



*A Welcoming Congregation*

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## Grateful to Share the Journey

The holidays invite a time for reflection. As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach on the calendar, I find myself taking stock in where I stand, in what I am doing, in what my life is. This isn't always an easy or rewarding process. I often am reminded of unfulfilled aspirations or ways I have missed the mark. As this is a season for family gatherings, I can't help but think of relationships with loved ones, family by blood or friendship, that are strained. Some grief also marks the time, for loved ones no longer living, no longer so present around those holiday tables.

The holidays are a season of heightened emotion. When everything is going well, that feeling of elation seems increased. When desperation, frustration or grief marks the time, then the holidays seems to exacerbate those emotions.

I wish there were easy answers, quick solutions for the problems we face, or the suffering we carry. Whether we carry concerns that are personal, relational, financial or political, there are rarely quick answers. Beginning by acknowledging how we feel, welcoming those emotions, even when we do not want to welcome them, is a starting point. And beyond that, it is often the care of friends, and a listening community, that helps us along the path.

One of reasons our mission at UUCP calls us to "Share Journeys" is because sharing the load we carry, sharing the struggle and the rewards of our experiences and our crises helps us through difficult times, and it also lends help to others. Building a caring community requires that we are willing to both share and listen.

I am incredibly encouraged by the way I see our community growing in its care of one another. New events like our Community Nights bring individuals and families together for a meal, singing, conversation and sharing. It has been great to be in the room just taking in some of that caring and laughter that fills the air. The stories I hear of the community rallying around, sending cards and notes and prayers to people and families in need makes me realize how valuable this work of being in community is. Small groups, Senior-i-tea, the music programs—all the ways we gather in small groups helps us share our journeys, and be strengthened along them.

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In this gratitude, I am reminded of how important it is to have companions in our journey, and how important it is to lift up the blessings of our lives, big and small. The people and the moments and the gifts we are thankful for help us remain present and hopeful in our struggles and sorrows.

As you gather together during the holidays with friends and family, I offer these words of my favorite prayer, written by Unitarian Universalist minister, Rev. Richard M. Fewkes:

*For the sun and the dawn which we did not create;  
For the moon and the evening which we did not make;  
For food which we plant but cannot grow;  
For friends and loved ones we have not earned and cannot buy;  
For this gathered company which welcomes us as we are, from wherever we have come;  
For our free faith and all our congregations that keep us human and encourage us in our quest for beauty, truth, and love;  
For all things which come to us as gifts of being from sources beyond ourselves;  
Gifts of life and love and friendship, we lift up our hearts in thanks this day.*

Blessed Be. Amen.

Yours,  
Susan

## From the President

*For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food, for love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.  
For flowers that bloom about our feet;  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;  
For song of bird, and hum of bee;  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*  
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

As the holiday season is upon us, Emerson's words and his expression of gratitude are close in my mind. I cannot help but think about all the reasons why I am grateful for the UUCP.

For teaching me that life is like a potluck; you bring yours, I'll bring mine, we party together;  
For friends who are enthusiastic about my presence and tolerant of my absences; and even more for those who are tolerant of my presence, and discretely enthusiastic about my absences;  
For those who show me compassion, and even more for those who allow me the opportunity to practice my compassion.  
For those who request my leadership, and even more for those who accepted my request of them and then exceeded my own leadership abilities.  
For the honest, quiet moments—over a cup of coffee, or in a parking lot, or in a hospital room;  
For allowing me to try different things, for only then do I find out what does not work;

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For teaching me about hate, racism, prejudice, injustice and intolerance; I can only help make the world a better place after I see that these things are all in me;  
For making me think about identity, equality and inclusion every day, for there are those in our society who must think about these things every moment;  
For those who are willing to be arrested and abused and insulted for the sake of justice, so that I can cheer them on and feel better about myself;  
For those who have less education and fewer degrees than I do, for they can teach me what I have not been able to learn;  
For people who are strange to me, for when I see myself in the stranger I feel a little less alone;  
For the musicians who sing songs I do not like or cannot sing, for slowly, they expand my horizons;  
For people who age gracefully, for they show me that the best is yet to come.  
For people who are youthful and naive, for they show me that the best is yet to come.  
For those who come to our church in pain or grief, or in struggle or exhaustion, for they remind me that we can make a difference.  
For friends in our community who come and go for they remind me that life is a journey of myriad winding rivers and interweaving paths.  
For friends who have left this world, for they show me that memory and love extend beyond worldly boundaries.  
For those who care for others in times of need, like Unicare, for our finest hour occurs when we help those in direst need.  
For all the folks who do the unnumbered, unnoticed things that make the UUCP function, like our staff and volunteers, folks who help pay the bills, and clean the bathrooms and fold the mail, and empty the trash and wash the dishes, and watch the kids, and make the coffee and pass out hymnals, answer phones, etc.; for you do these things from your heart and not for the glory, and are thus even more deserving of gratitude.

Thank you. I am grateful.

Jimmy

Our next Board meetings are:

December 18<sup>th</sup>

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:00 pm in the Johnson Room

All are welcome to join us (especially all you COA candidates!).

## January Congregational Meeting – January 27, 2013

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix will hold its semi-annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 27, 2013, in the sanctuary following the second service. Please be sure to mark your calendars for this important event!

One of the items on the agenda for the Congregational meeting is a vote on proposed changes to our UUCP Bylaws. The Board of Trustees occasionally reviews the Bylaws and makes recommendations for updates to be approved by the Congregation.

The current version of the Bylaws was last updated in January of 2008. Both the current version and the new

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version being proposed for adoption are available for review on the UUCP website:  
<http://www.phoenixuu.org/?q=node/4135#Bylaws>.

The proposed changes to the Bylaws fall into three categories:

- 1) A general ‘clean-up’ of the document for grammar, punctuation, conciseness, and clarity;
- 2) Terminology was updated and references to communications were revised to reflect changes in technology; and
- 3) Substantive changes/additions to content:
  - Section V (Committees) has been deleted;
  - A new section (Section VII – Mail and Publication) has been added;
  - A new sub-section (Section III.A – Definition of Membership) has been added;
  - Changes were made to Section II.C.2 (Procedures for Selection of Candidates) and Section II.D (Officers) to streamline processes and increase transparency.

The Board of Trustees will hold two Town Hall Meetings (Thursday 1/10/13 and Sunday 1/13/13) to provide an opportunity to learn more about the Bylaws updates and also the status of the Congregation’s Strategic Plan.

We look forward to seeing you at the Congregational Meeting!

## From the Business Administrator

As I write this article I am engrossed in the last-minute details for the auction which is being held on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. I am most looking forward to seeing both our preschool families and our congregation members together for a night of fun fundraising for all our programs. Working as closely as I do with both of these communities, it will be a blast having everyone together for a common goal of supporting UUCP and EEC programs.

It has been rewarding to hear members who didn’t come last year say they will not miss it this year, because they want tickets to such and such event or they simply do not want to miss out on the fun. I look forward to reporting back in January’s issue on how we did in our fundraising and sharing who won what.

As most of you know from previous articles I have written, I am currently taking professional development classes through ASU’s Nonprofit Management Institute. There are eight classes I must take in order to receive my Professional Certificate in Nonprofit Management. I have taken six classes so far and I hope to finish this program and graduate this spring. The last class I took was “Financial Management Principles” which corresponded nicely with the first internal audit that the congregation recently performed. Once the auction is over, I will be working closely with the Finance Committee to create our first Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual. You will be hearing more about that work this spring.

In community,

Heidi Parmenter  
Business Administrator

## Greetings from your Music Director!

Dancing, singing, shaking, notes are flying everywhere! Thank you to all the musicians who inspire us weekly!

Hey have you heard the latest in the UUCP music scene? **One Breath** is singing every month in our services. This is music you won't want to miss! Blended voices, rhythm and style. One Breath brings everything together with songs meant to warm your heart and challenge your conscience.

Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> is your chance to sing all the Christmas carols you want! **Outreach Music Ministry** will be organizing caroling to members. Check the weekly *Compass* for when and where to meet.

We don't get to see some of our longtime members every Sunday because it can be challenging to attend services. Caroling is one of the most fun ways to let some of our friends know that we care. And everyone loves carolers on the doorstep! Singers and instrumentalists are welcome! Let Jerry Whalin know you want to carol: [gerald.whalin@cox.net](mailto:gerald.whalin@cox.net), 480-990-3097.

**Calling all Candlelight processors!** We'll meet in the Sanctuary, dressed in black on Christmas Eve at 4:30 pm sharp. We'll rehearse for 30 minutes and process at both Christmas Eve services. Questions? Contact Connie: [thebandeuropa@cox.net](mailto:thebandeuropa@cox.net) or 480-970-8807.

**Night with the Chalice** will be held on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. This contemplative evening of music and inspiration is the vision of our pianist, Lynne Haeseler. Come to the community dinner at 6:00 pm and stay for a service of meditation and music to inspire and renew.

Last month the **Family Choir** made their yearly debut! What a great group! If you missed out, you can be a part of the group again in April. Watch the *Compass* for rehearsal times. We'll sing on Earth Day!

On singing, from Ysaye Barnwell, co-founder of Sweet Honey In the Rock, prolific composer and teacher of singing, told UU musicians in Arlington, "If you came in this room, your voice has a right to be heard."

Connie Jahrmarkt, CML

P.S. Did you know Cabaret is scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>? Pass it on!

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

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Jo Ann Davy  
Agnes Lenore Hetebrueg Ericson  
Mary Louise Grobe  
Steven Knight  
Robert Sclater  
Ann Sclater

## UUCP Accessibility: Spread the Word!

Now that we have new, lovely, more accessible restroom facilities, we can certainly congratulate ourselves, but you may wonder how do we best get people with physical challenges into our building to use our beautiful facilities and participate in our programs? To assist in that endeavor, early in 2013 there will be new signs in our parking lots directing people to our accessible building entrances. Updated campus maps, highlighting our accessible entrances and bathrooms, will also be posted. Until then and even after these changes are made, we ask all members and friends of the congregation to be aware of the following information and share it with visitors, newcomers, or anyone else that might benefit from knowing about our accessibility options:

- We have two accessible entrances to the Main Building. At the West Entrance (by the preschool classrooms), there is an accessible automatic door opener and a doorbell. The West Entrance is our most accessible entrance to the Main Building. The Main Building can also be accessed from the North Patio gate. This gate is open on Sunday mornings, Thursday evenings, and for other major special events.
- We have two level entrances to our Annex Buildings from the East and West parking lots. Both entrances are gated. People who need assistance in accessing the Annex Buildings should contact the office or the leader of the event they are attending to be sure the gates will be left open for them. Please note that staff and congregational leaders will be getting a list of reminders to help ensure that doors, gates, and lights are ready prior to events so that we might better welcome people who have accessibility challenges.

Many of you will be delighted to know that Larry Duke, our handyman, recently adjusted the light at the North Patio gate entrance. It now comes on in response to movement within 100 feet and it remains on for 20 minutes. There is also now a second light at that entrance which remains on when it is dark outside. We hope this will improve safety and accessibility concerns at that entrance.

Spread the word!

Thanks,

Heidi Parmenter, Rev. Linda and Rev. Susan

## UUCP Community Nights

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>

We will continue 6:00 pm Thursday evening potluck dinners in the Johnson Room—or, if you prefer, bring your own sack supper. This is a great time to get to know other UUCP members and friends over a shared meal, and it's a good way to have a relaxed dinner prior to your Thursday evening class or other UUCP event. Don't have a Thursday evening meeting or activity lined up at UUCP? That's alright! You can come anyway, enjoy dinner, and just sit awhile and visit! Chalice Club activities for kids begin at 6:30 for children whose parents are staying on campus. If you want childcare for a little one who is two years old or younger, please let Children's Ministry Director Anne Byrne know in advance so that we have an appropriate number of child care professionals in place ([annebyrne@phoenixuucp.org](mailto:annebyrne@phoenixuucp.org)).

Please note there will be no Community Night on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Arizona Immigration Ministry

### NO DREAM DEFERRED IS OUR WISH FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

The UUCP campus will have up to 300 visitors on December 15<sup>th</sup>, when many of those we know as “Dream Act” young adults will be working with volunteers from their own ranks, from UUCP, and from several other groups with whom UUCP has worked on migrant and indigenous rights campaigns.

Unitarian Universalist Rev. Elizabeth M. Strong writes in her *Meditation on Winter Celebrations* that in this season, we have  
“Celebrations

Of the birth of new hope,  
Of the festival of lights,  
Of the triumph of freedom.”

The Arizona Immigration Ministry celebrates with young adult members of the No Dream Deferred campaign who have new hope and who see the light of freedom ahead. We will work with them quietly on a dark day, just before the solstice, to move toward their dreams.

The event stems from the issuance of a directive June 15, 2012 by the Department of Homeland Security stating that many undocumented persons aged 15-30 who meet certain criteria can be issued Deferred Action, thus alleviating fear of deportation. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix is a member of Somos America and for several years we have been working with the young people who could benefit from this directive.

Many of those we know as “Dream Act” young adults will benefit from Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a small change in federal policy, if their applications for deferred action and employment authorization are approved. They will be afforded protection against deportation for a period of two years, during which time many will go to school or work. The local campaign to assist youth in applying for DACA is called “No Dream Deferred.”

The No Dream Deferred Campaign is a partnership between the Arizona Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the Arizona State Bar Association, the Arizona Dream Act Coalition, the Somos America Coalition, and others. UUCP and many of our human rights partners are active in the Somos America Coalition.

Several UUCP members will be trained on December 13<sup>th</sup> to assist DACA applicants one on one, helping them organize paperwork as they fill out applications. Other UUCP volunteers will welcome our visitors, help at sign-in tables, shuttle food, etc. Most of the UUCP volunteers have already been recruited. For more information, please email Sandy, as listed below.

Con abrazos fuertes,

Sandy Weir  
Arizona Immigration Ministry Organizer  
[sandyweir@phoenixuu.org](mailto:sandyweir@phoenixuu.org)

## Christmas in the Desert

I let go of the traditional religious meaning of Christmas many years ago, but still Christmas holds a place of significance for me. When my children were youth, our enthusiasm was high with anticipation and plans, but when my family and I traveled from Colorado to Phoenix for the Christmas holidays it was with some trepidation. More accurately, I was the one feeling anxious. My sons loved to come down and play in the warm weather. For me though, the Phoenix weather was just not aligned with my notions of Christmas. Colorado, now that was Christmas weather!

I have it in my head that the weather should be cold and preferably snowy at Christmas. Kind of silly, but true, nonetheless. Christmas conjures up images in my mind, and I want to match my reality with those images. I suspect this is a common phenomenon for many of us.

Often there are large gaps between our images and the reality of the upcoming holidays. My hopes for a snowy Christmas in Phoenix are just not going to come true! Fortunately, I share the UU tradition of creating my own beliefs, traditions and holiday rituals. You too can find meaning in ways important to you, and in so doing, positively line up your images of Christmas with your reality.

This year, my extended family will gather here to enjoy the season in the desert, but more importantly, to spend time with my brother Tom who is engaged in a fight for his life against esophageal cancer. I don't think I will spend much time concerned about our desert warmth and whether or not it feels like Christmas. This will be a memorable Christmas, as it may well be Tom's last. This year, please remember my family during the holidays by loving your own families and creating your own special meaning for the holidays.

Happy holidays!

Anne Byrne  
Director of Children's Ministries

## Play is an Art Form at UU Early Education Cooperative Preschool

There has likely never been a toy created that can rival the hours of imaginative play that a good sand yard can produce. We have an awesome sand playground in our UU Early Education Cooperative Preschool and it produces hours and hours of entertainment for our preschool family. I was filling in for a sick teacher the other day and was able to observe our three-year-old boys hard at play in the sand. Daniel and Levi were busy pouring water in a pan full of sand, dumping it out, filling up the pan with sand and repeating. Levi was in control of the pouring pitcher until Daniel politely asked if he could have a turn and Levi eagerly handed it to Daniel. Under the play structure, Spencer, Charlie and Max were busy digging with a variety of kitchen tools. One of the boys was using an old rotary mixer to churn up the sand, the results of which were interesting to the other two.

It is true the boys were acting on their own inclinations, but their interactions have been hugely influenced by the teachers' and co-oping parents' prompts and coaching about how to be a friend. Daniel's polite request to take a turn with the pitcher is a major milestone for a three-year-old and one consciously coached in the preschool.

Play is at the foundation of the UUEEC philosophy, and with it the fundamentals on how to be a friend, stand up for yourself and resolve conflicts. Play provides an incredibly rich opportunity for preschool kids to develop



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social, cognitive, gross and fine motor skills, and UUEEC does play right! Our classrooms and play areas are well equipped with materials that engage the senses, brain, and body. The play is not without rules and guidance that are embedded in the activities, enhancing their meaningfulness and applicability.

This idyllic scene I observed in the sand play yard gave me pause as I marveled at the boys' absorption in their play. Frankly, I felt a bit jealous as I yearned for some engaged play of my own. Even if I had the time and inclination, I am not completely sure I still know how to play. In this world of hustle, hustle, work and work, a little play could go a long way to creating a better world. Our preschool kids will enter the formal school world with all its inherent responsibilities and rules soon enough. It is critical for all young people to develop responsibilities but the focus in our preschool is our responsibility to one another, learned through play.

Come see our preschool in operation at one of our upcoming Open Houses. Since 1961, our preschool has provided child-centered, play-based early education programs for children ages 2-5 years old.

### Open House!

UU Early Education Cooperative Preschool

December 7, 9:30-11:30 am

January 11, 9:30-11:30 am

RSVP to Catherine Desberg ([catherinedesberg@phoenixuu.org](mailto:catherinedesberg@phoenixuu.org)) or call 602-840-8400, ext. 233.

Anne Byrne

Director of Children's Ministries

## Inside Our Youth Ministries...

### 7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE – COA (COMING OF AGE)

Within the last month, our Coming of Age class has been talking about religion and how to talk about religion. They have discussed the history of Quakerism and attended a Sunday Quaker Meeting. They have worked on writing an "elevator speech" and discussed ways to share our values to others. They have eaten lots of sugar and other good foods, they have played ball, made new friends, laughed together and challenged one another. They have connected with adult members of the congregation and continue to build relationship with their mentors. And they have all grown already! Teachers and parents have reported that our youth are asking deeper questions, sharing more about what they believe, and searching for what feels right.

Some of you may be called upon to take part in an interview process with one or more of our COA students, and we ask you to please share honestly. Our youth are charged with interviewing six members of the congregation, with questions about the nature of God, life and death, religious



*Coming of Age class ready for Quaker Meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>.*

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beliefs, how you came to be a Unitarian Universalist, and more! If you would like to be interviewed, please contact our Youth Ministries Coordinator, Jaynn Truran, to arrange this special meeting!

In December, COA will begin to look at the origin of specific UU rituals, and will find the similarities to some of the other faiths the class has discussed. They will also discuss the individual responsibilities that come with being a member of any faith community, and they will work on a fun activity to demonstrate what God might look like.

COA meets at 9:30 am each Sunday in Annex Room H. All are welcome!

### 9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE – YRUU (YOUNG RELIGIOUS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS)

Our high school group has been meeting each Sunday morning to look inward, to look outward, to talk about how the world might be a better place, to discuss the best TV shows, to giggle about the worst musical groups, to tell each other about their favorite people, and to tackle some tough issues. They discussed politics, mental illness, self-identity, and what it means to be quiet. Some attended a youth conference, some went to work in Boston, some attended board meetings and some played a lot of video games.

Our youth group encompasses many different personalities and passions, and so our topics likewise reflect that diversity. December brings us the chance to discuss whether we can create peace, or if we are naturally drawn to violence. We will also do a fun hands-on activity showing how our lives are woven together, and we will spend one Sunday just singing and playing instruments! On top of all that, we will have a festive holiday party and continue to work on our February 3<sup>rd</sup> worship service.

If you have an idea or special topic for our high school group, please contact our Youth Ministries Coordinator, Jaynn Truran.

YRUU meets at 9:30 am each Sunday in the Youth Room, Annex Room C.

### SECOND SERVICE YOUTH PROGRAM (GRADES 7-12)

The COA and YRUU classes meet during the first worship service on Sundays. All youth in grades 7-12 that arrive or visit UUCP during the second worship service are invited to a 20-minute sermon discussion that begins at 11:15 am in Annex C. At 11:35 am, we will go into the sanctuary to listen to the day's sermon or homily.

For more information about Coming of Age or YRUU, contact Youth Ministries Coordinator Jaynn Truran at [jaynntruran@phoenixuu.org](mailto:jaynntruran@phoenixuu.org).

## Search for Happiness

January 10 & 17, 2013  
6:30-8:00 pm, Annex C

Instructor/Facilitator Diane Mote returns in the new year for another popular Adult Faith Development class, Search for Happiness. Diane, an author and Licensed Professional Counselor, will compare quotes and brief excerpts from two New York Times bestselling books on happiness, books with radically opposing views: *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne and *Happier* by Tan Ben-Shahar. There is no need to read the books in advance in order to attend this class. Diane will provide materials in class to prompt discussion about how the authors' ideas fit with participants' values and lives.

If you've already purchased a \$35 UU Studies Pass at the Book Table, you can use it to be admitted to this class. For those without a pass, the cost for the class is \$10 payable at the Book Table in the back of the sanctuary on any Sunday morning or payable at the first class meeting. Whether you have a pass, pay at the Book Table in advance, or plan to pay when you come to class, you must register in advance! Please sign up at the Book Table on Sundays or call the office at 602-840-8400, Ext. 200, and leave a message for one of our Office Volunteers.

## Harvest of Opportunities

On October 28<sup>th</sup> we had 22 congregational groups participate in this year's annual fair showcasing many of the ways to get involved at UUCP. Thanks to all who set up displays and were there to "people" the tables and answer questions. Thanks to all who came to get information and learn more about our various ministries, activities and committees. A special thank you goes to the Membership Committee who assisted in set up and clean up, and great gratitude is extended to the fair planners: Joan Gale, Jenny Jones Moats, and Rev. Linda.

We had some prizewinners: Lori Rubin Williamson, Laurie Rosales, and Tanya Bergstein won the gift baskets. Congratulations! Lillian Habeich and Garrett McCorkle won Olive and Oliver, the wonderful scarecrows made by Jenny Jones Moats. Congratulations! We hope that everyone who attended this event felt like a winner!



Left: Joan Gale, Jenny Jones Moats, and Rev. Linda Lawrence with Oliver the Scarecrow; at right: Jenny with Olive the Scarecrow.



## Share the Plate

Our Share the Plate program on December 9<sup>th</sup> will benefit the Kids Cafe and weekend backpack food program of United Food Bank. United Food Bank serves eastern Maricopa County and beyond by delivering food to social service agencies. Longtime UUCP member Bob Kammerle serves on the board of this important service to alleviate hunger in the Valley. Thank you for giving and helping UUCP make a difference!

## Traveling 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays 2013

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

### **January 11: *New Beginnings In Chiapas* with Robyn Valdizon**

"I started going to Mexico in 2006 and as a fluent Spanish speaker and lover of culture, I always felt at home wherever I went and with whomever I encountered. In 2010, I spent most of the summer in Mexico. I had for years yearned to visit Chiapas, Mexico's southernmost and poorest state, a state with a variety of cultures and conflicts. I learned of a massacre at a village in 1997 and while in San Cristobal de Las Casas, had the opportunity to go to this village and spend time with some of its people. Once a month the village holds a memorial service for the victims. It was the most humbling experience of my life. I also got to interact with some of the young children denied basic rights such as an education while in San Cristobal and visited a Zapatista village. I left Chiapas feeling I had discovered a new path in life; one that led me to desire fewer material things and be deliberate in the relationships in my life."

### **February 8: *In Search of Gross National Happiness – Our Trip To Bhutan* with Don & Judy Peters**

"In 2002, our planned trip to Nepal was cancelled by uprisings and we decided to go to Bhutan, a Himalayan kingdom north of India. We found a magical place, unlike any other. The people we met were the happiest we have encountered anywhere. In addition to traveling by van along the national road through all the major population centers, we also took a four-day hike along the Bumthang Trek. We look forward to sharing our experiences and pictures with you."

### **March 8: *Follow Your Dream, No Matter Where* with Barb Dewitt**

"When I was 48 years old, I decided that I'd been afraid of falling for long enough, so I decided to sky-dive. I did it and learned that I can be afraid and still do whatever it is that I want. When I was 50, I got the opportunity to go to New Zealand for three years, to backpack around Australia for three months, to go to Germany for another three years, to visit France, Spain, Egypt, and many other countries. Come with me as I recall scuba diving with sharks, sailing an old three-masted ship, and all the rest of the things you can do with just a tiny smidgen of money and a bit of courage."

### **April 12: *Malta, The Oldest Place* with Walt & Ruth Pinkus**

In 1998, Walt and Ruth were scheduled to experience their first Elderhostel, in Assisi, Italy. An earthquake caused the cancellation of that program, and at the last minute they were switched to a program in Malta on the same dates. It was the luckiest of accidents. In the course of the two-week program they learned that tiny Malta contains the oldest freestanding building on earth, among many other ancient monuments, and has often been the key to the history of the area during thousands of years. Without Malta the Allies might well have lost WWII! Being professional photographers, the Pinkuses documented everything they saw, from ancient temples through medieval ramparts to the secret WWII war rooms. Come and be inspired!

### **May 10: *From the Top of Kilimanjaro to the Plains of the Serengeti* with Julie Smart & Gary Ezzell**

The climb to the top of the highest mountain in Tanzania is a rigorous but oh-so-rewarding adventure. Learn a brief history of this mountain and today's challenges to this environment. From there we go to the plains of the Serengeti where the animal and bird life are some of the most fascinating on earth.

### **June 14: *Mystical Morocco* with Barbara Cawthorne**

The Kingdom of Morocco is one of the most exotic travel destinations, with mud and clay architecture of the kasbahs, the palace-filled medieval cities like Marrakech and Fes, and the mystical landscapes of the Sahara. This is also the home of the highest mountain range in northern Africa, the High Atlas. Camel treks into the dunes of the Sahara, walking ancient streets of Roman ruins, visiting souqs and kasbahs and medinas, and walking through the fishing ports when they bring in their catch are only a few of the reasons why Morocco is magical.

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

## Social Action News

### SAC HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

The Social Action Committee will be spearheading two Holiday Collection Drives this year:

- 1) SAC will partner with Interfaith Cooperative Ministries to collect toiletries, non-perishable food and new (or gently used) clothing for deserving families throughout the Valley.
- 2) SAC will partner with Booker T. Washington Head Start School to collect socks, underwear, jackets and other *new clothing* for the preschool kids attending this renowned preschool facility.

Please make yourself a note now to help us with our efforts. Donations may be dropped off in the donation boxes at the SAC Table starting Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. For more ideas, a detailed list of the items most highly prized for both organizations will be at the SAC Table. Stop by after either service for more information or contact Trent Tripp at [socialaction@phoenixuu.org](mailto:socialaction@phoenixuu.org).

### SAC LUNCHEONS

There will be no Social Action Luncheon in December, but please plan to join us on January 20, 2013 when our speaker will be Shirley Tong, a social activist and expert in Latin American culture and history. For more information contact [socialaction@phoenixuu.org](mailto:socialaction@phoenixuu.org).

### AZ STATE TAX CREDITS

Working Poor Tax Credit and School Tax Credit programs are available to Arizonans. The UUCP Social Action Committee can help you understand how to take advantage of them. We also will recommend deserving recipients like Booker T. Washington Head Start School. Stop by the SAC table for more information on these programs.



## Do You Relapse in Black and White or in Color?

One of the strangest phenomena in early recovery is the persistent using dreams that creep into your unconscious mind. For about a year, I would have dreams where I was socializing at a party and drinking a Coke or similar beverage. Someone would ask me if I wanted another and I'd say yes. I'd be so busy chatting away in the dream and only when I took a sip would I realize I had been handed a beer or mixed drink. Eventually the dreams lessened and finally, mostly, have disappeared. It is such a strange feeling to take your recovery "one day at a time" only to realize John Barleycorn does nighttime visitations too.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 4:30 pm, we are wide awake and spiritually alert in Annex B. If you have a compulsive behavior involving drugs, alcohol, sex, gambling, gaming, overeating, eating disorders, or shopping, drop by for our group discussion. Call Gene at 602-361-9067 or Michael at 602-488-1188 if you would like more details about the *2nd & 4th Saturdays Addictions Discussion Group*. We are not a 12-step group. We do a check-in and speak on a topic. Six months sobriety recommended.

Oh, and I definitely dream in Technicolor!

Gene H.

## Welcoming Ministry Volunteers Needed

Does the idea of rising early on Sunday mornings scare you? Are you afraid to be seen before services actually begin? Take heart and have courage, friends. As you can see, we welcome you and we NEED you whether your hair is combed or your make-up is not quite right. Don't worry about dark circles under your eyes! Just commit to arriving 20-30 minutes early at least once a month to help welcome members, friends, and visitors to our services. It's a fun and easy way to serve UUCP. To learn more, contact Rev. Linda at [lindalawrence@phoenixuu.org](mailto:lindalawrence@phoenixuu.org) or 602-840-8400, Ext. 204, or you can sign up at one of the following doodlelinks and Rev. Linda will see that you are paired with an experienced volunteer for training:

Greeters: <http://doodle.com/m66sfd2cwbvvhdt>

Ushers: <http://doodle.com/99hf34tpgq2dgcr8>

We thank our Sound Technician, Nathan Greene, for posing for this photo in his Halloween/Dia de Los Muertos garb.



## Men's group Hiatus

Men's group will not meet in December but will reorganize in the spring to plan a special project. Any questions or ideas concerning our future work, please contact Michael Relland at [mjvielle@yahoo.com](mailto:mjvielle@yahoo.com) or 602-321-8991.

## Senior-i-Tea Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
2:00-4:00 pm

Join other lively 60+ers as we gather to celebrate the winter holidays. Make sure you're on time, because you won't want to miss our own UU Santa, Igor Glenn, who will entertain and lead us in a rousing holiday singalong starting promptly at 2:05! Igor is an accomplished singer, musician, comic and cartoonist who frequently contributes his talents to our Sunday morning services. To learn more about Igor, visit his website at <http://www.igorsjasscowboys.com>.

A few members of this group are willing and able to provide transportation to this event. If you need a ride, please contact Rev. Linda at 602-840-8400, Ext. 204, and we'll see what we can do to have you join us.



Please remember to bring books you've read for the book exchange table and, if you wish, bring a sign-up sheet for our Adventure Club (opportunities for outings or gatherings hosted by our participants). Last month, we had a group plan to go see the movie "Lincoln" and another group who agreed to help make decorations for UUCP's Thanksgiving dinner. If you have a "field trip" or activity for which you'd like others to join you, simply make a sign-up sheet with the important information at the top (event, date, time) and bring it with you on the 19<sup>th</sup>. You can place it on the Adventure Club table, and people will add their names and contact information to the sheet so that you can coordinate plans with them.\*

\*Please note, even if you think, as does Lois Fisher, that cleaning one of your closets might count as an adventure, such things are NOT on the list of approved Adventure Club activities!

## A Remembrance

Betty Byron, a former member of our congregation, died peacefully on October 19<sup>th</sup> with Bill and her daughter, Sheila, at her side. Betty and Bill moved to Tempe six and a half years ago. Betty served our church on the Foundation Board and the Board of Trustees, and was active in the Women's Alliance. She and Bill supported our wilderness camp, SAWUURA, and Betty was its treasurer for many years. Bill can be contacted at: Bill Webb, 998 E. Todd Drive, Tempe, AZ 85283; phone 602-790-7007; email [Bill@BillWebb.com](mailto:Bill@BillWebb.com).

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## From the Archives: *The Annual Bazaar*

compiled by Charlotte Carl-Mitchell

“The history of this church is totally incomplete without a description of the Annual Bazaar, planned and implemented by the Women’s Alliance,” reported Frances Bishop in her *History of The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Phoenix* published in 1974. She continued, “The Bazaar is held on a Saturday early in December, but the work starts early in April, when small groups of Alliance members meet at the church until summer and, during the summer months, meet at various homes. At these meetings the women produce beautiful Christmas decorations, hand-made household and personal articles from pot holders to aprons, and baby clothes and decorative items which become the stock in trade of what has come to be one of the Valley’s most bizarre bazaars. On the day of the Bazaar, by some human miracle, the church is transformed—this is not only a Bazaar: it is the greatest festival of the year.



*A professional promotional photo, getting ready for the bazaar shows left to right, Viola Kanaly, Lucy Allen and Mimi Muth.*

“One enters the foyer and finds the walls festooned with Christmas decorations. Tables are laden with more decorations, candies, beautiful jewel or treasure boxes. On into the main auditorium: the periphery of the building is lined with tables displaying “white elephants,” electrical appliances, needle work, books, clothing, jewelry—well, you name it, they have it. There is a food bar and attractively decorated tables for a quick snack or a full lunch. In the center is a table of take-home baked goods, jellies, jams and pickles. The LRY gets into the act with entertainment for the youngest children.” [Editor’s note: LRY was the former name of the youth group, now YRUU.]

“Of course, the whole enterprise is planned and engineered by the Women’s Alliance but by the time the last table is taken down and the last chair put back in place, it is a safe estimate that probably 90% of the friends and members of the church have participated in one way or another, if only donating a pie, cake or some home-made pickles or jelly.

“The Bazaar represents hours upon hours of work from many people, but it is truly a church festival. But the greatest human miracle of all is the fact that on Sunday morning the church is in condition for our usual Celebration of Life.”



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Billye Butler has “many memories of the Christmas bazaar—happy and some funny. It was a ‘big deal,’ really brought everyone together, was like a fair or jubilee. Some of the early members made beautiful handmade linens, and one dear person I recall was Juanita Paul who made exquisite note cards with tiny dried flowers on rice paper—and her hands were gnarled from severe arthritis. We had a food area with lots of wonderful sweets, pies, cookies and breads, etc. I remember making over a dozen loaves of beer bread that went out fast. Jean Berry and I with several others made ‘monster cookies’ in the kitchen at church, and with such huge amounts of ingredients had to resort to mixing them in large garbage bags! (Clean ones I promise.)

“On some occasions some of us brought our sleeping bags and slept at church—to guard our treasures! It was a little scary because our old church made a lot of creaky sounds in the quiet of night but it was fun and we laid our bags close for comfort. On one occasion a person working in the clothing took off a lovely sweater, hung it on a chair and another sales lady sold it! We would buy something and if it was admired by another, we would assure them we would bring it back next year so they could buy it!

“Another memory is of Joanne Michael’s mother, a sweet Southern lady, who brought cornbread dressing that was delicious, and her ‘secret’ ingredient I felt was the green chiles she used. That is a tradition now in my Thanksgiving dressing.

“I made more friends through this event than any other and I loved being a part of it. I know the archives probably tell how much the bazaar supported the church, especially in the early days. I heard it even paid the minister’s salary at one point. It paved the parking lot, put in carpet, donated to SAWUARRA, supported students at Starr King [School for UU Ministry], etc.”

Billye’s memory about the importance of the fundraising done by the bazaar and other activities of the Women’s Alliance is corroborated in Frances Bishop’s history. “In the early days of the Alliance they met in the evening and it was largely a social group. After two or three years, however, and when our membership declined, the Alliance was largely responsible for keeping the church alive. They participated in many fund-raising activities, and this money was not used for such refinements as carpeting for the foyer but rather, in many cases, went to paying the utility bills and even part of the minister’s salary.”



*Billye Butler and 'Spuds MacKenzie' at the 1988 bazaar.*



*Tish Gauntt overseeing tables at the 1988 bazaar. Tish remembers competing with Lucienne Rusconi for antique jewelry!*

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Joanne Michael was church administrator for many years and remembers the bazaars. “My remembrances of the bazaars are that we advertised for and collected donations for several months prior to the event. As they came in we sorted into specific categories: What comes to mind are ‘white elephants’ (always a big draw and many donations); baked goods (in fact we several times had a special time when we gathered in the kitchen and baked together—along with individual donations); jewelry; books; holiday decorations; clothing; toys; and probably more that I’m not remembering.

“We were able to use a storage room down by the nursery. Everything was set up in the sanctuary except for clothing in the Johnson Room (where we set up a corner for a fitting room). The night before several of us brought sleeping bags, had dinner delivered and spent the night as protectors of the goods. One time I heard a startling noise coming from the corridor and went out to check on it—only to find that a picture had fallen from the wall—no robbers. The whole event was a wonderful opportunity for members and friends of the church to become closer.”

The annual bazaar continued into at least the late 1980s but as more women went to work outside the home, it became too time consuming to do. But those involved in the event have many fond memories of it.



*The ladies working the Boutique in 1983 are Eleanor Vergis, Joanne Michael and Betty Byron.*



*Gene Fritts and Ellie Murphy working the Handmades table in 1988.*

### *A Correction on last month's article on the Memorial Garden:*

In last month's article on the gardens and grounds of UUCP, Marilou Coy said of the Memorial Garden statues, “A local group of Valley leaders chose UUCP for the final home, after the statues had a national tour, including a time in Washington, DC.” A question was raised about that statement and I checked with John Waddell. He said that was incorrect, the statues never traveled. Ray Manker learned that John was working on the project and wanted to have the statues on the church property. After the statues were refused a home in Birmingham, they were placed on our grounds.



## Finance Committee

The past month has seen an improvement in the level of pledge support but for the fiscal year the pledges received as still under the budgeted amount by \$16,300. Since the expenses to date continue to track properly, the overall budget is currently operating at a substantial loss. The committee will continue to monitor the budget during the next several months and, if necessary, make recommendations for a revised budget.

Everyone should have received stewardship and capital pledge statements. If you have any questions concerning the statements please contact Heidi Parmenter. If you are one of the many members who make payments towards your pledge on a regular payment schedule, we recommend that you make use of an automated payment plan. With this process, there is no need to write checks as the payments are withdrawn from your account on a monthly basis. If you are interested in enrolling in this automatic payment process, please contact Heidi Parmenter at the office between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday [602-840-8400](tel:602-840-8400) or email [administrator@phoenixuu.org](mailto:administrator@phoenixuu.org).

## Unicare

### UNICARE LUNCHEON

Twenty people attended last month's Unicare thank you luncheon. We heard about the overall program and email support list from Unicare Coordinator, Ceyshe' Napa. Ruth Braunstein reported on the status of our Friendship Partners program and thanked those involved. Barbara Berg explained how she works with the ministers for memorial service planning and thanked those who have helped with these services. Jerry Whalin spoke about the Outreach Music Ministry, a cooperative effort of Unicare and the Music Committee. We talked with Rev. Susan and Rev. Linda about our hopes to eventually have a better system of providing transportation to those who need rides to services and other congregational events. Finally, we practiced our "elevator speeches" so that we can better tell people what Unicare is all about.

We consider all members and friends of the congregation to be a part of our larger Unicare "committee" because we each have a responsibility to create and maintain a caring community. If you're interested in serving in a somewhat more official capacity by signing up to be on our email list to send cards, make calls or visits, and occasionally provide a meal to someone who is ill, please email [unicare@phoenixuu.org](mailto:unicare@phoenixuu.org) or contact Rev. Linda at 602-840-8400, Ext. 204. If you would like to help with memorial services and receptions or be a special friend to someone who is unable to regularly get to campus for services and other events, the above contact information is the way to volunteer. Or you can always check in with Ceyshe', Ruth, Barbara, Rev. Linda or Rev. Susan to see if they've perfected their "elevator speeches" and to tell them you'd like to be a part of the Unicare team!



*Ruth Braunstein (Friendship Partners Coordinator), Ceyshe' Napa (Unicare Coordinator), Rev. Linda Lawrence, and Barbara Berg (Memorial Services Coordinator) at Unicare Luncheon.*

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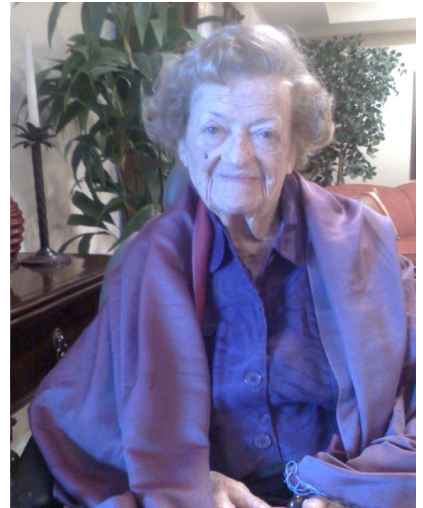
### FRIENDSHIP PARTNERS

#### *Margreta "Greta" Woods*

Greta Woods has been a member of our congregation for the past 40 years and is now 93 years old. Most recently, you may have seen her at a service, accompanied by her Friendship Partner Barbara DeWitt.

Her parents met and married in 1910 in what was then the Arizona Territory. Her father worked on the construction of the Roosevelt Dam and her mother was a high school teacher and principal in Globe.

Greta was born and raised as a Unitarian in Beverly Hills, California. She attended Beverly Hills High School and went on to earn both a B.A. and M.A. in Romantic Languages at Stanford University. Using her language skills, she taught Spanish to Army Air Corps personnel during World War II.



She and her husband subsequently lived in Argentina for 14 years where he was an executive at Kaiser. When he was transferred to Phoenix to manage a Kaiser factory, Greta joined the UUCP congregation, served on the Trust Fund committee and helped to manage its funds. She was a founding member of the Phoenix chapter of Amnesty International.

For a number of years, Greta was active with the organization Friends of Mexican Art. She led tours to artists' and craftspersons' studios in Mexico and helped the organization give works of art to the Heard and Phoenix Art Museums.

Greta is very proud of her three sons and their commitment to the UU faith. The oldest leads the Caring Committee of the UU Fellowship in Ajiji, Mexico; the second is a sales engineer in the Phillippines and the third is a lawyer in Las Vegas. A grandson is working on brain research at Harvard University.

Greta is very aware of current world happenings and strongly supports our denomination's philosophy of obligation to those in need.

### UNICARE COMMUNITY NEWS

- Former UUCP member Betty Byron died peacefully on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We send her husband Bill Webb our thoughts and prayers.
- Don Moran, former active member of our congregation and continuing reader of Horizons, writes that wife Nancy is now in an Alzheimers care facility.
- Julie Wambach had heart surgery in October. She and her husband, Rick, are grateful for all the support from their UUCP friends. Julie welcomes emails and cards.
- Our condolences to Sally McDade as her sister, Suzanne Taylor, passed away last month.
- We hope Derek and Nicole Nielsen and their children are all healthy now as Charlie was in the hospital with pneumonia in November and his baby sister had croup.
- Another one of our congregation's children, Matthew Copeland-Wheaton, has also been hospitalized off and on during the past month. Our thoughts are with parents Vicki, Mark, and Matthew's two brothers as doctors attempt to diagnosis Matthew's condition.
- Barbara and Dave Cawthorne's son, Gary, was in a serious accident in Denver, CO, and his recovery will be long and challenging. The Cawthornes' young adult grandson, Chris, is also going through some tough

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changes. We send our love and support to the Cawthornes in hopes that all will be well.

- We are sorry to hear that Margo Reed, a longtime musical contributor to our congregation, suffered a heart attack last month.
- The Lawrences are happy that their son-in-law, Josh Russell, has completed his one-year tour of duty in Afghanistan and will now retire from the USAF.
- Simon Waldehaimanot, one of our Eritrean refugee friends, passed the California Bar Exam. He will be teaching Global Justice at ASU and plans to practice immigration law. Congratulations, Simon!

Please take a moment to extend your personal greetings of concern or congratulations to the members and friends listed here. If you have any joys or sorrows you wish to share with the UUCP community, please write them down Sunday mornings on the slips provided at the back of the sanctuary or contact [unicare@phoenixuu.org](mailto:unicare@phoenixuu.org).

Walk in beauty,  
Ceyshe' Napa, Unicare Coordinator

## Welcome, New Members!

Welcome to the seven new members who signed the Membership Book following the November Pathway to Membership (PTM) series. This newcomer group is somewhat different from other PTM groups because the majority of these new members have been involved with other Unitarian Universalist congregations in the past. We are delighted to have all of them as members of this UU community! Be on the lookout for them at services and other events so that you can greet them. They are: Tanya Bergstein and Colin Brodd, Michelle Bulna, Shannon Dougherty, Emma Farrell, Sarah Moore, and Carl Tippins. Their photos and some of their bios are printed below, and their pictures will also be posted on the new member poster outside Office 2.



*Colin and Tanya*

**Colin Anders Brodd** is a third-generation Unitarian Universalist from the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. He is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, with degrees in History, Classics, and Latin and Classical Humanities. Colin was formerly a member of First Unitarian in Providence, but moved to the Phoenix area in July 2011. Colin teaches Latin at a local charter school, and spends a great deal of time reading books in and about Latin and Ancient Greek. Colin is a Stoic philosopher and a member of Nova Roma, a group dedicated to reconstructing ancient Roman culture and practices. Classicism is a lifestyle for Colin; his hobbies include science fiction and fantasy books, movies, and role playing games. He enjoys attending UUCP with Tanya and her boys, Andrew and Eli.

**Tanya Bergstein** is new to Unitarian Universalism after many long years of searching for a group that “felt right.” An Arizona native, she is a graduate of ASU with a master’s degree in Special Education with an emphasis in autism. Tanya was most recently a member of Or Adam, the secular humanist Jewish congregation in Phoenix. She teaches in the special education department at a high school and currently works in earth science, government, and free enterprise classrooms. Tanya spends what little free time she has reading and learning about history and especially Stoic philosophy. She enjoys science fiction, crafts, role playing games and always books, books, books! Tanya also spends as much time as possible with her two boys, Andrew (12) and Eli (11).





### **Michelle Bulna**

Having grown up in New Jersey as a Catholic but not identified as one, Michelle knew she needed to find a spiritual home as the birth of her (now 14-year-old) son, Hugo, approached. Living in Cambridge, Massachusetts after college, she wandered into The First Parish in Harvard Square one cold Sunday morning and knew immediately she'd found something very special. Michelle adopted a little girl (now 12 years old), Megan, and both children began their spiritual life at The First Parish. Several years later, life brought them to New York where they spent a few years worshipping at All Souls. In 2009, Michelle, Hugo and Megan moved to Sedona. The family acutely felt the absence of a UU church and are pleased to now live in Tempe and call UUCP their new spiritual home base!

**Emma Farrell** is delighted to join the valley community and in particular the UUCP. By trade she is a biochemist and she came to the Phoenix area in September 2012 to take a job as a postdoctoral researcher working in collaboration with Scottsdale Healthcare, TGen, and the University of Arizona Medical School. They are trying to make a point-of-care device to monitor and diagnose lung cancer. Originally from Missouri, Emma did her graduate work at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL and then moved back to Missouri for a while to do her first postdoc. She's been attending UU churches for about five years. Emma lives in Glendale with fiancé Adam Schnitz and their three cats. She looks forward to participating in a rewarding communion with the inviting UUCP community.



**Carl Tippins** was born in Tampa and raised in the Church of God, a Pentecostal/Holiness faith. He has lived in Houston and LA, where he became involved in the Metropolitan Community Church. A move to San Francisco introduced him to his late partner Keith, who helped Carl further develop his ideas about faith and religion. The couple moved to South Florida to enjoy the warm water and beaches they so loved, and eventually to Phoenix in 1994. After five years in Phoenix, Keith was diagnosed with Burkett's Lymphoma, an incurable, fast-acting cancer. He passed away in 1999 after six months battling the cancer. Carl decided to remain in Phoenix for a while to heal, and has worked for various technology groups with Bank of America. He says he's come a long way in his healing process and believes that finding UUCP is the next step towards healing. He feels blessed by the acceptance, love, and caring he has found here.

### **Shannon Dougherty**



**Sarah Moore** attended the UU church in Bethlehem, PA, as a child as well as congregations in SC, OH, IN, and Chandler, AZ. She moved to Phoenix to be nearer family and started grad school at ASU in 2009. Sarah is a graphic designer currently working for the Heard Museum and available to serve the congregation with these talents and skills. For fun, she likes to bake, hike, read, and rejoice in the fact that she is finally done with school! She is happy to have a church home.



## Celebrations of Life

### 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM

Please Make Note of these Variations from our Normal Sunday Service Schedule:

Sunday, December 23 10:30 am (1 Service only)  
Monday, December 24 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm (Christmas Eve Services)  
Sunday, December 30 10:30 am (1 Service only)

Child Dedications: In Unitarian Universalism, child dedications are a way to welcome your child into the community and to allow the community to offer their blessings for the child. If you would like to have your child(ren) dedicated at either Christmas Eve service, please contact Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray at [susanfrederickgray@phoenixuu.org](mailto:susanfrederickgray@phoenixuu.org) or at 602-840-8400, ext 203 by Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### DECEMBER 2: THE HOLIDAYS FOR SKEPTICS

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

What do the ancient celebrations of holidays and holy days mean if the stories no longer ring true? What is the role of ritual, holidays and even spirituality for the non-believer?

#### DECEMBER 9: LIGHTS OF HOPE: THE WORK OF FAITH

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Drawing on the ancient Jewish story of Hanukkah, we will explore what faith is and what it means for Unitarian Universalists.

#### DECEMBER 16: TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Unitarian Universalism draws on the teachings of Judaism and Christianity as a source of our faith. Both traditions teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Who do these traditions say are our neighbors and how do we learn to live out this teaching?

#### DECEMBER 23: MULTIGENERATIONAL SOLSTICE SERVICE

Service Leader: Revs. Susan Frederick-Gray and Linda Lawrence

In the darkest time of the year, ancient celebrations were created to call back the sun to the earth. Through singing and dancing, we too will do our part to bring joy in this winter season.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:30 pm Family Service

7:30 pm Lessons and Carols

Spend your Christmas Eve at UUCP. Both our services will be filled with the singing of carols and the lighting of candles. The early service will include a children's play and the later service will include the music of the congregational choir. There will be a cookie communion in between the services.

*Everyone is invited to bring cookies and share in fellowship 6:30-7:30 pm. Child dedications will be held at both services. For more information, please contact Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray*

#### DECEMBER 30: WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Service Leaders: Rev. Linda Lawrence, Gary Lawrence & Friends

Why do bad things happen to good people? We will use the Rev. David Bumbaugh's humorous "take" on the story of Job (*The Education of God*) and the lens of process theology to pose answers to this age-old question.

*President: Jimmy Leung  
Vice President: Linda Bellantoni  
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