



HORIZONS Journal of the
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A Welcoming Congregation

THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE:

- 4—Pathway to Membership (PTM)
- 6—Pride Parade
- 7—Pride Festival
- 7—New Day Meal
- 7—Poetry Coffeehouse
- 8—EEC Open House
- 10—Conversation with Board
- 11—Oasis in the Desert
- 11—PTM Potluck
- 11—UU Relationships Course
- 12—Traveling 2nd Fridays
- 13—Outdoor Group Hike
- 13—Council Meeting
- 14—Stewardship Luncheon
- 17—Senior-i-Tea
- 20—Good Grief
- 20—Sewing Circle
- 21—Social Action Luncheon
- 21—Outdoor Group Planning
- 23—Board of Trustees Meeting
- 26—Parents' Night Out
- 27—Outdoor Group Hike
- 28—Share the Plate
- 28—Coffee Hour Book Sale

Ongoing: Book Group, Congregation Choir, Open Art Studio, Meditation Groups, Walking Poets, Addiction Discussion Group

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

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*Share why you love our
congregation during a special*

I ♥ My UUCP
Because...



Celebration Sunday Brunch

April 14, 2013

Worship 9:30 A.M.

Congregation Photo 10:30 A.M.

Brunch 11:00 A.M.

It's Stewardship Time!

Now is the time of Stewardship! A time when all members and friends are asked to renew their membership and their commitment to UUCP. By the publishing of this newsletter, everyone should have received the Pledge brochure and your 2013-2014 Pledge Form. We ask everyone to turn in their pledge forms by April 14th and to celebrate why we love this community during the Sunday, April 14th Celebration Sunday Service (9:30 AM), followed by a Congregation Photo at 10:30 and All Congregation Brunch at 11:00.

If you have any questions about Stewardship or pledging, please contact Stewardship Chair Smoot Carl-Mitchell or Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray.

From the President

This year, Rev. Susan asked UUCP members to think about why we love the UUCP and to share for our Celebration Sunday brunch, April 14th.

Here are some of my thoughts:

1. It is not just for “like-minded people.”

I, like many of you, came to UUCP and found a wonderful group of liberal, intelligent people who made me feel less alone. I really *like* that about the UUCP. However, I *love* the UUCP for the variety of people I meet because while “like-minded people” give me affirmation, those who are “not-so like-minded” help me grow as a person.

I have learned the most from those who don’t think exactly like I do, but who show me the goodness in their heart, because this teaches me that we are all brethren in our humanity. Through UUCP, I have been able to meet Catholic monks, Buddhist teachers, Mormons, Hindus, laborers, professors, libertarians, gun enthusiasts, former addicts, etc., who are clearly not like me in mind, but whom I deeply value in their like heartedness.

2. UUCP has taught me about being radically inclusive.

Being on the Board of Trustees involves a lot of work on how to create a united community from a diverse population. Through this work, I have learned the difference between tolerance versus inclusion; between wanting diversity versus creating beloved community.

I love the UUCP because it is dedicated to the idea that our vision for the world and for ourselves is strong enough that it can only be improved by the inclusion of new ideas. The only condition to be included in our dream is to accept our principles and live our covenant. There is *no prerequisite* of identity or education or articulateness or spelling or age or even experience as a UU to be included in the life and mission of our religious community.

I was first asked to join the lay leadership of the UUCP after only a year or two as a member. Now, I have been on the Board for almost 7 of the 10 years that I have been at the UUCP. I am most satisfied with those times when I have been able to encourage new leaders to become involved at the UUCP. The most appropriate way to characterize my status as a “veteran” member is not that I have greater power, or influence, but rather that I have learned humility enough to listen.

3. We are a congregation with a mission.

Over the years, the concept that most sustains me in our work is the vision that we as a community are needed in this world, and what I love about the UUCP is that we are developing an authentic dedication to fulfilling this need.

A healthy religious community is one that intentionally turns its focus outward. It is one that does not dwell on petty internal squabbling, like whose name tag gets a higher peg, or who gets to sit in what pew. Instead, a healthy congregation has a sense of higher purpose. I think we are pursuing this in our immigration and other social justice work, and also in multiculturalism.

From the Board...

Most of all, by providing an inclusive, peaceful, spiritual religious community, we are playing our part in fulfilling the legacy bequeathed to us by a long line of Universalists like Hosea Ballou and Olympia Brown—that all who find us will be comforted, regardless of identity, age, politics, religious baggage, etc. There are a lot of people out there who have been turned off, or even hurt by other religious institutions. We can show them that at UUCP, the limitations of other churches does not mean that one needs to renounce a spiritual life. In today's world, filled with materialism, divisiveness, pettiness, machinations, we can do a lot just by spreading a little more love.

Jimmy

Our next Board meetings are:
April 30th and May 28th
6:00 pm in the Johnson Room
All are welcome to join us!

Congregation Listening/Learning Session Scheduled for April 10 at 6:30 PM

All UCCP members are warmly invited to join a structured listening/learning session about the meanings of the word "evangelical" in the context of our Unitarian Universalist tradition and personal experiences as UUCP members. The term has been introduced in the language of the evolving strategic Ends statements designed for UUCP by the Board of Trustees. It has also been part of lively national discussion about how UUs might share the enthusiasm we feel about our faith tradition with others.

Some among us find value in the term "evangelical" for Unitarian Universalism. For others the term "evangelical" is a potentially hurtful and divisive. Others of us express ambivalence and still others express no strong feelings, or are only now entering the conversation.

The purposes of the meeting are to listen and learn from each other. Each us will be invited to share our individual thoughts and feelings. The larger intent of the meeting is to help our community move forward in a process of discernment as we collectively define how we might best achieve our mission and our vision for who we want to be. The Board of Trustees is charged with setting the strategic Ends that will be guide us in living our mission. They have initiated this process of listening and learning, and members will share their individual thoughts about the term and what it means to them.

The Right Relations Ministry has been asked to structure a process that allows all members to be heard in an atmosphere of mutual caring and respect. They have suggested a process that encourages each participant who desires to speak the opportunity to do so, for up to three minutes. Speakers will be selected in random order. Senior members of the congregation will be asked to facilitate with the help of Right Relations Members. This listening/learning session is intended to be an enactment of our collective commitment to democratic processes, the recognition and appreciation of difference, and caring community.

Please do join us.

Minister's Musings

PREPARING FOR SABBATICAL: JUNE-AUGUST 2013

The Letter of Agreement that I have as your minister, provides one month of sabbatical for every one year of ministry, which can be taken beginning after five years of ministry. The purpose of the sabbatical is to allow a minister time for renewal, education and an opportunity to look at the ministry beyond the day-to-day work of sermons, meetings, programs and management. It also recognizes the work of ministry is never done and how important it is to have both rest and a time for re-envisioning ministry because of the amount of creativity needed for the vocation. In addition, sabbatical reminds the congregation of its leadership capacity in the absence of the minister.

Since I was called as your minister in 2008, it has been five incredibly busy and full years. It has and continues to be a great gift. Just to think back over our shared ministry for the last five years, here are some of the things we've accomplished together:

- Grew from 300 to over 400 members
- Updated communication and technology capabilities, including launching the weekly Compass
- Provided the Unitarian Universalist Association with leadership locally and nationally to Stand on the Side of Love with Immigrant families and resist Arizona's SB 1070
- Expanded program, administrative and music staff
- Hired a second Minister!
- Aligned our Sunday School and Preschool program under one Children's Ministry Director
- Shared Minister and staff time (again providing National leadership) with the UUA to plan and host the national Justice General Assembly in Phoenix in 2012, which was a great and powerful event
- Held a successful Capital Campaign and built brand-spanking-new Restrooms!
- Update fire, sewer, water and electric utilities to the building (these are updates we don't generally see, but are oh-so-necessary!)
- Achieved 85% of the measures in our first Strategic Plan and have launched our next plan

The list goes on – but these are some of the biggest projects we have achieved in the last five years.

In February, I brought a sabbatical proposal to the board suggesting I take a three-month sabbatical this coming year. While I have earned five months of sabbatical, the recommendation from the UUA for larger congregations is for ministers to take shorter but more frequent sabbaticals, perhaps every 3-5 years instead of every 5-7. I proposed taking sabbatical from December 2013– February 2014. Because that can be one of the busiest times in our congregation and because I was away a good deal last year working on the Arizona Immigration Ministry and General Assembly, they recommended a summer sabbatical instead. The challenge of this is that there is less time to prepare for the sabbatical, so it may feel sudden to the congregation. The benefits are that after these incredibly exciting and active five years, a rest sooner feels important, and that overall being gone in the summer is easier for the staff and lay leadership because our ministry is quieter in the summer. I have been talking with the staff about this proposal and there is support for this option. So, with the board's recommendation and support, I am working to plan my sabbatical for this summer beginning Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day) through Monday, September 2 (Labor Day).

I will be sharing more information with you as I get further ahead in the planning. For now, I wanted to let you know that my sabbatical is coming. That I am grateful for this time to renew myself for the ministry that remains before us. I am grateful to all of you for this gift of sabbatical. If you have any questions about this upcoming sabbatical, please don't hesitate to ask me!

Yours in love, Rev. Susan

Meet Your Nominees

The UUCP Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the list of candidates for the open leadership positions on the UU Foundation, the UUCP Board of Trustees, and the Nominating Committee.

These individuals have committed to serve our congregation—they deserve our thanks!

UU FOUNDATION BOARD



Gary Ezzell

I have been a UU for 15 years and a member of UUCP for 13. I have served on a variety of UUCP committees and attended Foundation meetings while UUCP Board President, and so understand something of both the Foundation and the Congregation. I hope that experience will enable me to contribute to the health of both. Professionally, I work as a medical physicist in radiation oncology.



Susan Goldsmith

The UU Foundation provides all of us with an opportunity to ensure the long life of UUCP through making planned gifts that will occur and endure after our own individual lifetimes. I have worked with other organizations to expand legacy giving and I look forward to learning more about the various ways planned giving can be done and sharing what I've learned with the Congregation. I've been a Unitarian since I was 13 and a member of UUCP for about 30 years. In that time I've been involved in many committees, served as board president, as stewardship co-chair, coordinator of worship associates, chair of the religious education committee, the nominating committee and the congregation's council. I am currently a Worship Associate.

UUCP BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Linda Bellantoni, President

I've been a UU and a member of UUCP since 2008. After an extended period of searching for a spiritual community that shared our values, my daughter Jenna and I were fortunate to have literally stumbled upon this wonderful congregation. Soon after signing the membership book I became fully engaged in the life of the congregation, taking advantage of the adult RE programs, serving as a Small Group Ministry facilitator, and helping to facilitate the congregational sessions discerning our shared values. I've had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Trustees for two years and am currently the Vice President and chair of the Governance Working Group.

Professionally, I had a 20-year career in the defense/aerospace industry as a technical and management consultant. I have an MA in Organizational Management and several certifications in strategic planning, team dynamics and performance management systems. I feel that my background and experience have benefitted the Board during the development of our Strategic Plan, and I'm excited to continue to work towards the aspirational goals that our community has articulated. I'm honored to be asked to again serve on the Board.



Glen Lockwood, Vice President

My partner, Terry, and I have been members of our congregation since our children were in preschool—roughly 17 years. I was raised in a UU family and my experiences as a youth/young adult insured that Unitarian Universalism was to be in my future. Since coming to UUCP, I have served in many roles, among them the Membership Committee, an RE teacher, the Board, Capital Campaign Communication team, Mission Development teams, Welcoming Ministry, Small Group Ministry co-leader, Sanctuary Team convener and Worship Associate. I have served as a facilitator for several special efforts focused upon ministerial and congregational health, including formation of a Conflict Management Committee (now the Right Relations Ministry). Our family has enjoyed and benefited greatly from this community. It's an honor to be asked to serve on the Board again and I look forward to supporting the community and our mission in this new capacity.



Diana Ashley, Treasurer

I grew up in this congregation, when the Unitarian Congregation used to meet at the Jewish Community Center. I have been most active the past few years as a member of the Choir, Chair of the Music Committee, Member of the Finance Committee, and Board Treasurer.

My work history and education lend themselves to supporting the congregation in financial matters. I have an MBA in Computer Information Security. I worked in non-profit Finance for 15 years before moving on to Healthcare Finance and Healthcare Economic analysis for over 15 years. I am a team player who supports the vision of the Board in moving the Congregation into a more visible presence in the community. I appreciate your support to return as Board Treasurer for another term.



William Snowden, Secretary

I have been a member of UUCP since 1991 and this is my first experience as a UU. I am currently serving as a member-at-large on the Board. I generally try to take notes of the proceedings, but I have large shoes to fill replacing Elyse. My relevant skill set is mostly from my job writing contracts, which informs my ability to listen to others carefully and communicate ideas clearly. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the board in a new capacity.



Gene Harvey, Trustee

I've had about 30 jobs in my lifetime from selling flowers to managing hazardous waste. I currently do quoting and buying for the world's largest electronics supermarket supporting Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Brazil. I have a BA in English from ASU, an LPN license and I.V. Therapy certification. In my leisure time, I collect music from all genres (and I do mean all genres).

My wife Juli and I have been members of UUCP for 13 years. I have served on both the Nominating and Sunday Services committees, led worship services, given a sermon, mentored a youth in the Coming of Age program, ushered, facilitated two Covenant groups, and currently co-facilitate the Addictions Discussion Group.

The strengths and experience I can bring to the UUCP board are commitment, fiscal responsibility, strong communication, compassion, and teamwork. I celebrate diversity, but like to see the commonalities that bind us too. It would be an honor to serve UUCP.



Sarah Montgomery, Trustee

A lifelong Unitarian, Sarah has been a member of UUCP for nine years. She has served on the Ministerial Search committee and is finishing up her term as chair of the Children's Ministry committee. Sarah has taught the Coming of Age curriculum and is currently an advisor for the high school youth group. Her professional career has included nonprofit fundraising and grant-writing, and she currently manages research grants for ASU's Department of Chemistry. She offers experience in event management, accounting, fundraising, and writing as well as connections to the young adult and youth community.



A. Michele Morgan, Trustee

I am a native of Detroit, MI and have lived in Phoenix permanently since 2009. I have been a UU for about 17 years after stumbling over an article on the UU church in the Detroit paper; I attended a service and have been coming ever since. I have been a member of UUCP about two years, although I have been visiting this congregation regularly since 2007.

I formerly belonged to Northwest UU in Southfield, MI, where I served as Director of Religious Programs for two terms and was also on the Board. I bring previous UU board experience, an open mind, and an interest in moving forward, whatever that might mean under the circumstances. I am currently teaching the Couple's Enrichment course alongside my husband, Sam Kirkland, and am having lots of fun with it. I am pleased to be considered to serve on the Board of UUCP.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Jimmy Leung, Chair

I have been a UU and member of UUCP since 2004. I think that the nominating committee needs to serve and fulfill the mission of the UUCP. Members should have a strong understanding of the structure of UUCP's governance and a clear vision of the direction of the ministry. Furthermore, the nominating committee needs to play a role in the long- and short-term leadership development process of the congregation.

I bring experience from a variety of lay leadership positions at the UUCP, including a six-year period on the Board of Trustees. As a former volunteer on an advisory board for the City of Scottsdale, and a member of professional committees, I bring some familiarity of the positive and negative aspects of differing styles of leadership.



Elyse Årring

I have been a UU and member of UUCP for about five years, after stumbling onto the UUCP website while searching for a cooperative preschool for my children. During that time, I have served on the Board of Trustees, assisted with preparation for our three annual auctions, co-chaired the Parent Advisory Committee for our UUEEC preschool, continue to serve as editor of Horizons, and can frequently be caught eating extra cookies at coffee hour. I bring to the Nominating Committee my recent experience as an officer on the Board, a dedication (and daily aspiration!) to our vision and mission, a strong interest in multicultural and intergenerational community, and a genuine fondness for working with and learning about others.



Joan Gale

I was first introduced to UU in 1997 and attended regularly since then. I signed the UUCP book in approximately 2006. I participate as a greeter for the Welcoming Committee. Last year I helped develop and set up the Harvest of Opportunities in October. In 2010, Bill Snowden and I wrote and presented the first Couples Enrichment Program, and I have managed it since then. I also serve on the Right Relations Ministry as 2nd chair. I have spent most of my career assessing needs and issues and exploring resources and solutions for people that I serve and will bring those skills to the Nominating Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to serve UUCP.



Caroli Peterson

In 2007, I “discovered” Unitarian Universalism and joined a UU Fellowship in Plymouth, New Hampshire. At the end of 2008, the prospect of becoming a grandmother for the first time prompted me to move to Phoenix to experience this phenomenon up close. I began attending UUCP right away. Wishing to meet people in my new congregation, I took Pathway to Membership classes in the spring of 2009. In class, I happened to sit next to an interesting man named Mike Peterson, who became my husband in February 2011, with Rev. Susan officiating.

It has been my pleasure to Chair the Membership Committee for the past two years. I have also enjoyed facilitating Pathway to Membership classes. Book Discussion Group, Small Group Ministry, Circle Dinners, Walking Poets, Meditation and Welcoming Ministry are other UUCP activities that engage my mind, heart and body.



Kimberly St. Clair Relland

I have been a UU and a member of the UUCP since 2000. In that time I have served, most notably, as the Director of Lifespan Religious Education from 2003-2010. In addition to my professional service, I was also advisor to UUCP's high school group, Camp deBenville Pines staff member (senior high camp dean, counselor-in-training facilitator), PSWD YRUU board, and chair of the 2010 auction committee. I have raised both of my sons, Mitchell and Tommy St. Clair, in the UUCP, and I am grateful for the many gifts the UU community has given the both of them.

I bring to the Nominating Committee a deep understanding of the needs of the congregation both from professional and lay leader perspectives. Indeed, when I became DLRE in 2003, the UUCP membership was below 300, we were facing considerable financial challenges, and profes-

sional and lay leaders were fighting against a "culture of scarcity." I participated in copious Board, leadership development, strategic planning, and committee meetings, all of which had the sole purpose of realizing a vision of the UUCP becoming a "beacon of liberal religion in the desert." I am proud of the partnership forged between professional and lay leaders that brought the congregation to its current vitality. Most of all I bring a sense of history with an eye to the future to the Nominating Committee, along with the ability to recognize and "tap" potential leaders.

Make a Glorious Noise! (Notes from Your Music Director)

In the UUCP music program, April is time for Family Choir! Our regular congregation choir is only open to adults, but Family Choir is a chance for children, youth and adults of all ages to sing together. Parents with children are invited, but so are grandparents with children, parents with siblings, and youth, children and adults by themselves—anyone who wants to sing in this special ensemble. The Spring Family Choir will learn songs about nature and the earth and perform as part of our Earth Day services on Sunday, April 21st. The rehearsal schedule is:

Wednesday, April 10, 5:45-6:30 pm

Thursday, April 11, 5:30-6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 17, 5:45-6:30 pm

Thursday, April 18, 5:30-6:00 pm

Saturday, April 20, 12:00-12:45 pm

Sunday, April 21, 8:30-9:00 am (before the first service)

If you're interested in participating, please contact choir director Connie Jahrmarkt at thebandeuropa@cox.net.

Also, Saturday, April 6 is the Phoenix Pride Parade, and all are welcome to march with our UUCP delegation to support our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender brothers and sisters! We will be singing some of our favorite UUCP hymns, accompanied by a brand-new little UUCP marching band. So far we have tuba, trombone, trumpet, banjo and marching drums. If you'd like to join the band, or know someone who might, please get in touch with me at benjiemesser@phoenixuu.org. I look forward to making a glorious noise as we stand up for respect and love.

Thanks! Hope to see and hear you soon.

Benjie Messer
Music Director

Cabaret 2013!



From the Staff...



Congregational Picnic

Let's celebrate Spring together at the UUCP Congregational Picnic! The Membership Committee has reserved the Papago Ramada (map to be provided later) at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale, AZ (southeast corner of Indian Bend and Scottsdale Roads). The picnic will be on Saturday, March 30th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Membership Committee will provide beverages, plates, cups and napkins. Please bring a potluck dish to share. If your last name begins with the letters A through G, bring a main dish; H through M, bring a salad; N through S, bring a side dish; and T through Z, bring a dessert. Spring is coming, come celebrate with us!!

From the Business Administrator

Recently Anne Byrne, our Director of Children's Ministries, facilitated the Myers Briggs Personality Assessment for all of us on the UUCP staff and we reviewed the results at our staff retreat. We answered questions about our unique style of getting energized, making decisions, organizing our lives, and learning about the world around us. Our responses showed our preferences on four facets of personality:

- Extraverted or Introverted? Do you get your energy from other people, or from your own internal world?
- Sensing or Intuitive? Do you focus on the present and what you can see, or the future and what you can imagine?
- Thinking or Feeling? Do you make decisions based on logic, or on values and people?
- Judging or Perceiving? Do you prefer things structured and organized, or flexible and spontaneous?

Put together, these four personality facets create a four-letter personality type, such as ENFP or ISTJ. My four-letter personality type is ESTJ. Us ESTJs are "logical, analytical, decisive, and tough-minded, using concrete facts in systematic ways. They enjoy working with others well in advance to organize the details and operations to get the job done." The info sheet I was given goes on to say that we make excellent administrators. How lucky am I to have a career so well suited to my personality?!

The info sheet also tells me what my potential pitfalls are and suggestions for development. One pitfall in particular really struck a chord with me: "May overlook the interpersonal niceties in getting the job done." Apparently, us ESTJs are very practical and forceful, which can sometimes cause us to rush into action without taking proper time to consider all sides before deciding. Well, that sounds like a familiar issue I've experienced a few times in my life.

When I think about why I love my job, why I love UUCP, it always comes back to how this community not only loves me despite my personality "pitfalls," but also challenges me to slow down and think about the impact I have on people and situations. The seven years I have been a part of this community have taught me to be less judgmental, more aware of others' perspectives, and more open to change. I love my UUCP because everyone here helps guide me to be a better person, one who lives from the heart and not always from the head.

I look forward to the Sundays in March and April when I get to hear what our community means to each of you.

In community,
Heidi Parmenter
Business Administrator

Got Faith?

Last year, I spent about eight months seriously under-employed after leaving a job I disliked. It was a big leap of faith to leave before I had another job, and in the midst of those anxious months, I second-guessed my choice repeatedly. My anxiety level was off the charts as I applied for job after job, many not especially appealing, in my desperate search for full-time employment. One morning, I woke up from a dream that provided immeasurable comfort during that time. I dreamed I was driving on a mountain pass in the snow. I made a wrong turn, so I turned around, and unfortunately drove off the side of the mountain, falling, falling, only to land softly on a bed of snow at the destination I had originally been seeking.

I was so grateful for the jolt of faith that dream provided, as it calmed my anxiety and reminded me to have hope for what was to come.

I was talking recently with Cara Denby, our first and second grade Sunday School teacher. We often commiserate about our Catholic upbringings, and its impact of causing us both to distrust all things “religious,” and how we are now finding our way here at UUCP within a religious community. “We do have faith,” she reminded me. “We have a basic sense that things will work out.”

It is true. I do have a sense that things will work out, most of the time. In times of distress, I have lost sight of this belief, and in retrospect, I realize that a lack of faith was as much the source of my distress as the actual problem. It did not occur to me to foster faith, as faith is one of those religious concepts that meant faith in God. But really, faith is much broader than a narrow definition as faith in God.

Faith is as simple as expecting the sun to come up every day and as complex as believing things will work out in the midst of horrible trauma. Fostering faith can take the form of the overused “Don’t worry, be happy,” or a more complex meditative practice, but for me I think it is helpful to create a “faith reserve” where I store knowledge of past events and recognize that things have worked out, maybe not as I initially hoped, but worked out all the same.

We can help foster faith in our children by validating and reinforcing what does work out, reminding ourselves and our children that things working out can take many forms. “Remember how you wanted to go the movie, but we couldn’t and we had a great time with grandma instead?” Fostering faith can be synonymous with encouraging optimism and avoiding the dreaded self-fulfilling prophecy of negative energy.

We UUs need faith as much as the next person and fortunately the world and our daily lives can provide daily reminders that there is much to have faith in—the rhythm of nature, love of our community, the prospect of learning and growing every day. So grab on to a little faith and share it with your kids and everyone else in your life, so when asked “Got faith?” you can give a resounding “You bet!”

Anne Byrne
Director of Children’s Ministries

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Youth Program News

COMING OF AGE (7TH-8TH GRADES) PROGRAM NUUWS

Our Coming of Age class is winding its way toward their graduation service on May 19, followed by what is shaping up to be a fabulous trip to the San Diego area to celebrate their year together. (Thank you to everyone who donated pennies or purchased raffle tickets or Easter treats!) What does “coming of age” look like? Will our youth suddenly appear taller, older, prouder, more knowledgeable? Will they begin to serve on committees, write article for Horizons, or teach the younger kids? Well, maybe! Coming of age is a process that occurs during adolescence, and everyone matures at a different rate—just because we might not suddenly see a group of teenagers who know who they are, what they want and where they are going, be assured that our youth are coming of age. It has been amazing to see how much growth and bonding happens in less than one hour each week.

This month, our students will meet with members of the board of trustees and others to share their responses to scenarios like: “A kid is being bossed around by his schoolmates about his ethnicity. What would you do about it and what principle(s) does this tie into?” or “What do you say when you hear adult members of the congregation talking badly about another adult member for no identifiable reason—and you are pretty sure what they have said is not true?” or “You are talking about religion at school with friends and someone says to you, ‘You don’t have a religion because UUs don’t believe in God.’ What would you say?” These are just some of the scenarios that these youth might be asked to respond to, and most of them could answer these questions already with confidence!

Please plan to attend the Coming of Age graduation service on May 19th to learn more about our youth, and about what they have experienced throughout the last year together!

THOSE OWLS ARE HOOTING IN THE DISTANCE AGAIN...

It is only April, but before we know it, it will be fall again... that special time when we hear the “tu hoooo tu hoooo” of OWLs calling at night. Or on Sunday mornings at UUCP, when OWL doesn’t refer to the beautiful winged barn bird but instead refers to the Unitarian Universalist Association’s comprehensive sexuality education program! Our first and second grade classes are currently enjoying their age-appropriate track of the Our Whole Lives (OWL) Program and in the fall, our seventh and eighth grade classes will begin a year-long intensive program focused on sexuality from birth through death, including building and maintaining healthy love relationships and friendships, society and culture, health, pregnancy, parenting options and so much more. Our Whole Lives encompasses the values of self worth, sexual health, responsibility, and justice and inclusivity, and helps participants clarify their own values and needs. As we like to say, “This is not your parents’ sex ed class!”

Our fall OWL program is open to any then seventh and eighth grade (or homeschooled equivalent) students. Parents/families must attend a thorough orientation and sign a consent form authorizing their child’s enrollment. Information regarding the orientation session, as well as the class schedule, requirements, fees and registration will be announced over the summer. If you have a child eligible for the junior high OWL program, please contact Jaynn Truran at jaynntruran@phoenixuu.org to ensure you receive notifications and announcements concerning the program. For more information about the Our Whole Lives program, please visit <http://www.uua.org/re/owl/>.

From the Staff...

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

News from the PAST: We had a fun afternoon bowling with our friendly congregation members in early March—thanks for your support!

News from the PRESENT: We are looking at new curriculums for next year, ways to welcome the incoming members to the group, and planning for our end-of-the-year party, which is always filled with food, fun, memories, laughter and tears.

News for the FUTURE: Where does the time go? Seems like just yesterday that Asha Arora was graduating from the Coming of Age program and was so, so nervous about joining the high school youth group. And here she is, on the eve of her high school graduation already! Along with Hailey Metcalf and Mitch Burke, Asha will be marking her transition this year to young adulthood, and the youth group will reconstitute itself in their absence, finding new leaders and gathering steam for the future. Oddly enough, our high school group contains no eleventh grade students this year, so next year we may not have any seniors. This will give the group time to identify, coordinate and fundraise for an awesome service-learning trip for the 2014-2015 church year! Ideas for this adventure are now being accepted!

PSSST... HAVE YOU HEARD?

Senior High Summer Camp at DeBeneville Pines is July 14-20 and this summer's theme is "Camp IIIUUminate-Us."

Junior High Summer Camp at DeBeneville Pines is July 7-13 and this summer's theme is "We Are the Peacemakers."

Registration for both of these camps is now open with early discounts! More information can be found at www.uucamp.org.



Come see our school in operation!

Open Houses

March 22 and April 8

9:30 a.m.—11:30 p.m.

4027 E. Lincoln Drive

Now enrolling

**Ages 2, 3, 4 and 5 for classes
starting in September.**



Please RSVP or for more information, contact Anne Byrne at

annebyrne@phoenixuu.org 602-840-8400 ex 233

www.uueec.org

UU KIDS KAMP 2013

June 3 –27, 2013

Jam-packed fun for children, ages 3 -12! **New Counselor-In-Training (CIT) program for rising 7th and 8th grade young people.** Organized in age-based “tribes,” kids dance, act, drum, create, play, perform and have a rollicking good time.



Counselor-In-Training (CIT) is a service-learning based program designed to prepare young teens to serve as Kids Kamp counselors in future years.

Time and Days: Kids Kamp: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a. m. – 1:30 p. m.

Aftercare: Monday – Friday, 1:30 p. m. – 5:30 p. m.

Activity	Fee
Kids Kamp	\$575
Kids Kamp plus full-time aftercare	\$750
Daily Aftercare	\$14/day
Counselor-In-Training (Rising 7 th and 8 th graders)	\$300

UUCP Members get a \$25 discount!

Registration: \$150 deposit and registration form required to reserve a space. **For more information, contact Jeffrey at 480-406-3616 or Anne at 602-840-8400 ext. 233.**



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Adult Faith Development Opportunities

Share journeys, grow in spirit, and be a lifelong learner! Participate in one of our upcoming Adult Faith Development courses. Register and pay at the AFD/Book Table on Sunday mornings or by leaving a message at 602-840-8400, Ext. 200 (please include your name, contact information, and the name of the class you wish to take). You can pay at the first class session if you haven't already paid in advance. You can also use your UU Studies Pass in lieu of a separate fee payment. Unless otherwise indicated, the fee for each class is \$10.

PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP (PTM)

Thursdays, April 4th and 11th

6:00-8:00 PM, Johnson Room

No fee, childcare available

There may still be time to add your name to the list of prospective new members. Do you want to learn more about UUCP and the meaning of becoming a member? Please contact Rev. Linda Lawrence for more information about this class or to register: 602-840-8400, Ext. 204 or LindaLawrence@phoenixuu.org.

OASIS IN THE DESERT

Thursdays, April 11th & May 2nd

7:00-8:00 PM

No fee, childcare available

With Uli Boecker-Grieme, participants will resume acupressure and other bodywork modalities for relaxing evenings that will relieve stress and tension. Stay fully clothed to exchange hand and foot massages and good fellowship. There is no fee, but donations to UUCP will be accepted at the class.

THE TRANSCENDENTALISTS: IN WORDS AND IN LIFE - CANCELLED

SENIOR-I-T

Wednesday, April 17th

2:00-4:00 PM

No fee

If you're 60+, please join us in the Johnson Room for some Fun in the Sun (and Shade). There will be an opportunity to participate in the table beautification project that got rained out in February or you can just have fun visiting and playing games with friends—longtime and new! Please bring your favorite game, books for the book exchange table, and (if you can) a simple party snack to share. Beverages will be provided. No registration required.

APPLYING UU PRINCIPLES IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS:

A Class for UUCP Singles

Thursdays, April 11th, 18th, 25th

7:00-9:00 PM, Annex C

Fee \$10 (correction)

This workshop, facilitated by Yvonne Harrison and Jon Poblador, is for singles of all ages who want to explore the ways in which Unitarian Universalist Principles can be applied in relationships of all types. Topics may include building and maintaining supportive friendships, managing relationships with family members, and enriching our UU social connections. Each session will include exploration of a UU principle and time for dis-

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cussion in pairs or groups. Depending on the interests of participants, the class may evolve into a social or covenant group. The course is intended for those who are not currently participating in a long-term romantic relationship.

GOOD GRIEF

Saturday, April 20th

10:00-11:30 AM, Annex C

No fee

Drop-ins and newcomers are always welcome to attend this group facilitated by the Revs. Linda Lawrence and Kathy Baughman. We aim to create a supportive atmosphere of caring and sharing as each of us moves through the experience of loss and grief. No pre-registration is required.

UUCP BOOK GROUP

Sundays, 10:45 AM, Annex B

No fee

There is no registration required for this group that meets weekly. Join others to discuss the current book selection. For more information, contact Mike Peterson via email at mrpetersonaz@cox.net or Bill Mee at [602-955-9547](tel:602-955-9547).

UUCP BOOK SALE

Sunday, May 19th

9:30-10:30, 11:30-12:30

What UU doesn't love books? The Adult Faith Development Committee and the Book Group are doing some spring cleaning and have a number of donated or somewhat outdated books that can be yours for \$1 or less. We have fiction, poetry, literature, history, philosophy, science, self-help, and much, much more. Please come and browse the selection before or after service on Sunday, May 19th. This is not a book exchange so please do NOT bring any of your books to put in this sale! All proceeds of this fundraiser go to UUCP and any unsold books will be donated to another charity fundraiser.

UUCP Community Nights

6:00 PM Thursdays

Johnson Room

Please join UUCP staff, members, and friends for food and fellowship every Thursday evening in the Johnson Room starting at 6:00 PM. Bring something to share potluck-style or your own sack supper. Everyone is welcome! Chalice Club activities for kids begin at 6:30 PM.

Our April 11th potluck will include some prospective new members so please help make this evening a special one for them. Come on out and get to know them!

Important note: beginning in May, we will have UUCP Community Night potlucks only on the 1st Thursday of the month in May, June, July and August. Weekly potlucks will resume in September.

Traveling 2nd Fridays

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 p.m. in the UUCP sanctuary.

APRIL 12: MALTA, THE OLDEST PLACE WITH WALT & RUTH PINKUS

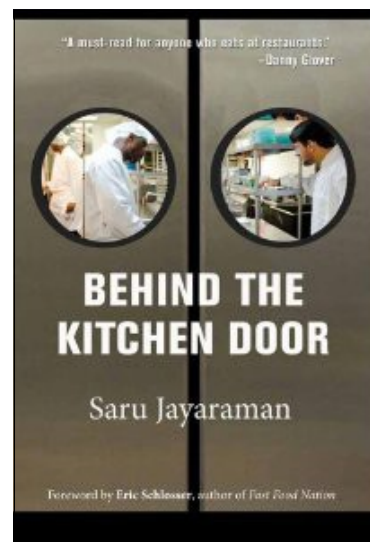
In 1998 Walt and Ruth were scheduled to experience their first Elderhostel, in Assisi, Italy. An earthquake caused the cancellation of that program, and at the last minute they were switched to a program in Malta on the same dates. It was the luckiest of accidents. In the course of the two-week program 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 see their slides. You may want to visit Malta yourself!

Feel free to contact Barbara Cawthorne at [\(480\) 994-1452](tel:4809941452) or thetravellers@q.com with any questions. Everyone is welcome! Travel with us the second Friday of the month from January to June.

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE

Coffee and chocolate go together...
Wherever you gather, whatever the weather.
Fair Trade is the name to buy,
Enriching families like a lullaby
In far off lands of Ecuador, San Salvador.
Come by the Social Action Table
And pick up the Fair Trade label.
Delicious, nutritious, auspicious!
Buy lots, be conspicuous!
UUSC doing good work
Whether afar or in your nook.



WORKER RIGHTS

For the past year UUSC has been focusing its efforts not only on international issues but issues right here in the U.S. Restaurant worker rights was the focus of the UUSC breakfast at GA this past year in Phoenix. A new book, *Behind the Kitchen Door: What Every Diner Should Know About the People Who Feed Us* by Saru Jayaraman, discloses the dirty little secrets of the restaurant industry. It is a movement to improve conditions for millions of restaurant workers who earn poverty wages and lack basic benefits like earned sick leave. Amazon ranked it #1 in three categories and was a top seller recently. Jayaraman was interviewed by Bill Moyers on PBS, Soledad O'Brien on CNN, and Chris Hayes on MSNBC. A must read. For more info, visit www.uusc.org.

Heather McLellan, UUSC representative

Artists Meet and Greet Reception

Sunday, April 7th, 12:30 pm

The Sanctuary Team invites you gather in the Sanctuary after the second service for a Meet and Greet reception with the wonderful artists from Artists of the Black Community. We know you have been enjoying their beautiful and exciting work in the Sanctuary for the last few months. This is your chance to meet the artists and say thanks personally. Please join us!

Share the Plate

On April 28th we give our offering to ANSWER Nepal, which helps low-caste, high-achieving students attend and succeed at school in Nepal. About a dozen UUCP members sponsor students through this organization, which facilitates contact between sponsors and students. Bonnie and Dave Cunningham visited their student last year, and are returning soon. The funds we collect will go to the College Fund. You can see the supportive activities of this grassroots organization at www.answernepal.org.

SHARE THE PLATE NEEDS YOU!

Have you wondered how an organization is selected to receive Share the Plate? (STP is the monthly donation of our Sunday offering to an organization outside UUCP.)

Essentially, individual members of UUCP, like you, nominate an organization by providing information about it to the Share The Plate Committee. The committee evaluates the applications according to these criteria:

- The mission, purposes and practices of the organization must be aligned with those of UUCP.
- Must be a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in the U.S., separate from UUCP, or a foreign charity that would be tax-exempt if it was in the U.S.
- Recipients must have some connection to UUCP through shared work, affinity, or other UUCP support.
- The offering will make a significant contribution to the program with the majority of funds going toward programming.
- Recipients must have a budget that is mindful of the balance between program and administrative costs.
- Offerings will focus on local programs in or serving beneficiaries in the Valley. Consideration will be given to non-local programs with a strong connection to UUCP members.

Preference will be given to new nominations. Recipients will generally receive the offering just once within the formal church year.

It does takes a little bit of work on your part to fill out the application online. Here's what you do:

Go to www.phoenixuu.org. Click on "Social Justice Ministry" from the middle of the listings in the column on the left of the opening page. Fill out the application at the bottom of the page. Submit the application.

Questions? Email sharetheplate@phoenixuu.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Intuitive Knowing and Meditation

How did Plato gain his intuitive knowledge that what we see are merely manifestations of the real beings or things? He said that we are like persons sitting in a cave facing the wall and watching shadows on the wall. After thousands of years, with the help of advanced scopes, we have learned that Plato was onto something that scientists now know to be true. How did he know what he knew?

Plato's knowledge was verified independently by personal experiences over many centuries by other Seers of India including Buddha doing meditations. Buddha gained answers to his questions by reaching the highest state of awareness through meditations.

Just as Astronomers gain personal knowledge of outer space by looking through highly developed instruments of observations without doing meditations, the sages of India, such as Buddha, gain such personal knowledge by developing their awareness to much higher levels and using the inner eyes, without highly developed scopes.

Some persons are blessed with the higher awareness, usually while they are young. Plato and Einstein were such persons.

I find that I do not need the highest awareness possible for me to solve my ordinary current problems; however, I can improve my awareness by regular meditations and improve my brain functions required to receive better intuitive solutions.

Note: Jay has been teaching meditation as adapted to the American way of life in UUCP since 1995. He, along with others, also leads the meditation group activities at UUCP. He can be reached at [602-952-8889](tel:602-952-8889) or by email, jayalagia@gmail.com.

Sewing and Craft Circle

The UUCP Sewing and Craft Circle will meet on April 20th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please join us for conversation, creativity, community and laughs. This group is open to newcomers who are interested in making simple clothing, quilts, and stuffed animals for refugees and shelter residents.

Knitters and crocheters make caps, shrugs, and lap blankets for Hospice patients as well as babies. Although this group is only a few years old, it shares the mission of those early UU Women's Alliance members who sewed "back-to-school clothing" every year.

Experienced sewers, novice stitchers, knitters, crocheters, or just curious crafters are welcome to come and check us out. If you have a sewing machine bring it along and if you need help carrying it we will help. Just come and bring a desire to be involved, no experience necessary. Everyone is welcome.

From the Archives

Compiled by Charlotte Carl-Mitchell

FRANCES JOHNSON LOCKE BISHOP



Frances Johnson with her younger sister Helen in 1909. Frances Johnson Locke in August 1940 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Frances Johnson Locke Bishop was born on November 1, 1903 in Forsyth, Montana, the daughter of Isabelle and Benjamin Oliver Johnson. The Johnsons lived in Montana, then in China where B.O. worked on the trans-Siberian railroad after the Bolshevik Revolution. After his death in 1932, Isabelle and Frances lived in St. Paul, Minnesota.

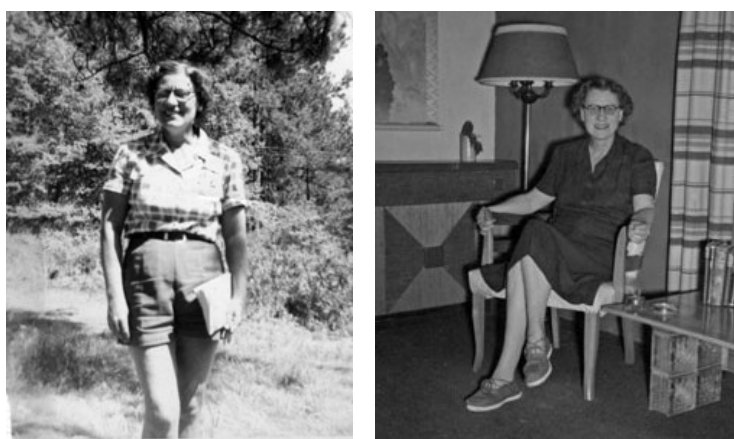


Frances Locke in 1944 with her last kindergarten class at Jackson School in Phoenix.

In 1943, Isabelle, Frances, and Frances' daughter Joanne Locke moved to Phoenix. Frances was a teacher and then a counselor for the Child Study Service of the Phoenix Elementary Schools. Her hobby was woodworking; she made beautiful furniture.



A close-up of Frances and her daughter Joanne Locke from the Kenilworth photograph in 1947.



Left, Frances Locke in June 1951 at a Unitarian Church conference in California. Right, in 1951 at her apartment at 1110 West McDowell. The cabinet and the table with glass blocks were made by Frances.

Frances and William Blauvelt Bishop met during the formation of the Unitarian Church. They are Founding Members of the church. They were married on February 22, 1952 in the church the congregation built at 800 East Pasadena Avenue.



*Frances addressing the congregation on the day the new church building was dedicated in 1951.
Frances and Bill Bishop on their wedding day in 1952.*

According to Frances' son-in-law Don Nielsen, "Everybody was very, very proud of the Pasadena church. It was an all-congregational effort to design, construct and finish the building. The effort we remember the most was when many people including Bill, Frances, Joanne and myself leveled and compacted the soil foundation

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for the floor, fitted and placed each and every red flagstone (sandstone) into a nice pattern, filled all of the spaces between the stones with freshly prepared concrete and followed quickly by smoothing for a flat and even floor surface. Indeed, it was Frances that directed the procedure. A couple years later, it was exciting for Joanne and me to be married in a church that both of us helped to build - few people these days have that opportunity.”

Frances was an intellectual and active in the youth education programs at the church. She was president of the Board of Trustees in 1951 and 1953. After Bill died in 1987, she moved to a retirement home at the corner of Thomas and 68th St. She died on Dec 13, 1991. Her ashes were buried in the Memorial Garden.



Frances Bishop and her daughter, Joanne Locke Nielsen in May 1990.

Unicare

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- Our thoughts are with Tiffany Mendez and her family. Tiffany's grandfather, Donny White, died on March 9th following a series of health problems. Tiffany lost her grandmother in October and a great grandparent died in January. It has been a long six months of losing family elders.
- We lift up Sam Kirkland and his family. Sam Kirkland's mother, Johnni Matthew, died March 9th. Many family members had the opportunity to say goodbye to her during her last few days of hospice care.
- Congratulations Karen Kurtz! Karen was appointed Ariza's permanent legal guardian.

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.

Walk in beauty,
Ceyshe' Napa, Unicare Coordinator

UNICARE FRIENDSHIP PARTNERS: SUSAN GOLDSMITH

Susan Goldsmith was born during the Second World War in Fergus Falls, a small town in Minnesota. When she was 13, her family moved to Madison, Wisconsin and joined the First Unitarian Society where Susan became a member of Liberal Religious Youth (LRY). Here, she began her lifelong work and involvement as a community volunteer and in politics.

Following graduation from Lawrence College (now University) in Appleton, Wisconsin, Susan spent two years in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), West Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer and then a year in Louisiana, training Peace Corps volunteers headed to French-speaking West Africa. When she returned to the Midwest to visit family before heading “out west” to look for work, she reconnected with Richard Goldsmith. He had also graduated from Lawrence, served in Eritrea in the Peace Corps and was working in Chicago. Susan and Richard married at the First Unitarian Society in Madison in the fall of 1968 and lived in Chicago.



In 1970, they moved to Tucson where Rich entered law school at the University of Arizona. After working for an advertising agency, Susan returned to school, earning an M.S. in Urban Planning at the U of A. In 1973, they moved to Phoenix where Richard joined the law firm of Lewis and Roca. Their sons, Andy and Matt, were born in 1975 and 1978. Susan returned to her Unitarian roots and joined UUCP when Andy began first grade at Desert View Learning Center. During the following thirty years, Susan has served on the Religious Education, Nominating, and Ministerial Relations' Committees, been co-chair of a Stewardship Campaign, served as President of the Board, Chair of the Congregation's Council, led leadership training sessions and delivered sermons. She currently serves as a Worship Associate and Friendship Partner.

Susan believes “We are each partners in the co-creation of our world” and empathizes with Luke when she says that much is expected from those to whom much is given. She describes her “career” as a “volunteer community builder.” She has served for two terms on the Scottsdale School Board (1986-1994). During these same years, she was also a member on several state and community commissions related to education and acted as District Director for a member of Congress. She has been a neighborhood organizer, served on three City of Phoenix commissions, the Board of Arizona Town Hall, and volunteers on the VNSA's annual used-book sale. She has served on the Boards of Lawrence University and The Family School, a nonprofit preschool and kindergarten in central Phoenix, for a dozen years. In 2008, Susan earned her Ph.D. in Environmental Design and Planning from ASU.

As a Friendship partner, Susan enjoys visits that are focused on just visiting—“not on getting something done”—and finds that the time shared together deepens relationships. She was a long-time friend of Jerry and Penny Butler and visits Gene Grigsby and Paul Daniels.

New Members at UUCP

In addition to the new members who were introduced in the March issue of *Horizons*, the people pictured below also signed the Membership Book following the February Pathway to Membership program. Welcome!



John and Tracy Davis met as undergrads at Arizona State University and have now been married for five years. An Eagle Scout originally from Tucson, John holds an MBA and does small business consulting for GoDaddy.com. In his free time he enjoys training and competing in Ironman Triathlons. Tracy moved to Arizona from Michigan ten years ago and is now a Licensed and Board Certified Behavior Analyst. She works part-time for a local nonprofit agency that serves children and families affected by autism, and she also helps teach online graduate courses at ASU. John and Tracy welcomed their first child, a daughter named Hazel, in October 2012. They look forward to exploring their spirituality and raising their daughter as part of the fantastic community they have found at UUCP.



Danny Wilson grew up in Scottsdale and has lived in Arizona all his life. His parents adopted him because they were told they couldn't have kids, but three years after the adoption, his mom got pregnant with Danny's brother. Danny started looking for his birth mother about two years ago, found her on Facebook on a Tuesday and was able to meet with her the following week. They have a solid relationship now. Danny has an Associate's Degree in Computer Electronics and worked various jobs including construction before becoming a Pharmacy Tech for Humana. He says that he's married to the most beautiful woman in the world who is his best friend and soul mate, and he and Kimberly have seven children in their blended family. Danny loves being a UU. It has helped him see many different points of view. He hopes to be a long-time member of the congregation.



Bob Walter appreciates that both mind and heart are embraced by Unitarian Universalism as important to spiritual practice. Bob also belongs to Yokoji Zen Center at Mountain Center, CA. He enjoys the hiking group at UUCP, often sits with the Sunday morning meditation group, and has attended the Immigration Workshop. He lives in Scottsdale with his wife Beth and their Australian Shepherd dog Bernie.

Celebrations of Life

9:30 AM & 11:15 AM

(except where noted)

APRIL 7: GETTING UNSTUCK

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Sometimes we all get stuck. We can get stuck in work, in habits, in mindsets. How do we shift our perspective, keep ourselves open or make change. How do we get unstuck?

APRIL 14: CELEBRATION SUNDAY!

ONE SERVICE at 9:30 AM with Congregational Brunch to follow

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

This is the close of our Stewardship Campaign and we ask everyone to renew their commitment to UUCP by making their financial pledge for the upcoming year. We will only have one service at 9:30 am with an all-congregation brunch beginning at 11:00 am. See you here!

APRIL 21: MULTIGENERATIONAL FLOWER COMMUNION SERVICE

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

This annual UU tradition invites everyone to bring a flower to the service. Together we will make an arrangement of all the flowers symbolizing the beauty that is found in the diversity of life and human community.

APRIL 28: FRONT PORCH TALK: TAKING BELOVED COMMUNITY TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Service Leader: Rev. Kathleen Baughman, UUCP Affiliate Community Minister

As a mid-Westerner who recently was in WI and IL and delighted in the homes without walled fences and with front porches, Kathy will explore what has been lost since front porches have disappeared from homes. Beloved community sometimes seems in short supply in our neighborhoods and this sermon will explore ways in which we might bring more of it to the communities in which we live by building more front porch culture into our homes.

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

Jess Otis Allen
Lucy Burrell Allen
Irving I. Bezman
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called to
share journeys,
grow in spirit,
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