables once section has closed, bring to Johnson Room and keep in numerical order	Saturday, 11/12/11 3:30-8:00 PM
Bar: Bartender	Set up bar and serve drinks	Saturday, 11/12/11 3:30-8:30 PM
Bar: Cashier	Set up bar and collect payment	Saturday, 11/12/11 3:30-8:30 PM
Food Runners – 2 needed	Replenish finger foods in Sanctuary	Saturday, 11/12/11 3:30-8:30 PM
Live Auction Attendants – 3 needed	Record live auction winners	Saturday, 11/12/11 6:00-7:30 PM

AUCTION WISH LIST

What would you like to bid on and buy at our Goods and Services Auction on Saturday, November 12th, 4:30-8:30 PM? Several dozen UUCP people answered this question to create the following wish list. Now we need to find people who can provide these items. You may be surprised how your talents are needed!

Forms for donations are available on our website (www.phoenixuu.org) or from the congregation office. Please submit your donation form ASAP. Collection of items will happen Sundays in October between the two services in office 2.

We are most amused (or shocked?) by the following:
"I would like to buy a handyman."

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But several others would like to buy handyperson services ranging from changing faucets to hanging pictures, installing pantry hooks or painting a room. Some of us would like lessons in these skills.

Wishes for lessons also included:

- guitar
- voice
- piano
- knitting, crocheting
- drawing, watercolor, acrylic painting
- basic Internet, software/hardware installation
- photo organization and online album instruction
- slides, photo, and VHS transfer to DVD (instruction, or service of doing this)
- Chinese language lessons in simplified characters
- Pilates and yoga instruction
- cake decorating lesson

Other services requested:

- babysitting, senior care, dog sitting
- gardening help (instruction, guidance, and some startup assistance)
- car detailing
- assistance selling items on eBay or Craigslist
- window cleaning; house cleaning (maid for a day?)
- interior design, bathroom remodeling consultation

Another quote:

"I would like to buy a housecleaning lesson from someone who really knows what products really work."

Experiences wished for:

- dinners away from home: in other people's homes, and certificates for restaurants
- delivery of meals, especially "healthy" ones
- weekends away: up north (Prescott or Flagstaff) and other drivable destinations such as San Diego, Las Vegas, and Tucson

(Someone else wants a week in Paris...and others want to scuba in San Carlos.)

- spa services, especially massage (do you have a therapist who would like to market services with a donation here?)
- birding hike
- office organization
- help with organizing for a move
- tickets for a downtown performance

Items: (from your treasure chest?)

- gold bars
- chalice jewelry
- 1st Edition Edward Abbey book
- signed painting by Dr. Eugene Grigsby
- plane tickets to the East Coast
- a handmade shawl by a certain member

Don't let this wish list limit you. Be creative! And donate your service or good today!

UUCP University, October 16th

The Membership Engagement Committee invites everyone to come out to this event (more shade provided this year!) to learn about all of the activity groups and committees that make up UUCP. More importantly, get information to help you decide how you can match your time, gifts, and interests to available ministries and activities of the congregation.

Come to the patio following either Sunday service on October 16th and get an education! Take time to visit the various UUCP University Schools and determine your “major” and “minor” interests. Department chairs will be there to assist you. Learn how you can get involved at UUCP.

All adult learners should stop by the Freshman Orientation table just outside the west doors to the patio to pick up a course syllabus. Use this guide to determine which courses you wish to audit or attend. There will be sign-up sheets for anyone interested in enrolling in a particular course.

Spend as much time as you like visiting the various schools of UUCPU and exploring the variety of course offerings. Be sure to stop at the UUCPU Dining Hall for refreshments during your self-guided orientation tour.

Please note: To be eligible for a scholarship, students must get their syllabus “graded” by at least three department chairs whose courses they have investigated. When this prerequisite has been met, be sure that your name and contact information are printed clearly on your syllabus before placing it in the specially marked “Scholarships” box near the Freshman Orientation table. Winners will be announced at 1:00 PM the day of the event.

This year’s scholarships are very exciting. Qualified students have the opportunity to win:
A gift certificate to the UUA Bookstore (valued at \$25),
A UU Studies Pass (allows you to take UUCP classes for free, cost \$35, value inestimable),
Or lunch with UUCP President Jimmy Leung (value...priceless!).

Finance Committee

The finance committee has excellent news concerning the last fiscal year. For the second year in a row, the congregation has been able to operate on a balanced budget. In fact, last year we actually had a profit of \$3,300! A major reason for our success, despite the ongoing economic difficulties experienced by many in our congregation as well as across our nation, is the outstanding job of the staff in not only managing the expenses but also finding ways to decrease them. We should all thank Heidi and the other staff members for their continuing work to serve both graciously and efficiently.

The plan approved by the congregation has us continuing to operate on a balanced budget for this new fiscal year. Included in the budget are not only all operating expenses but also a substantial debt service contribution for the construction loan. A significant portion of our income is from pledges and we would like to thank those congregation members who continue their generous support. If you are one of the many members who make payments towards their pledges on a regular payment schedule, we would like to inform you that it is now possible to make use of an automated payment plan. With this process, there is no need of writing checks as the payments are withdraw from your account on a monthly basis. If you are interested in learning more about or enrolling in this method, please contact Heidi Parmenter at the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00-3:00 (602-840-8400) or send an email to administrator@phoenixuu.org.

Share the Plate—Association Sunday 2011

On Sunday, October 2nd, all undesignated collections will be directed to the UUA's Association Sunday program. This year we celebrate the fifth anniversary of this event and will join other Unitarian Universalist congregations around the country in support of this most important program.

We know that excellence in ministries is the cornerstone of successful congregations and a vibrant, growing Unitarian Universalism. This year, the UUA has partnered with the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network, the Liberal Religious Educators Association, and other professional organizations to celebrate Association Sunday and to raise funds for the future of our ministries.

Donations to Association Sunday 2011 will support scholarships, continuing education, and a comprehensive assessment of our ministries and their needs for the future. Grants from Association Sunday 2011 funds will help religious professionals get ongoing training to support thriving congregations.

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 UUCP's website (www.phoenixuu.org). Thank you for your support of Association Sunday.

Circle Dinners

Circle Dinners are starting this year with a reception in the Johnson Room on Saturday, October 1st at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in the dinners and would like to attend the October 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), or 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 with the third Saturday 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 6-10 people are an excellent way to bring together old friends and to meet new ones.

Mary Wilber
Phoenix Circle Dinners

Social Action Committee

LUNCHEON

The October Social Action Luncheon will be held on Sunday the 16th at 12:30 PM in the Johnson Room. Our speaker will be Hildy Saizow from Arizonans for Gun Safety, a group seeking to prevent gun violence through education, advocacy and community mobilization. All are welcome and a small, voluntary donation for food is appreciated.

JOIN TEAM UUCP OCTOBER 2ND FOR THE ANNUAL AIDSWALK PHOENIX

UUCP will have a team walking in the 2011 Phoenix AIDSWalk on Sunday, October 2nd. You must register online by September 28th in order to participate (you may also register your dog to walk along). There is a minimum \$25 donation per walker. Go to <http://www.aidswalkphoenix.org/T30384> and click on the link to join our team. Your \$25 donation includes an AIDSWalk Phoenix t-shirt.

If you choose not to walk, you may sponsor Team UUCP with a donation. Again, go to www.aidswalkphoenix.org/T30384 and fill out the sponsor section at the bottom of the page. Or donate by check payable to Aunt Rita's Foundation and drop it off at the SAC table any Sunday through 10/2/11. All proceeds go directly to Phoenix Area AIDS Charities. Help Cure AIDS now!

For more information call Trent Tripp at 602-718-8278 or stop by the SAC table in the back of the Sanctuary.

Diversity Dinners

Join us Friday, October 21st, 6:00-8:00 PM, for our second monthly Diversity Dinner, themed *Older, Younger, and Middle-Aged: Exploring our Stereotypes and Building Intergenerational Connections*. The Right Relations Ministry will be your hosts for this evening.

Have you ever attended a UUCP service and been curious about members who are older or younger than you are? Are people of "your generation" labeled with stereotypes and misperceptions? Would you like to know what it is really like to be a teenager, elder, young adult, or middle-aged person in our rapidly changing society? How does your age shape your experience as a person and a UUCP member?

UUCP members *of all ages* are warmly invited to join in a potluck dinner and lively discussion of these and other questions as we explore the similarities and differences of our generations. The evening will begin with a brief devotional reading. Then, over dinner we will discuss a series of questions in small groups. Younger and older attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance. For more information, or to submit questions, contact Vince Waldron at vincew@asu.edu or 623-670-6500.

For the potluck in the Johnson Room, please bring a dish according to this breakout: last names A-F, Side Dish or Chips; H-L, Dessert; M-R, Drinks; S-Z, Main Dish. We ask that you bring your own reusable plates, cups and utensils in an effort to reduce waste. Hope to see you there.

Unicare

I want to begin by thanking all of you who stepped up to help during our very busy September. You sent cards, made phone calls, took food, participated in memorial services and provided support and encouragement for all of the UUCP family.

We had many joys and some sorrows during the month of September. Some of these are noted below.

The Joys:

Juanita Copeland has a new job.

Heather McLellan is celebrating the wedding of her granddaughter. She also welcomes her *seventh* grandchild.

Laida Restrepo's mother passed her citizenship test and became a citizen.

Rod and Laura Malpert had to miss the second half of the Pathway to Membership series because they were at the hospital celebrating the birth of their daughter, Audrey Terese Malpert! Audrey was born on September 15th. She weighed 6 lb. 3 oz., was 21" long, and has brown hair and blue eyes. The proud parents look forward to introducing her to the congregation sometime soon. Congratulations, Laura and Rod, and welcome, Audrey!

Karen Kurtz also welcomes the darling 8½-month-old baby girl Ariza to her family. Karen is Ariza's foster mom and hopefully will one day be her adoptive parent. Congratulations, Karen, and welcome, Ariza!

The Sorrows:

Erica "Ricky" Michaud's memorial service was Sunday, September 18th. Rev. Linda conducted a moving service for her family and friends. A tribute to Ricky was in last month's Horizons.

Dick Phillips' memorial service was held Saturday, September 24th. For many years Dick taught art classes in UUCP's facility and his family has honored him by hanging many of his paintings in the sanctuary. They enhance our worship experience.

Pauline Gay died September 6th surrounded by her family and friends. Pauline has been a longtime member of UUCP, a choir member, and Cabaret will never be the same without her. No one did the dance of the walkers quite like Pauline. Her memorial service will be October 1st at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary. Send comforting thoughts and words to her daughter Paula and her family as well as Pauline's brother and sister-in-law, Ray and Gretchen Manker.

Ruth Thistlethwaite's eldest son, Eric, died recently.

Both those who are experiencing joys and sorrows would welcome a card letting them know you are thinking of them.

Namaste

Jean Rosenberg, Unicare Chair

Habit-Forming Addictions Discussion Group Continues This Fall

We could continue with the puns, but in all seriousness the 2nd and 4th *Saturdays Addictions Discussion Group* provides a safe place for recovering addicts to speak freely without being spiritually judged. Whether you find traditional recovery groups comfortable or uncomfortable, you can bring your Humanist, Christian, Jewish, Pagan, Buddhist, Agnostic, Atheist, etc. beliefs into Annex B from 4:30-5:30 PM and you'll fit right in. Your anonymity will be protected—our only rule is “What we hear here stays here. Hear, hear!”

Each meeting starts with a 2-3 minute check-in and ends with a topic discussion. This is a closed meeting for UUs and friends of UUs—we do not advertise to the community and are not affiliated with any 12-step program. To qualify, we ask that you have six months of stable recovery under your belt from compulsive behaviors such as alcohol, narcotics, gambling, sex, eating disorders, shopping, etc. We are not the right place for families and friends of addicts or for most co-dependency behaviors. If you are interested in starting up a complementary group, let us know.

Call Gene at 602-361-9067 or Michael at 602-488-1188. Or just show up at Annex B.

Welcome, New Members!

The Membership Committee was pleased to welcome 14 new members in September. They are: Angela Black, Ruth Braunstein, Ian Chamberlin, Stephanie Day, Steve and Collyer Ekholm, Cora Fox, Yvonne Harrison, Jenna and Kevin Meeks, Janet Persen, Jon Poblador, Dena Sidmore, and Jack Wisniewski. Some of these adults bring children with them to our community as well.

Please look for new member photos and bios in this and next month's issues of *Horizons* (a few are featured on the next page). New member pictures will also be displayed on a poster to the left of the door to Office 2. Be sure to check out the photos and welcome our new members when you see them at UUCP services or activities!

The September Pathway to Membership (PTM) series was a nice mix of longtime friends of the congregation, UUs who have relocated to the Phoenix area, and people brand new to Unitarian Universalism. We had 23 participants in the first class, some who had only attended services once or twice before coming to the PTM series. They opted to get to know the congregation better before making a decision about becoming members—something we on the Membership Committee strongly encourage.

If you are wondering whether UUCP membership is right for you, please consider attending our next Pathway to Membership series on November 13th and 19th. We offer the PTM series four times annually. You may also contact our Assistant Minister, Rev. Linda Lawrence with questions or for more information.

New Members...



CORA FOX and her five-year-old daughter, Lily, are excited to be new members of UUCP after attending services and the children's program for the last year. Cora is originally from New York City and grew up in the UU Community Church of New York in midtown Manhattan. Although she has been interested in liberal religion and attended a few UU churches over the years, joining UUCP is in many ways a return to her spiritual and ethical home, which she wants to share with her daughter. Cora moved to the Valley in 2001 to start a career at ASU and is currently Associate Professor of English, researching and teaching courses in Renaissance literature. She looks forward to being part of such a strong, diverse and socially engaged community. Lily looks forward to learning about loving the natural world in the Kindergarten class.



RUTH BRAUNSTEIN, a former New York City resident, has lived in Arizona since 1994. She formerly worked as an administrative assistant in the health care field but continued her education in art and design, becoming a print designer for women's wear. Ruth, has two adult children, can often be seen working on some sewing or craft project, and is currently co-facilitating one of UUCP's covenant groups.



IAN CHAMBERLIN grew up in Indonesia, and came to the United States as a teenager. He has lived in Phoenix for about 11 years, and comes from a spiritual background that includes Islam, Christianity, Shinto, Hinduism and Buddhism. Coming to UUCP helps Ian put into action what he has always felt about spirituality—it should not just be thought about, it also needs to be lived. Aside from his practice as a Buddhist in the Drikung Kagyü tradition, he also enjoys reading, retreating in the mountains of Arizona, spending time with friends and family, museums, calligraphy, and serving the community. Ian loves UUCP and the welcome he has experienced here, and looks forward to getting to know more people and getting more involved in the life of the congregation.



JACK WISNIEWSKI was a member of First UU in Columbus, Ohio, for nine years prior to moving to Phoenix in June, and started visiting UUCP on annual trips to see his sister and her family, trying it out for an eventual move to Phoenix. Newly retired as a psychologist with Columbus City Schools, Jack loves Phoenix and has found a comfortable home at UUCP. He is currently active in Interweave and looks forward to contributing to the music ministry and becoming involved with social justice issues, while his two Weimaraners, Dumas and Frahley, have already given chase to a coyote in the wash near their house. Jack looks forward to getting to know the members of the UUCP community.

Starr King School Expands Offerings

Starr King School for Ministry, which has been educating clergy and liberal religious leaders for more than a century, announces two new offerings: graduate-level certificates that can be completed through entirely low-residency study.

Graduate Certificate in UU Studies

Starr King School is pleased to offer a Graduate Level Certificate in Unitarian Universalist Studies through entirely low-residency study. The program is designed for:

- people exploring the possibility of entering Unitarian Universalist ministry
- seminarians at non-UU theological schools
- interested lay people
- UU religious educators pursuing credentialing

The faculty for the certificate is comprised of Unitarian Universalist ministers, scholars, and progressive people of faith.

Graduate Certificate in Multi-religious Studies

The certificate includes courses in introductory and advanced counter-oppressive theologies and social theories, interreligious histories, plural ethnic and religious geographies, and multi-religious spiritual practices, ritual arts, and education. The program is designed for:

- people exploring the possibility of entering ministry
- seminarians at denominational schools interested in faiths other than their own
- lay people and leaders
- social activists seeking a religious or theological grounding for their work

The certificate can be completed through any combination of six courses. For more information, contact recruitment@sksm.edu.

Starr King offers a wide variety of courses online and in short-term intensives and immersions, taught by progressive religious leaders, scholars, and social-activists. The school features individually designed programs, small classes, holistic study and experiential learning. Three degrees and one other certificate are offered:

- Master of Divinity (M.Div.)
- Master Of Arts In Religious Leadership For Social Change (MASC)
- Master Of Art S (M.A.)
- Seminary For The Laity (Certificate)

Opportunities are also available for individuals not in a degree program to enroll as special students and attend specific courses. For more information, visit www.sksm.edu.

Educating to Counter Oppressions and Create Just Community

The mission, theological vision and educational philosophy of the school support us in educating to counter oppressions. In our work, we strive to embody what we hope to see in the world—a just, loving humanity and community in which people are free to be themselves fully without fear, and no one is exiled, silenced or exploited.

We seek to enable people to gain the knowledge, experience, skill and religious understanding needed to address intersecting oppressions in North America and globally, and to advance liberation, healing, peace and the establishment of a just society.

Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day, October 10, 2011

Our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to fully understand the legacy of Christopher Columbus, just as it calls us to respect and learn from indigenous peoples and support their struggles for social justice and religious freedom. This October, join Unitarian Universalist Association staff and headquarters in celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day.

"Indigenous Peoples Day" reimagines Columbus Day and changes a celebration of colonialism into an opportunity to reveal historical truths about the genocide and oppression of indigenous peoples in the Americas, to organize against current injustices, and to celebrate indigenous resistance. For more on the history of the holiday, visit www.uua.org/indigenouspeoplesday.

Food Day 2011: October 24th

Food Day is a new nationwide effort to improve health, the environment, and food security. On and around October 24, 2011, people will gather at events big and small, from coast to coast to celebrate America's bountiful, delicious food supply; learn about problems; and advocate for improved policies.

"With gratitude and reverence for all life, we savor food mindful of all that has contributed to it. We commit ourselves to a more equitable sharing of the earth's bounty."

—from the UUA's Statement of Conscience on Ethical Eating, 2011

The UU Ministry for Earth is encouraging UU congregations to participate in this campaign both to implement the new Ethical Eating Statement of Conscience and to make the first Food Day a success.. You can celebrate Food Day by organizing an event in your community, school, or at home.

To learn more, visit the newly launched website, www.foodday.org, and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/fooddayeatreal. Also check out their Resources section <http://www.foodday.org/participate/resources>. Email Robin Nelson at rnelson@uua.org for more information.

UUA, UU-UNO Rejoin Efforts

We are delighted to report that at this year's General Assembly the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO)—with the strong support of the Canadian Unitarian Council—announced agreement on the terms of a merger of our international programs. Apart from a closer relationship, a renewed commitment to speak with one, powerful voice in international affairs, the cost savings and the streamlining of the advocacy services we provide to UUs throughout the world, this move brings the benefit of our values to a world that sorely needs to hear from us!

Too often, we are the only voice in the international faith community willing to risk everything in defense of the world's most disadvantaged...the poor, the weak, the young, the old and those whose very lives are threatened by injustice and the quiet tyranny of silence. Amazingly, our advocacy often attracts others willing to follow UNO leadership who gain the strength to speak out from our example. Whether we are helping UN Member States understand the complexity of global climate change, the need to empower women and their families with education, health and equal rights, and most recently when we make clear our support of LGBT rights...the need of all individuals to be treated with dignity and respect, we are representing you in the world's most important international forum.

Learn more at <http://bit.ly/UU-UNOandUUA> or <http://www.uu-uno.org/>.

Celebrations of Life

9:30 AM and 11:15 AM

OCTOBER 2: ASSOCIATION SUNDAY: WOVEN TOGETHER

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

It is easy to get caught up in the particularities of our own congregation. Yet, there are a thousand congregations like ours around the country practicing a liberal religion that seeks to draw that circle of love to include everyone within. We are much stronger in this when we work together, dream together and share together.

Share the Plate: Today's offering benefits the Unitarian Universalist Association's annual campaign Association Sunday. This year Association Sunday will provide resources for continuing education and excellence among our ministers, musicians and directors of lifespan religious education.

OCTOBER 9: YOM KIPPUR: CREATING WHOLENESS

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

The High Holy Days of Judaism culminate on Yom Kippur. This is a time for looking back over the year and seeing the relationships in our lives that are in need of repair and doing the work of seeking and offering forgiveness. Mindful that October 11th is National Coming Out Day, what does this practice have to say not just about personal relations that need work, but societal and systemic brokenness in need of repair?

OCTOBER 16: THE ARC OF THE UNIVERSE IS LONG

Service Leader: Rev. Neal Anderson, Minister of UU Fellowship of Northern Nevada

In 1961, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. echoed the words of 19th century Unitarian preacher and abolitionist Rev. Theodore Parker who said, "The arc of the universe is long but it bends towards justice." Unitarian Universalism has always been committed to a more just world. We will explore our passion for justice and our desire for joy.

OCTOBER 23: STORIES OF LIGHT AND RENEWAL

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

In times of struggle and difficulty, ritual and stories call us back to hope and renewal.

OCTOBER 30: WE REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE

Service Leader: Rev. Linda Lawrence

In this service for all ages we consider some of the ancient yet timeless themes of the autumn holiday known by various names: Samhain, All Saints Day, Dia de Los Muertos, Halloween. Everyone is invited to bring mementos of loved ones as we build an altar of love, memory and celebration of life.

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