



*A Welcoming Congregation*

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

## From the President

“We all were sea-swallow’d, though some cast again  
(And by that destiny) to perform an act  
Whereof what’s past is prologue; what to come,  
In yours and my discharge.”  
—from *The Tempest*, Act 2, Scene 1

“What’s past is prologue,” says Shakespeare—what we have done sets the stage for even more important things to come. What a powerful thought, right now, at the beginning of this new church year, and at the completion of a very momentous summer.

At our first gathering of the Board of Trustees recently, we reflected on this coming church year. We could have talked about many things, but a theme was clearly evident as one by one, we all reflected on the anticipation and excitement for what is happening at the UUCP this coming year.

Then, I thought, “wait..., *last* year supposed to be the big exciting event year...” and indeed, last year *was*. We saw the completion of our long, long awaited building renovation. We had a significant expansion of staff. We continued to grow in numbers and diversity. We hosted Justice General Assembly in Phoenix. Wow! This past year was the most important for the UUCP in the entire time I’ve been a UU, perhaps one of the most important years in our history.

The Board’s anticipation and expectancy is certainly not isolated, as many other fellow UUCP members echo the same sentiment. There is a spirit of positivity and expectancy in the air. I think it is a spirit born out of faith and purpose.

By “faith” I mean that I feel a distinct tone of confidence and trust in the air (divinely inspired or otherwise). We believe that we will have another year of growth and progress in our community. That’s partly because we’ve done it before and partly because we have expanded our capacity and competency in the past few years.

Our communications structure and decision making patterns are much clearer. Our lay leadership is better coordinated. Our staff is growing in

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## From the Board...

numbers and capability. Having contributed in so many ways to a successful and momentous General Assembly, it is clear to me that you all are a “can do” group of people. Of course, having Rev. Susan back in the pulpit full time this year naturally empowers our sense of confidence and trust. I think many people would agree with me that Rev. Susan’s preaching is the cornerstone of our ministry.

By “purpose” I mean that our congregation seems to have a better sense of our place in the world than in years past. As with many healthy congregations, our mission spreads beyond the walls of our church. Our responsibility for leadership in the district and denomination and broader community have been renewed. I believe that we can and will become the flagship congregation that we aspire to be.

As Shakespeare says, “what is past is prologue,” what happened last year sets the stage for what is to come next. This year, the Board and Rev. Susan will be prioritizing the creation of the next strategic plan for the UUCP, based on the ends statements that were created last year:

*Within: Members see UUCP as the foundation for their personal and spiritual development and practice.*

*Among: UUCP is a healthy, vibrant, multigenerational, and multicultural religious community filled with committed evangelical Unitarian Universalists.*

*Beyond: UUCP is a flagship congregation in the UUA and a beacon of moral conscience to the world.*

The new strategic plan will be the road map for at least the next five years, a tool to help us realize what we believe we can become. Beliefs are important, for we have never achieved anything that we did first believe we can do.

Jimmy Leung

The next meetings of the Board of Trustees will be:

Thursday Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:00 PM in the Johnson Room

All are welcome.

*Please note the board meetings will be scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of the month beginning in October, except during the holidays. This will help accommodate our new UUCP Community Nights, which will take place on Thursday nights (see Minister’s Musings for more info).*

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

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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

Erika Michaud

## Minister's Musings

It's September and that means it is kick-off time in our program year at UUCP! The first Sunday after Labor Day, September 9, we celebrate our annual Ingathering Water Service. This is a way to begin our year together in story and song. Everyone is invited to bring a small amount of water from someplace special or sacred to you—maybe from a trip you made this summer, from a water source that is sacred to you, even from your own home—mindful of the incredible blessing clean running water is. Together, at this Multigenerational service, our community gathers and joins the water we have brought together—it is an annual ritual that symbolized the way that our lives and families join together in this religious community. The annual water service is the official beginning of our program year and we call it our ingathering service.

The following week the pace of UUCP will quicken with our move to two services and the beginning of our fall Sunday School year. The two schools on our campus, our own Early Education Cooperative Preschool, and the Desert View Learning Center elementary school will be in full swing filling our halls and classrooms during the week.

This year, as we begin a new year in the life of our congregation, I invite you to get involved beyond Sunday morning worship. Our Sunday School program is a great way to see our faith in action in the lives of the children of our congregation. With two services, you can volunteer in the Sunday School and still be a part of morning worship. We also have on Sunday morning and during the week, exciting adult faith development classes, small groups to engage with others in building relationships and exploring questions of meaning, and spiritual practices classes. Many of these opportunities will take place on Thursday evening. New this year, beginning in October, will be Thursday Community Nights at UUCP. Come at 6:00 PM to the Johnson Room and bring your family and some dinner (brown bag it, or bring in your take out) to eat together with other people from UUCP. At 7:00 PM there will be classes and childcare offered. This is a new initiative and we hope it grows. Throughout the year, we may turn the 6:00 PM dinner into a potluck as interest grows.

This community is a place to grow your spirit, to make lasting relationships for yourself and your children, a place to share in the gifts of community and connection. All it takes is you!

Yours in love,  
Rev. Susan

## Small Group Ministry (SGM) Sign-up Begins

It's time to sign up for this year's Small Group Ministry program (covenant groups)! Groups are now forming and will begin the first week of October. Even if you were in a group last year, you must re-register by contacting SGM Coordinator Ellie Anderla at [SGM@phoenixuu.org](mailto:SGM@phoenixuu.org) or by calling Rev. Linda at 602-840-8400, Ext. 204. There will also be registration tables in the foyer and on the patio on the last three Sundays of September.

Not sure what a SGM is? See the article in the UUCP Program Catalog for a description of Small Group Ministry and a list of the dates/times for this year's groups. You can also contact Ellie Anderla or Rev. Linda for more information. Don't miss this opportunity to connect more deeply with others, grow spiritually, engage in interesting conversations, and have fun!

## Who Will Join the Dance?

I am so excited for this congregational year to “begin,” although in truth we’ve chugged along pretty steadily all summer. Our summer services were met with great enthusiasm. We had fine speakers, wonderful music, challenge, inspiration, and fellowship. And we had visitors! Boy, did we have visitors! As the visibility of our public witness increased during June’s UUA General Assembly in Phoenix, people took note and many have come to check us out. As folks move from one community/job to another or start school in the Valley, they also “church shop” and many find us via BeliefNet.

It is such a delight to witness that joyful “homecoming” type of experience that newcomers express when they find us, but it’s not enough for them to simply find us and to learn a little about Unitarian Universalism. Truly, one cannot be a Unitarian Universalist in isolation. The strength, the saving force of Unitarian Universalism is in its communities. Building and being in community requires our efforts to know, to engage, and to integrate our newcomers. It is our responsibility—mine, yours, ours—to reach out and welcome and then to mentor our newcomers.

Being around much of the summer, I also had the privilege to connect with many members and friends of our congregation who are lonely, ill, hurting or grieving. Their stories are a part of all our stories because none of us is immune to life’s ups and downs and unavoidable losses. It is our responsibility—mine, yours, ours—to reach out to these people and help them maintain a connection to our community.

People come to our community with joy in their hearts. People come to us with sorrows and disappointments. The wonderful terribleness and terrible wonderfulness of it all is sometimes overwhelming. However, if you refer to the Program Catalog that was mailed out with this newsletter, you will find plenty of ways you can help with welcoming, assisting, companioning, or comforting. I hope you’ll check it out and choose at least one way to be of service.

As UU songwriter Rick Masten put it so beautifully: “Let it be a dance we do. May I have this dance with you? Through the good times and the bad times, too, let it be a dance.”

Here’s to a rockin’ rollin’ stompin’ waltzing boogieing hip-hoppin’ tangoing jazzy jiving toe-tapping great year! Step onto the dance floor and let’s get it going!

Love,  
Linda  
Rev. Linda Lawrence, Assistant Minister

## Share the Plate

The collection taken Sunday, September 16, will benefit our Share the Plate program. The proceedings will be donated to “Unlimited Potential,” a nonprofit founded by Valley UU member Jeanne Devine in 1985. This organization addresses the needs of women and their families in low socioeconomic circumstances in the South Mountain communities. Its focus is to strengthen families and promote literacy and education. The organization prides itself on focusing on the needs of the whole family.

## Greetings from Your Music Director!

In *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery, a troubled and intellectually precocious 12-year old girl named Paloma says:

“Every time, it’s a miracle. Here are all these people, full of heartache or hatred or desire, and we all have our troubles and the school year is filled with vulgarity and triviality and consequence, and there are all these teachers and kids of every shape and size, and there’s this life we’re struggling through full of shouting and tears and laughter and fights and break-ups and dashed hopes and unexpected luck – it all disappears, just like that, when the choir begins to sing. Everyday life vanishes into song, you are suddenly overcome with a feeling of brotherhood, of deep solidarity, even love, and it diffuses the ugliness of everyday life into a spirit of perfect communion. Even the singers’ faces are transformed: it’s no longer Achille Grand-Fernet that I’m looking at (he is a very fine tenor), or Deborah Lemeur, or Charles Saint-Sauveur. I see human beings, surrendering to music.

Every time, it’s the same thing. I feel like crying, my throat goes all tight and I do the best I can to control myself but sometimes it gets close: I can hardly keep myself from sobbing. So when they sing a canon I look down at the ground because it’s just too much emotion at once: it’s too beautiful, and everyone singing together, this marvelous sharing. I’m no longer myself, I am just one part of a sublime whole, to which the others also belong, and I always wonder at such moments why this cannot be the rule of everyday life, instead of being an exceptional moment, during a choir.

When the music stops, everyone applauds, their faces all lit up, the choir radiant. It is so beautiful. In the end, I wonder if the true movement of the world might not be a voice raised in song.”

Congregation Choir rehearses every Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 PM starting August 29.

Watch the Compass and Order of Service announcements for Family Choir during November.

Do you play an instrument? Are you a vocal soloist or composer? Please let our Music Director know you would like to contribute to our music for Sunday services.

Did you know a drama group is starting at our congregation? Meetings will be every other Monday evening, starting October 8 at 7:00 PM. Questions? Contact Michael Relland: 602-321-8991, [mjvielle@yahoo.com](mailto:mjvielle@yahoo.com).

Keep singing—it’s a miracle.

Connie Jahrmarkt, CML

## From Your Director of Children's Ministries

### SUMMER PROGRAM WRAPS UP

Our summer Sunday School wraps up on September 9 with our culminating craft and bake sale. Our summer program focused on hunger and Heifer International's efforts to support self-sufficiency for families and communities all over the world. We have studied goats and chickens and other animals that produce an ongoing source of income, food, or other resources for struggling families. We have even tried our hand at some farming of our own with UUCP's first worm farm. Over time, the worms will produce casings that are a very effective form of fertilizer.



The kids in Sunday School hope to purchase animals through Heifer International and have been hard at work making crafts for sale to raise funds. Please support our kids at the sale after church on September 9.

### FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF ON SEPTEMBER 16. REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN NOW!

Exciting plans are in place for our fall Sunday School program. Led by an outstanding group of volunteer teachers, UUCP's children will participate in:

Infants – Our new nursery will be open and ready for business come mid-September. Teachers Tiffany and Daniel Mendez

Preschool (18 months-3 years old) – This age group will be engaged with hands-on activities, a simple circle time, and free play. Teachers Tiffany and Daniel Mendez

Pre-K – Kindergarten (4-6 years old) – *Wonderful Welcome*: Exploring how and why we are willing to welcome others into our lives. Teacher Karen Kurtz

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (6-7 years old) – *Faithful Journeys*: Exploring how Unitarian Universalism translates into life choices and everyday actions. Teachers Cara Denby and Heidi Parmenter

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade (8-9 years old) – *Toolbox of Faith*: Invites participants to reflect on qualities of our Unitarian Universalist faith, such as integrity, courage and love, as tools they can use in living their lives and building their own faith. Teachers Noel Arring and Jen Fryer

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade (10-11 years old) – *Riddle and Mystery*: Exploring several big questions including: Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going? Does God exist? Teachers Vicki Copeland and Tammy Wheeler-Rhodes

Registration forms are available [here](#) or at the Children's Ministry table at the entrance to the church. The fees for registration are \$40 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child. Scholarships are available. Contact Anne Byrne ([annebyrne@phoenixuu.org](mailto:annebyrne@phoenixuu.org), 602-840-8400 ext. 233) for more information.

### WE HAVE A NEW NURSERY!

The new bathroom addition opened up space to create a new nursery for our youngest members in the old bathroom area. Members Dale and Lois Fisher stepped up to take the renovation project in hand, which included repairs, painting, and new flooring. Peek your head in rooms 3 and 4 in mid-September to see the finished product. (*Here's Dale hard at work!*)



### News from Our Youth Programs

School has started and our youth programs are off and running! Check out what we have coming up:

#### **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Coming of Age**

Please join our mentors, parents and teachers in welcoming UUCP's **Coming of Age Class of 2013!** Dante, Enzo, Hugo, Jake, Jenna, Max, Sage, Samantha, Sebastian and Tommy have chosen to commit themselves to a year of exploration, discovery, friendship and fUUn! We are kicking off our year with a pool party on September 7 and a trip to the Chapel Rock Ropes Challenge Course in Prescott on September 15 for some bonding and team building. Our first class meets on Sunday, September 16 at 9:30 AM in Annex Room H.

Over the next nine months, Coming of Age candidates will select five other houses of worship to visit, complete community service hours within the congregation and the wider community, explore their personal belief systems and values, and ultimately incorporate their credo essays into what has become an amazing tradition at UUCP—a worship service designed and delivered entirely by the graduates of this special program.

Thank you in advance to all parents of our Coming of Age candidates, their mentors, and our teaching team of Caitlin Tuffin (lead), Jen Hempel, and Jeff Newman (and me!). This program takes dedication and commitment, and thrives with the love and care that each of you bring to it!

**NOTE:** Visiting 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome at any time to join this Coming of Age class. Graduation from the program requires the fulfillment of specific requirements, but the Sunday classes are open and welcoming to anyone in this age group.

#### **9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade – YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists)**

YRUU is what our youth make it, and each year it inspires and amazes! Our high school youth group is led by dedicated, passionate, longtime UUs who care about building a community where our youth know they are valued, empowered, and validated. This year we are fortunate to have a full slate of advisors with Sarah Montgomery, Kathryn Kosmider, and Geoff Anderla (and me!).

YRUU follows our small group ministry model, meeting each Sunday to share a reading, check-in with one another, and then on to discuss a specific topic—often suggested by someone in the group, or culled from current events. Our teens work in unison to create their own covenant, and pride themselves on holding one another accountable to the group.

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### **Vote for the Quote!**

Every four years, YRUU repaints “the wall” in Room C with festive colors and symbols, fun thoughts and unique pictures. This is that year! During our lock-in on Saturday, September 22, we will be tie dying t-shirts, knitting knit things, eating, singing, laughing, changing the world, and repainting the wall! And we need *your* help! You will have a chance to vote (with your coins, checks or paper money) on one quotation that will adorn the zenith of our wall. The winning quotation will be announced in culmination with the USA’s 2012 presidential election in November and added to our wall at that time. So find us on the porch before services and the patio after services to *Vote for the Quote!* And if you have not had a chance to visit the wall in Room C, stop by any Sunday and take a peek! We love visitors!

For more information about Coming of Age or YRUU, contact Youth Programs Coordinator Jaynn Truran at [jatruran@aol.com](mailto:jatruran@aol.com).



*Natalia Hankins and Geraldine Mendez hard at work on the wall's last painting.*

## **Welcoming Ministry**

I am grateful to Barbara DeWitt and Maureen Jeffries for their service as Lead Ushers. After many years as a Lead Usher, Barb is turning her attention to other volunteer interests in the congregation. Maureen’s second child is due this month so she may need to sleep in on Sunday mornings for a while! Thank you both for your faithful leadership and the welcoming presence you have provided as a Welcoming Ministry volunteer.

It is happy news that many of our experienced Lead Ushers will continue to keep services flowing again this year. They are Gene Cherry, Gary Ezzell, Michael Hipps, Jon Poblador, and Jim Sorgatz. In addition to these “old faithfuls,” Ernie Garcia, Barbara Glenn, Gary Lawrence, Peggy Paden, and Libby Walker will be available as needed as Lead Usher substitutes. Thanks!

Terrifically, a number of new people took the Lead Usher training in August and are now prepared to step into the Lead Usher line-up as needed. Some have had some ushering experience already and others are brand new to this work. I am so glad for their energy and enthusiasm! Welcome, Bob Aitken, Yvonne Harrison, John Idlewine, Margaret Leahy, Janet Persen, Randy Smiley, and Matt Thesing.

As we head back into our two-service Sunday schedule, the need to welcome people in on Sunday mornings doubles! Volunteering as a Greeter or a Supporting Usher is a fun, easy way to get to know others. It requires little time and no money! It’s an easy way to give something back to the congregation. If you’d like to volunteer, please contact me by email or phone.

Rev. Linda Lawrence, Assistant Minister



## Living by Heart

Adult Faith Development Course led by Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray and Donna Featherston

Are you looking to create a regular devotional or spiritual practice in your life? Could working with a group of people help you keep up or strengthen an existing practice? Then this course may be for you. Join Rev. Susan and Donna Featherston in following the *Living by Heart* course.

This course was created by Unitarian Universalist minister, Laurel Hallman, based on conversations she and the Rev. Harry Scholefield (also a UU) had over 25 years about the meaning, value and benefits of sustaining a regular spiritual practice. Participants in this six-month course will make time for a regular practice, using a variety of forms, with the inspiration of poetry, wisdom-words and scriptures. During class time, participants will share learnings and reflect on their practice.

First and Third Thursdays of the month, October-March, beginning Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30 PM. Maximum participants: 10 people. RSVP by email or phone to Rev. Susan [minister@phoenixuu.org](mailto:minister@phoenixuu.org).

## The Price of Inequality

The UUCP Book Group has begun discussing *The Price of Inequality: How Today's Divided Society Endangers Our Future* by Joseph Stiglitz, winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics.

The publisher calls it “A forceful argument against America’s vicious circle of growing inequality by the Nobel Prize–winning economist.”

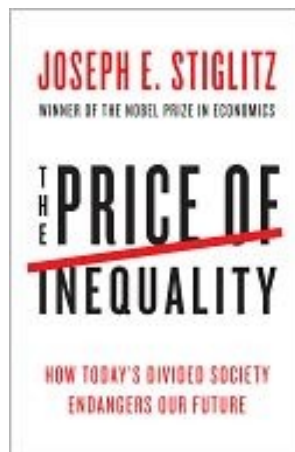
The top one percent of Americans control 40 percent of the nation’s wealth. And, as Joseph E. Stiglitz explains, while those at the top enjoy the best health care, education, and benefits of wealth, they fail to realize that “their fate is bound up with how the other 99 percent live.”

Stiglitz draws on his deep understanding of economics to show that growing inequality is not inevitable: moneyed interests compound their wealth by stifling true, dynamic capitalism. They have made America the most unequal advanced industrial country while crippling growth, trampling on the rule of law, and undermining democracy. The result: a divided society that cannot tackle its most pressing problems. With characteristic insight, Stiglitz examines our current state, then teases out its implications for democracy, for monetary and budgetary policy, and for globalization. He closes with a plan for a more just and prosperous future.

Book Group meets Sundays in Annex B: 9:00 AM until mid-September when we switch to two services—then we will start meeting at 10:45.

See you there!

Terry Simmons  
Chair, AFD Committee



## From the Business Administrator

I am pleased to announce that Nancy Wilson has accepted the part-time position of Office Assistant for the congregation and started on August 23. Nancy and her husband Carlos have two young children. Suki, a five-year-old “graduate” of our preschool who is starting at DVLC this year and Max, three years old, who is starting his second year at our preschool. Nancy has more than seven years of office administrative experience (primarily as a paralegal) and comes to us with glowing references. She has served on both our preschool’s parent committee and the board of a preschool in Chicago. Nancy’s primary responsibilities include: maintaining the master calendar for the campus, publishing the weekly Order of Service, Announcements, Annual Report and Annual Program Catalog, and maintaining the phoenixuu.org email system.

Many thanks to Larry Agle for all he has done to hold down the fort while we went out to search and I was on vacation. His knowledge, dependability, and “cool under pressure” attitude have been a blessing. Larry has agreed to go back to his Monday morning office volunteering duties—yay!

Speaking of office volunteering, I am pleased to announce a few new faces to our Office Volunteer crew: Jane Christofferson who is taking over the Tuesday afternoon shift, Sandra Donovan who is trying out the Thursday morning shift, and Barbara DeWitt. I am always impressed at how quickly people step up to fill in these slots. It is an honor and a privilege to work with such generous assistants. All of the Office Volunteers bring a warmth and community to the office life that makes each day a little easier.

This year I have many goals for UUCP administration. My focus last year was predominately on holding down the fort in the Preschool and Sunday School with the others while Susan was busy with GA and we were searching for the new Director of Children’s Ministries. This year my focus is to work more closely with Susan on developing a new stewardship plan with a goal to celebrate and honor all of you who give so generously of your time and money to make this congregation the thriving community it is. A lot of my work will be in upgrading our database system so that less of our time is spent on managing spreadsheets and more of it on thanking and appreciating all of you. I also will continue to work on improving our credit card processing system for faster processing and self-service.

We recently switched from using PayPal Merchant Services to Sage Payments. Here’s the cost savings we have realized from switching from PayPal to Sage:

PayPal Monthly Fee for virtual terminal & reoccurring credit card payments: \$30

Sage Monthly Fee for virtual terminal & reoccurring credit card payments: \$10

PayPal Fees: 3.1% + .30 when using virtual terminal or 2.5% + .30 when “customer” uses online

Sage Fees: flat 2.04 % + .20 no matter how the credit card is processed

Soon I should have the ability for people to make payments using their credit card through our website again. When we switched to Sage we had to remove PayPal from our website. If you need to make a one-time credit card payment to the congregation please call me in the office at 602-840-8400 ext. 202 Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Lastly, I wanted to share with you that I am continuing to take professional development classes through ASU’s Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofits. There are eight classes in total that I must take to earn a Professional Certificate of Nonprofit Management through Lodestar and I have completed four classes so far with my fifth one in September. They have been an amazing resource and I have been able to bring back a ton of new ideas and knowledge to help me in my position here at UUCP.

In community, Heidi Parmenter

## Auction!

*Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Auction, Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm.* This year we are doing a combined fundraising auction with our Preschool. Our Preschool has a long history of running fabulous auctions within their community and this year we want to combine their creative talent with our large event planning resources. 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!

**Donate.** Enclosed with this edition of Horizons Journal is an Item Donation Form and Guidelines. 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 November.

**Volunteer.** Also included in this edition of Horizons Journal is a list of the many volunteer positions it takes to make our auction happen. If any of these fun opportunities fit your schedule contact Heidi Parmenter in the office and sign up ([administrator@phoenixuu.org](mailto:administrator@phoenixuu.org) or 602-840-8400 ext. 202).

**Attend and bid!**

Volunteer Position	Description	Time Commitment
Sunday Ticket Seller	Sell tickets between services	(Pick a Sunday) Sundays, 11/4/12, 11/11/12, 11/18/12, 11/25/12
Check-in: Ticket Handler	Takes and sells tickets in the lobby the night of the event	Saturday, 12/1/12 3:30-6:00 pm
Check-in: Guest Registration	Hands guests numbered program book, paddle, and credit card slip	Saturday, 12/1/12 3:30-6:00 pm
Checkout: Cash Handler	Takes cash payments at checkout	Saturday, 12/1/12 6:30-9:00 pm
Checkout: Credit Card/Check Handler	Takes credit card and check payments at checkout	Saturday, 12/1/12 6:30-9:00 pm
Checkout: Line attendant	Ushers people into correct payment line and has credit card payers complete credit card slip while waiting	Saturday, 12/1/12 6:30-9:00 pm
Bar: Bartender	Sets up bar and serves drinks	Saturday, 12/1/12 3:30-8:30 pm
Bar: Cashier	Sets up bar and collects payment	Saturday, 12/1/12 3:30-8:30 pm
Food Runners – 3 needed	Replenishes finger foods in Sanctuary	Saturday, 12/1/12 3:30-8:30 pm
Basket Decorators	Get items ready for showcasing, attaches bidding sheet and info sheet, organizes items by section	Wednesday, 11/28/12 4:00-6:00 pm
Auction Setup	Setup check-in area in lobby and other preparatory tasks	Friday, 11/30/12 2:30-5:30 pm
Auction Decorating	Decorate sanctuary for auction	Friday, 11/11/11 2:30-5:30 pm
Live Auction Attendants – 3 needed	Record live auction winners	Saturday, 11/12/11 6:00-7:30 pm

# UUCP's 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL AUCTION DONATION GUIDELINES

Our annual auction is coming up fast! Browse the following categories and see if there is something that you could offer. ***Be sure to complete and submit an auction donation form by Sunday, November 18, 2012.***

Auction Donation Forms are available the following places:

- Online form available at [www.phoenixuu.org](http://www.phoenixuu.org)
- Hard copy form available in September's *Horizons Journal* mailed to all members, friends and staff.
- Hard copy form available in the UUCP Office. Please mail or drop off hard copy forms to the UUCP Office.

***Items will be collected on Sundays the month of November in Office 2.*** Please contact the office if you need to drop off your item on another day. The last day to deliver items is Sunday, November 25, 2012.

**Donation Guidelines - In order to offer unique, valuable items and experiences, please adhere to the following guidelines:**

- "Experience" donations - be sure to include the number of seats available for the event, an estimate of price per seat, and indicate date of event (if already set)
- Individual item minimum value - \$25
- Basket minimum value - \$100
- Art work - framed, original artwork with a minimum estimated value of \$100

## Auction Donation Ideas

### Tickets

- Sporting events
- Plays/musicals
- Movies
- Museums/zoos

### Dinner parties/one-of-kind experiences

- Themed dinner party (New Mexican chili party, English high tea, holiday dinner)
- Experience (guided hike, horseback riding)

### Gift Certificates or Discounts

- Restaurants
- Stores
- Travel
- Vacation place/cabin
- Memberships

### Create a theme basket with all new items

- Chocolate/pasta/other foods
- Bath/leisure/other luxury
- Gardening/craft/other hobby supplies
- Car care/pet care/other clean or care kit
- Puzzle/game/other leisure time activity
- Stationery/gift wrap/other hand supplies

### Homemade and handmade foods and crafts

- Homemade pizza or other dinner
- Home baked bread
- Homemade dessert
- Hand-crafted cards, pottery. . .

### Teach something you know for an hour or two

- Sports lesson (basketball, skiing, bowling, golf. . .)
- Music lesson
- Art/craft lesson (painting, knitting, etc.)
- Computer software

*You can limit the lesson to an hour or let it be a couple of sessions; it's up to you!*

### Provide a service

- Babysitting/parents' night out package
- Gardening/lawn mowing
- Car washing
- Computer help
- Office/closet organization
- Errand/shopping service

# 2012 UUCP AUCTION DONATION FORM

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
<b>How would you like your name/company/committee listed in event materials?</b>	

<b>Item Description:</b>	
<b>Restrictions:</b>	
<b>Estimated Value: \$</b>	<b>Expiration Date:</b>

**Donation Guidelines** - In order to offer unique, valuable items and experiences, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- “Experience” donations - be sure to include the number of seats available for the event, an estimate of price per seat, and indicate date of event (if already set)
- Individual item minimum value - \$25
- Basket minimum value - \$100
- Art work - framed, original artwork with a minimum estimated value of \$100

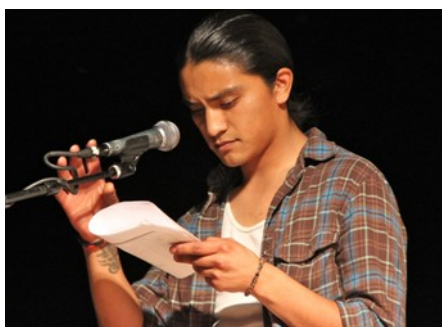
*Items will be collected on Sundays the month of November in Office 2. Please contact the office to make special arrangements if you need to drop off your item on another day. The last day to deliver items is Sunday, November 18, 2012.*

## The Flame of Justice, Guiding our Paths

“To share our strength in fellowship...” My mind wanders as we speak the congregation’s covenant. It’s more of an effort for me to speak the phrase in Spanish, a language new to me: “Compartir la fortaleza en comunidad.” As I try out the words, I pause to think about their meaning. At times this past year I’ve had the strongest feelings of “comunidad” when it was not words, but a gesture or smile that created rapport.

Have you had a feeling of fellowship with those from a different background with whom you shared a moment, perhaps across a language barrier, but with the knowledge that you were present for the same purpose? Many of you have mentioned having had those moments at Justice GA.

Some of us have had the opportunity to be at events this summer where the Justice GA themes have been reinforced by those who were with us at GA. We may have learned more about the justice work or even seen others move down a path of understanding. The feeling of “comunidad” has echoed, and at times been strengthened.



*Fernando Lopez*

At the Tent City witness event on June 24, Fernando Lopez read some of the names of those who have died in detention. A month later, Fernando and others departed on the “Undocubus,” that spent August making its way across the country, stopping along the way to testify to life as undocumented immigrants. We had breakfast with the group at Puente in Phoenix, and then walked with them to the Phoenix Immigration and Customs Enforcement headquarters before they left on their journey.



*Isabel Garcia*

Isabel Garcia spoke at Justice GA, giving “A View from the Border.” She’s a Tucson migrant rights and border activist, lawyer, and leader in Coalición Derechos Humanos. She informed her audience that Javier Sicilia would come through Arizona in August with his caravan against drug violence, the first to come through the United States, following two similar caravans in Mexico.



When that caravan, the “Caravan for Peace with Justice and Dignity,” came through Phoenix on August 15, several of us who had been together at Justice GA greeted the caravan. As we heard testimonies by the families of those who have disappeared or died in the drug wars, we held candles—the same candles used at the Tent City witness.

One man held a poster with photos of the four brothers he has lost to the violence. He noticed that the candle holders could fit snugly on the rails holding the poster. He asked whether he could have one candle to light the way for each brother. Of course—a candle, and spares for the moment when those flames flickered out. Hermano, it appears the caravan has reached McAllen, Texas today. I hope that the flame of justice is still burning for your brothers. Thank you for bringing your story to Phoenix.

Con abrazos fuertes,  
Sandy Weir

## Circle Dinners Are Back!

Circle Dinners are starting this year with a reception in the Johnson Room on Saturday, September 29 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](mailto:phuucircle@yahoo.com) or by calling a committee member: 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.

## AZ Interfaith Movement

This year I joined the AZ Interfaith Movement and subsequently was invited to join the Board of directors to represent our UU faith. In past years when I would witness members of the movement talking of their faith, I wished that Unitarian Universalism would be there too along with the Jains, Muslims, Buddhists, Mormons, etc. Now I sit around the table with distinguished members of these and other faith traditions.

After the August meeting we met in a large prayer circle outside, joined by others in the community, to honor the victims of the Wisconsin Sikh tragedy. On Sunday I joined Dr. Paul Eppinger, executive director of AZIFM and several other members at a Sikh worship service, followed by langar, a delicious communal dinner.

I encourage other UUCP members to join this interfaith organization and spread the word of our faith tradition. The mission of AZIFM is to build bridges of understanding, respect and support among diverse people of faith through education, dialogue, service and the implementation of the Golden Rule.

Heather McLellan

## Harvest of Opportunities

Plan to attend this fun fall event on Sunday, October 28, after either service. There will be displays in the Johnson Room advertising UUCP's abundant opportunities for engagement, service, and spiritual growth. You will have a chance to ask questions of our activity group and committee leaders, sign up for what interests you, and win prizes!



## Meditation and Enlightenment

The word *enlightenment*, used as an objective of a meditation practice, seems to mean deep insight into the nature of Reality or having a mystic state of mind that is blissful and very desirable. Some call it a feeling of universal love.

In Hinduism, one of the synonyms of enlightenment is ‘Self-realization.’

Some of the students of Meditation seem to feel that they can continue having unhealthy lifestyle, practice part-time, short-period meditations and expect to gain enlightenment. Historically, as far as I know, gaining of enlightenment has required some sacrifice of worldly sensual life for many lives. Such achievers are very rare, and include famous persons such as Jesus, Buddha, Ramakrishna, Raman Maharshi, et al. Gandhi’s sole aim in life was to attain that state but he had not succeeded when he wrote his autobiography. He may have succeeded in the last phases of his life or may be continuing his efforts after rebirth.

Perhaps, the expectation of easy gain of enlightenment comparable to one achieved by Jesus and Buddha by meditation only has created many disappointments among the students of meditation. I suggest that one should not pursue enlightenment before gaining basic mind and body health. A healthy mind and body is well integrated. A person that has achieved that lives in present and his thoughts, speech and actions are all consistent.

Meditation is just one of many regular exercises one may do to counteract the harmful effects of modern living. It is also important to know that just as healthy food is a must along with physical exercises for physical health, healthy input to the mind through right associations, reading and viewing is needed along with meditation to gain mental health. To do that one may need to change bad habits one may be addicted to, radically. Much of the input by the self-serving media, ignorant friends and professionals who incite fears can be unhealthy for the mind. One should be very careful what one listens to and what one reads. One may need to make drastic, lasting changes in lifestyle.

During meditation we try to stop or subdue thinking of the past and future by focusing on here and now. Such thoughts are often associated with fears and ego. A healthy mind is able to be in present any time for any length of time at will. A spiritual lifestyle that promotes humility and reduces ego is very helpful.

Jay Alagia

*Jay has been teaching Hindu style meditation as adapted to the American way of life in UUCP since 1995. He also leads the meditation group activities at UUCP. He can be contacted by email at [jayalagia@gmail.com](mailto:jayalagia@gmail.com).*

## UMOM New Day Center: And Service Is Our Prayer

When I decided to step up and volunteer to coordinate UUCP's commitment to serving a meal the first Sunday of each month at the UMOM New Day Center, I thought it was a good idea to actually learn something about the Center and the programs they offer. Although I am a native Phoenician and have driven past the center countless times during my life, I didn't really know anything about what happens at New Day.

I did know that UMOM (United Methodist Outreach Ministries) New Day Center serves homeless families. In the attempt to find housing for homeless people, most efforts either serve single adults or abused women and their children. New Day fills a vitally needed service gap in helping homeless families to stay together. They do it not only by providing housing and food to these families, but also by providing much needed additional services to not only get families on their feet but also keep them there. The Center helps with connecting parents to services that help with health issues, mental health services, substance abuse treatment and anger management skills and counseling. They offer classes in finance and budgeting, resume and job application writing and job preparedness classes. Part of the job training that New Day provides is through their Culinary Training Program.

The Culinary Training Program, according to Donovan Rainbolt, Executive Chef and Manager of the program, is a 12-week instructional program with a two-week internship component that trains students for real jobs in the food industry. The food industry is one that provides lifetime employment for people with the right skills. Enrolled students have the great ability to take advantage of a culinary skills program that, in any other venue, would take months longer and cost thousands of dollars. Students start at the beginning with basics such as knife skills and work their way up to more advanced training involving meat and poultry, sauces, vegetables and then complete meals. Donovan says that the students serve 550 meals daily, including serving breakfast, lunch and two snacks a day for the 110 children in the Center's daycare program. They also provide all staff lunches.

The Culinary Arts students have participated in the Scottsdale Culinary Festival and have won Best in Show for appetizers all three years of their participation in this event. The Center also has the students do catering for events with the public. Donovan says that this gives the students real-world experience in how to manage their emotions against the real-world stress of a job dealing with the public. Prior to this, Donovan offered, many of these students were wired to fail and the skills they learn in this program and their experience of taking those skills into real life situations encourages them to get beyond their limitations.

I got the chance to speak to two of the students in the current class. Don was referred to the program through MANA House. MANA (Marines Army Navy Air Force) House is a program assisting homeless military veterans to get back on their feet. When asked by MANA what type of things he enjoyed doing, Don said he liked cooking. Don completed a six-month Meat Cutter program through Maricopa Skills Center and is now combining that knowledge with additional culinary skills. Don says that "doing what you enjoy doing" and being able to build social skills through teamwork are his favorite parts about this experience so far.

The second student I spoke with, 21-year-old Derrick, was referred through his case manager at Tumbleweed. After completing his GED, Derrick also came to New Day because of his love of cooking. Derrick, who is Native American, has a dream of one day opening a Native American family restaurant. He says that being a leader in front of kids and the chance to meet many new people are two of the things this native of a small town in New Mexico loves. I sensed in both Don and Derrick of great sense of hope and accomplishment.

Donovan, the program manager, says he came here 12 years ago and thought that this would be a stop gap job to help him feed his new baby. He would then move on to something bigger or better. Donovan says that he

grew so committed to the program and his ability to help people and change lives that, 12 years later, he's still here and has no plans of leaving. He has plans to revamp the program in 2013 and is pleased to announce that the Culinary Arts program applied for and was accepted into the national Catalyst Kitchens Program, a nationwide consortium of culinary programs that offer training to transform people's lives.

It was truly an honor to meet these men and to be invited in to learn about their lives and to put a face on the organization that UUCP has been helping for more than 17 years. Donovan and I talked about ways that UUCP might be able to better assist the program and residents of New Day.

I truly encourage my fellow members to find the time some First Sunday of the month to come and meet the residents of New Day and to share your gifts and talents with this wonderful organization. I agree with Donovan when he says that, in the midst of everything going on in the world, we oftentimes don't realize that people need our help who are just "two zip codes away."

Michael Hipps

## Lighting of Waddell Sculptures in Memorial Garden

This summer a replacement of the lights in the Memorial Garden sculpture pool was completed with a generous gift from the Bill Parker family. The lights had been out for several years and an attempt at a "quick fix" a few years ago didn't last and was unsafe. The Waddell sculptures, *That Which Might Have Been*, are now illuminated in all of their glory. Please take a walk in the Memorial Garden when at UUCP at night to see them. The sculptures are an amazing asset to the congregation. Seeing them at night is equally as good as seeing them at dawn with the sun coming over Camelback Mountain. The Memorial Garden trail is also a wonderful walk as documented in the Trail Guide available at the front entrance.

The sculptures were featured in the film *Rising: The Art and Life of John Waddell* on KAET on July 13, as mentioned in the July issue of Horizons. There is also a page to explore on the UUCP website called Memorial Garden & Sanctuary (<http://www.phoenixuu.org/?q=node/4127>). Contributions to the Memorial Garden are graciously appreciated and will help us maintain this gift to the congregation. The deck around the sculpture pool was further disturbed by the lighting work and was already in poor condition. Help with funding for a new pool deck would be greatly appreciated. As with most things at UUCP, the fix of the deck will not be inexpensive, but we all continue to benefit from the gifts of others over the past 50 years.

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

## News from the Social Action Committee

### *School Supply Drive a Great Success*

With our partners at human rights organization Puente Arizona, the UUCP Social Action Committee held a drive to collect school supplies for 75 deserving young people ranging from kindergarten age to seniors in high school. The supplies were collected on Sundays at the Social Action Table from July 15 through August 5. In all, six large boxes filled with back packs, notebooks, calculators, crayons, binders, pens, erasers, rulers and much more were delivered to the Puente office.

### *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Equality Walk for LGBTQ Rights:*

On August 6, the Social Action Committee hosted a luncheon for a group of eleven “Equality Walkers.” These hearty souls were walking 100 miles through 16 Valley cities to raise awareness of issues relating to GLBTQ equality including marriage equality. As they trekked across the Valley they held meetings with city officials, community leaders, faith communities and anybody they happened upon. They discussed issues faced every day by gay, lesbian, transgender people and straight allies while raising awareness and changing hearts and minds among those they met.

As they passed through Paradise Valley on the third day of their walk they stopped by the UUCP campus for fellowship and lunch in our Johnson Room. There was plenty of good food and conversation. After lunch Rev. Susan and Rev. Linda officially welcomed the social justice activists to our church and each of the walkers then shared their personal reasons for participating in this grueling event.

After an enjoyable time together the Walkers continued their hike across town on Lincoln Drive towards Phoenix and later Glendale. The Equality Walk ended on Sunday, August 12, at the State Capitol. The group plans to continue this annual event until Arizona approves marriage equality for all of its citizens.



### *September Social Action Luncheon: A Voters' Forum*

The first Social Action Luncheon of the year will be at 12:30 PM on Sunday, September 16, in the Johnson Room. Food will be catered by New Day Gourmet. All are welcome to attend; a small, voluntary donation for food is appreciated.

For the luncheon, we are pleased to partner with Arizona Advocacy Foundation to present a voters' forum. Election Day and early ballots are just weeks away! The forum will include a screening of the short film PRICELESS\$, which discusses money in politics, an update on Clean Elections and a review of the 2012 ballot measures. Eric Ehst will be presenting the ballot measures review. Eric is Treasurer of Arizona Advocacy Network, a past director of the Arizona Clean Elections Institute and active with many other civic groups around the valley.

## UUSC & Fair Trade

For many years we have been selling Fair Trade coffee at the Social Action table. Last year's sales generated \$1,057. With your continued support we hope to double that figure this year.

The Coffee Project is a collaboration between Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and Equal Exchange, a worker-owned fair trade company. UUSC buys fair trade coffee through the Coffee Project in bulk for congregations.

Equal Exchange purchases these goods directly from small farmer cooperatives from countries such as Honduras, Uganda, Mexico, etc., following the principles of fair trade on 100 percent of its products. This ensures farmers earn a fair price for their crops, allowing them to better meet their families' basic needs for food, education, and health care—and their long-term security.

We are one of over 600 congregations who participate in the UUSC Coffee Project, offering hope to small farmers. In 2008 alone, Unitarian Universalists purchased 45.3 tons of fairly traded products through the UUSC Coffee Project. *UUs have the highest participation rate of any denomination in Equal Exchange commerce, a statistic to be proud of.*

We are able to keep our price in line with retail Fair Trade coffee outlets; coffee is \$8.50 per bag and chocolate bars are \$3.00. They are great gift ideas in line with our UU principles. Fair Trade coffee is served after church each Sunday, so drink up!

## New Pathway to Membership Coordinator

Kudos to Terry Lockwood who has been successfully coordinating our Pathway to Membership Program (PTM) for at least three years. She has done so much to welcome new members! The Membership Committee (MC) is happy to report that Terry will continue to serve on the MC and will also mentor our new PTM Coordinator, Collyer Ekholm.

Welcome, Collyer! A longtime Unitarian Universalist, Collyer and husband Steve moved to the Valley when their daughter started school at ASU. They joined UUCP in September 2011, and brought their positive outlook and senses of humor with them! We look forward to Collyer's leadership and creativity as she joins the MC as our new PTM Coordinator. We are happy, too, that Steve has agreed to pitch in and help whenever schlepping or eating are involved! Thanks, Collyer and Steve for your willingness to invest your time and talent in the very important ministries we offer to newcomers.



## Pathway to Membership

Sunday, September 9, 8:45-10:30 AM  
Saturday, September 15, 6:00-8:00 PM

Are you new to UUCP or new to Unitarian Universalism? Please join the fun of getting to know other newcomers. Come to the free two-part Pathway to Membership (PTM) program and learn more about our congregation. Meet our ministers and some of our longtime members. We will explore the meaning of UUCP membership, but there will be no pressure to join. We will honor where you are in your faith journey. Regardless of your decision regarding membership, you will discover how you can get connected to UUCP groups and activities that interest you.

The PTM program is offered four times a year with free childcare. For more information or to register, add your name and contact information to the list at the Welcome Table in the foyer any Sunday morning or leave a message with Rev. Linda at 602-840-8400, Ext. 204 or at [lindalawrence@phoenixuu.org](mailto:lindalawrence@phoenixuu.org). We will get back to you for an RSVP or with answers to your questions about Pathway to Membership.

## Friendship Partners

*Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me;  
I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.*  
—Albert Camus

As we begin the 2012-13 congregation year, Unicare invites those wishing to contribute to our community, by the sharing of friendship and good will, to consider joining our Friendship Partners program.

Friendship Partners pairs active members with those who have physical limitations and/or those who are housebound. You are asked to make at least one phone call or visit per month. In addition and if possible outings—e.g., shopping together, museum and movie viewings, and lunches—are also welcome.

Unicare Friendship Partners would also like to be notified if you or someone you know would like to be paired with a visitor. Please contact Ruth Braunstein at [candrmb@cox.net](mailto:candrmb@cox.net).

## Unicare News

Please welcome our new Unicare Coordinator, Ceyshe' Napa. You can read Ceyshe's short bio in the 2012-2013 UUCP Program Catalog that was mailed out in August. You can also pick up a Program Catalog in the brochure rack in UUCP's foyer.

Ceyshe' will be writing the Unicare News columns in future issues of Horizons. More importantly, she will be the fulcrum of communication between UUCP members and friends, ministers, and Unicare volunteers regarding joys, sorrows, and member care needs.



## Ministry and Committee Reports...

If you have a significant joy or sorrow to share, if you are experiencing loss or illness and are in need of some support, contact Ceyshe' at [unicare@phoenixuu.org](mailto:unicare@phoenixuu.org). If you'd like to be on the email list so that you can send a card, make a call or visit, provide a meal, or offer some other kind of support to someone from our congregation who would appreciate it, let Ceyshe' know and she will add your name and email to that list. This is an important way we stay connected and build a caring community.

Summer has been sizzling by and the UUCP community has shared many joys and sorrows. Among them are the following:

- Katie Raife's father, Ron Phelps, died July 5<sup>th</sup>. We extend our condolences to Katie and the rest of her family.
- Greta Woods was hospitalized with an infection and transferred to the rehabilitation center at Terraces. We hope that she can return to her apartment there soon.
- Penny Butler was also hospitalized this summer and is now living at Always Home, an assisted living facility in North Phoenix. It has been a challenging transition on the heels of her husband's death in the spring. We wish her well.
- We know that many members and friends of our congregation have parents (and other family members) who are ill, and our members are trying to make good decisions and coping with the stress of finding alternative living and health care arrangements for their loved ones. Know that you are not alone during these difficult transitions.
- Anita Silverthorn is having increased difficulty with COPD and is grateful for calls, visits, and the help she receives from the UUCP community.
- Margaret Herrick's dear friend and most faithful telephone buddy, Gloria, died. As Margaret is mostly homebound, we know this is indeed a great loss. Our thoughts are with you, Margaret.
- Sally McDade was in an auto accident that has left her car-less, and she is learning how to get around without a car. We are glad no one was hurt, Sally, and we know this curtailing of your independence is not easy.
- Mike Peterson was also in an auto accident and, unfortunately, was hurt and is now on crutches. Our thoughts are with you, Mike, and we hope you heal quickly.
- Duke Plattner and Susan Morris had a whirlwind week with Duke's dad in the hospital (now in a nursing home), a pipe bursting at home, a niece who had a premature baby (who seems to be doing fine now) and daughter Katie moving to L.A. for a job in the public schools there after receiving her Master's Degree in Speech Pathology in May (congratulations!). We hope things have settled down for their family.
- Angela Jansen and Greg Cline moved to North Carolina. They said that being part of UUCP was the best thing about their time in Arizona. We will certainly miss them!
- Libby Walker had a chance to visit former member Jean Rosenberg in her new CA home and was glad to see that she is doing well and is connected to a UU congregation in her area.
- Manuel Cano and Renee Firing were married on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!
- Sue Kennedy happily welcomed granddaughter Meeka into the family. Again: Congratulations!
- Barb DeWitt defied death several times and celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Way to go!

We are thankful for our congregation and for the opportunity to share the highlights and even the "lowlights" of our lives with one another. May this sharing bring us strength and hope.

Namaste,  
Rev. Linda



## Celebrations of Life

10:30 AM

*September 16<sup>th</sup> we return to two services:*

9:30 AM and 11:15 AM

### SEPTEMBER 2: HYMN SING!

Service Leaders: Gary Lawrence, Worship Associate; Connie Jahrmarkt, Music Director; and Lynne Haeseler, Accompanist

Singing all morning is the order of the day. Bring your water bottles, your kids, your voices! You can even bring your dancing shoes. Instrumentalists are welcome to bring their axes and join in the fun!

### SEPTEMBER 9: MULTIGENERATIONAL GATHERING WATER SERVICE: JOY LIKE A FOUNTAIN

Service Leaders: Revs. Susan Frederick-Gray, Linda Lawrence and Kathy Baughman, and Karin Quinn, Worship Associate

Bring water from a place that is meaningful or sacred to you, perhaps from a water source near your home, a place you traveled on vacation, or even the water from your own home. We will pour the water we have brought together symbolizing the way we share our lives and stories in community.

– BEGIN TWO SERVICES –

### SEPTEMBER 16: PIECES OF WISDOM

Service Leaders: Rev. Linda Lawrence and David Weaver, Worship Associate

Each of us has insight to offer. Each of us has wisdom to gain. How do we create sacred space, combat loneliness, and build community in ways that allow us to both give and receive?

### SEPTEMBER 23: FORGIVING AND FORGIVEN

Service Leaders: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray and Gary Ezzell, Worship Associate

These are the High Holy Days in Judaism, a time for restoring and repairing relationships. This annual practice of forgiving others and seek forgiveness oneself is spiritually renewing and offers wisdom for all our lives.

### SEPTEMBER 30: SOUL FORCE

Service Leaders: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray and Gary Lawrence, Worship Associate

Among scripture, history, tradition and wisdom from the world's religions, Unitarian Universalists value direct experience of mystery and wonder as a source of religious inspiration and renewal. Let's explore how and why we derive meaning from personal experiences of awe and mystery.

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