



A Welcoming Congregation

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Minister's Musings

I have been working hard to get the word out that I will be on sabbatical from May 27th through September 2nd, essentially the months of June, July and August. This three-month sabbatical comes at a great time in our ministry, just as we complete five years of shared ministry.

The most frequent question I get right now is "What will you do on sabbatical?" There are three things I have planned for this sabbatical. Number one is to spend time with family and especially with my son. As he has time off from school, I look forward to this opportunity to build memories with him. Number two, I have a few books set aside for reading, including several on congregational organization and a couple of fun mysteries. Finally, number three, the biggest goal of this sabbatical is a writing project.

The past five years, our congregation has been called into important leadership on the issue of immigrant rights. We've been at the center of much of Unitarian Universalists moral leadership on this issue. During my sabbatical, I will be writing about our work as a congregation and the work of the Unitarian Universalist Association in combating SB 1070 and pushing for change against the mass detention and deportation of undocumented immigrants and the push for Comprehensive Immigration Reform.

I do not plan on publishing what I write—that would take longer than 3 months! However, I do want to record some of the many things that UUCP and UUs did on this issue, some of the struggles we faced, some of the key leaders locally and nationally that have been deeply involved and with whom we have partnered. I look forward to doing this while I can still remember many of the details. It may be that I seek to publish this record at a later time, or submit pieces of it for publication. These past five years have been unique, powerful and historically significant. We made an important contribution to a much larger and longer human rights struggle. I think it will be valuable for me and for UUCP to have our work documented and eventually shared.

Again, I am grateful for this opportunity to step away from the day-to-day rush of our full ministry to reflect on these last five years, to get perspective on where we have been and to renew my creativity and spirit. I

Nominations...

have heard other ministers talk about how their sabbaticals allowed them to renew, even reinvent their ministries, discovering new passions, new opportunities for growth and depth. I am hopeful that this will be a gift of this sabbatical time.

Next month, I will share more details about the great worship that is being planned for the summer. The schedule is almost set. As for the overall ministry, Rev. Linda Lawrence will be overseeing the ministry and pastoral care of the congregation. Heidi Parmenter will handle administrative issues and questions that come up in my absence. Rev. Linda, Benjie Messer, Anne Byrne, and our Worship Associates will provide worship leadership, and continue to lead our great programs and ministries throughout the summer. We have an excellent staff and great leaders to carry the ministry well and joyfully throughout the summer. I know it will be a great summer!

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.

The congregation will vote on open leadership positions in our annual congregational meeting on June 2nd.

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

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, I have been a member of UUCP for nine years. I have served on the Ministerial Search committee and am finishing up my term as chair of the Children's Ministry committee. I have also taught the Coming of Age curriculum and am currently an advisor for the high school youth group. My professional career has included nonprofit fundraising and grant-writing, and I currently manage research grants for ASU's Department of Chemistry. I offer experience in event management, accounting, fundraising, and writing as well as connections to the young adult and youth community.



A. Michele Morgan, Trustee

A native of Detroit, MI, I have lived in Phoenix 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 for two years, but have visited 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 your Board.

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 Arring

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.



***New Nominee:* Dale Fisher**

I have been a UU for 46 years, not counting Unitarian Sunday School in Lexington, Massachusetts. I joined UUCP in 1996 after moving to Phoenix from Arlington with Lois and our extended family. At the First Parish UU Church of Arlington, I was president of the Board and a leader in the project to rebuild the 150-year-old church when it burned to the ground in 1975. At UUCP I have been on the Board, served on the Property Committee, the Committee on Ministry and on both the Construction and Renovation Committees. Recently I managed the building of the new Nursery.

Our focus on welcoming everyone is a source of pride for me and especially our outreach to new visitors on Sunday. I have a good understanding of the mission of UUCP, our history and the challenges we face. On the Nominating Committee I welcome a new opportunity to encourage members to serve UUCP in roles they may not have tried before.



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 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 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, UUCP membership was below 300, we were facing considerable financial challenges, and professional 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 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.

Update on Strategic Plan

If you have been following the board's and congregation members' conversations about the strategic plan over these last months, you probably know that there has been *a lot* of fervent interest in it. What we, the board, have heard and noted:

- a lot of support for our vision of shared ministry, one which includes outreach and sharing our faith beyond our walls
- tremendous engagement in a process (strategic planning) that too often goes unnoticed
- trepidation or discomfort among some congregation members with the board's adoption of the word "evangelical" to describe our vision for how we might live out our liberal religious faith
- a community demonstrating love and passion for this shared place that we call our spiritual home

Throughout this process, since October 2011 when the board first adopted the Ends Statements using the word "evangelical," we know that it created discomfort. This was not a surprise; we knew it was provocative. Being provocative, pushing ourselves beyond our comfort zone was part of our intentional strategic planning process to create "big, hairy, audacious goals." We wanted to inspire and lead UUCP toward a more inviting, prominent, outward-reaching future. Throughout this process, we have tried to listen—to both the discomfort and the excitement. We've tried to balance our enthusiasm for the possibilities of this congregation and our liberal faith with the genuine and honest concern about the word "evangelical."

In our listening and discernment, we have heard two things very strongly. The first is that people are supportive and even excited about our congregation and our members growing in their ability to speak about, share and invite others to our community. We have heard excitement, and even "It's about time!" to be sharing our light and our good news. At the same time, we heard strongly that the word was too problematic for many and that it interfered with getting our message and intention across.

We recognize that board process, and the process of listening and deliberation, is slow. We were intentional in trying not to react quickly, but to listen, to sort through what we were hearing and take some time to discern the best path. We know that from the outside that was sometimes felt as the board not listening, but we were doing our best to hear everyone and discern the best path forward. We are grateful for the leadership of Susan Goldsmith and Gary Ezzell in facilitating the April 10th Listening Session, and Vince Waldron and Joan Gale of the Right Relations Ministry for working with the board to create a good process for the meeting and providing support to the facilitators as well.

After a lot of discernment, and acknowledging some disappointment at having to let go of something that inspires many board members and congregants, the board decided at our April 30th meeting to remove the word "evangelical" from the Ends Statement. We will take up the task of thinking imaginatively of what shall replace it at future meetings.

We look forward to continuing the momentum and valuable conversation that this process has inspired.

Elyse Arring
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Notes from Your Music Director

Benjie Messer

Though I haven't been through a full UUCP calendar year yet, I can feel the spring passing. One by one, spring activities at the congregation are moving into the past—Cabaret, picnics, the Pride parade, the stewardship drive—and the relative openness of summer looms close. Both our choir and our a cappella group One Breath will be on break during the summer, which will leave more time for individual musicians and other small groups to perform in services. If you want to perform a piece of music in a service this summer, either alone or as part of a group, please let me know!

Our choir's last big spring event is Music Sunday on May 12, a full service of music presented by the joined choirs of UUCP and Valley UU in Chandler. This year our choirs will be joined by the Rhythm Is Life steel band to perform Glenn McClure's "St. Francis in the Americas: a Caribbean Mass." McClure is a composer who often mixes classical music with folk music traditions, and this multi-movement work mixes the structure of the Latin mass with melodies and rhythms from the Caribbean, Africa and the southern United States. It's a unique and beautiful piece of music which has been performed all over the world in the 16 years since its publication. If you want to hear it but can't attend our Music Sunday on May 12, our choir will also be performing it at Valley UU's services on Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th.

Stewardship Update

Heidi Parmenter, Business Administrator

A great big *Thank You!* to everyone who helped organize and participate in our lovely Celebration Sunday last month. I get a lot of joy from planning events that bring our whole community together. For me, it's like planning a family reunion because whether you know it or not, you are part of my family. My parents, brother, step-sister, nieces and grandparents live back East and after working here for seven years, I sometimes feel like I know many of you better than my own flesh and blood back home and vice versa! I will name names acknowledging everyone who worked hard to make the brunch possible in my Annual Report as well as including campaign stats.

I am proud and pleased to report that as of the end of March, 75% through our fiscal year, we have received 72% of this year's pledge income. This is truly an accomplishment for which we all deserve to pat ourselves on the back. Another great big *Thank You* to all of you who are current on your pledges this year. For those of you who are under financial hardship and are finding it difficult to fulfill your pledge this year, please contact the office. We are here to help!

More exciting news is that, as of writing this article, we have received \$30,951 in new pledges for next year and we have received a total increase in renewal pledges of \$42,993! We have received 83% of the pledges we need to reach our pledge target of \$445,000. If we reach our target we will be able to keep our staff and programming at the current level and cover the increases in operating expenses of the congregation. It will take every member and friend in our congregation turning in a pledge form to make this possible. If you have not turned in a pledge form yet, please do so today. Every gift counts, every amount matters. Thanks goes to each of you who have turned your pledge form in and who have given so generously to this community. Your support makes all of our programs and events possible.

As we continue to collect pledge forms from all of our members and see what our total pledged income for next year shakes out to be, we are working hard to prepare a balanced budget to present at our June 2nd Annual Meeting.

Coming of Age: Where Magic Happens

Jaynn Truran, Youth Ministry Coordinator

I was going to devote this space to telling you all about how to be a great ally and advisor to our youth on campus—and I will, next month. But right now I am so proud of our 7th and 8th grade class that I just have to use this space to marvel in the magic that is Coming of Age.

It seems as though I have spent a lot of time saying “thank you” and “I’m sorry”—often to the same families, in the same breath. “Thank you for staying up from 3:00-6:00 am with the youth. I’m sorry I had to ask you again.” I am not complaining—I have appreciated getting to know these families, and I love working together to plan parties and other events, and to make our time together fun, safe and special.

But this month, it is time to bask. Or maybe bask is not the right word... maybe savor... no, maybe reap. Yes, now is the time to reap what we have *all* sown—our 7th and 8th graders, their families, all of our mentors, the teaching team, so many of you who shared your ideas and beliefs about heaven or god when queried in interviews, the board and committees who welcomed our candidates into your meetings, and everyone who donated your time or treasures to help the youth in our COA program build their own beautiful, involved, fun community. We shall all benefit from this harvest.

One of their final steps on the path to graduation is to sit with a panel of board members, congregation leaders, Rev. Susan, the candidate’s mentor, and the Youth Ministry Coordinator (that’s me!). Each youth (we have eight this year) spent at least 45 minutes talking with the panel about their internal and external service projects, the interviews they did with six congregation members, a sacred quote they have selected to memorize, their final essay projects, and what they liked about the COA program. Then they were asked to respond to three different scenarios, chosen at random. Some of the possible scenes included coming upon a classmate being bullied because of their skin color or gender orientation, or how they might respond when a friend confides that he is being abused at home. Some were asked how they might describe Unitarian Universalism to a stranger, or what they think when their Muslim or Buddhist classmates are asked to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance each day at school.

And that’s when the magic happened.

One by one, these youth shared insights so deep and so genuine, with courage and conviction borne not of naïveté, but of knowledge, and of introspection and awareness. They brought up issues and concerns we hadn’t considered. They showed compassion and empathy in spades, and we were all so proud, and I was delightfully reminded that this is the reason I choose to work with our youth. This is what the late nights, countless emails, lists, meetings and worrying was all for. This is the payoff for all of the apologies and thank yous I have spread around.

Our youth are soaring. May 19 will be a special day when we will celebrate our congregation’s Coming of Age graduates. Many youth will add their names to UUCP’s membership book that day. I know that we are so fortunate to welcome this group of young people into our congregation. Their hard work has paid off, and together we will all be better for it.

UUCP Community Night

May 2 & Summer Dates
Johnson Room

Beginning this month and continuing through August, we will have one community potluck per month on the first Thursday of the month. We hope to be able to resume weekly community potluck nights in September or October.

Please watch for some exciting events that the Membership Committee and UUCP Staff will be hosting in conjunction with summer community nights on May 2, June 6, July 4, and August 1.

Adult Faith Development Opportunities

Although our regular Adult Faith Development program year is coming to a close, there will be some late spring and summer opportunities for sharing journeys, growing in spirit, and continuing lifelong learning. Please watch for more information in the weekly *Compass* online newsletter and in our *UUCP Announcements* insert in the Sunday morning orders of service. There are no participation fees for any of the following:

UUCP BOOK GROUP
Sundays, 9:00 AM, Annex B

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.

OASIS IN THE DESERT
Thursday, May 2nd, 7:00-8:00 PM, Location TBD

Please register by leaving your name, phone number, and the class name at 602-840-8400, Ext. 200. Donations to UUCP will be accepted at the class. Uli Boecker-Grieme will guide participants in the use of acupressure and other bodywork modalities for a relaxing evening of stress reduction. Enjoy hand and foot massages and good fellowship.

SENIOR-I-T
Wednesday, May 15th, 2:00-4:00 PM, Johnson Room

There is no registration or fee required for this group of lively UUCP members and friends who are in the 60+ age range. In May, we'll each present "5 Minute Bios." We welcome photos and mementos to go with your story. Beverages will be provided. Snacks are up to you to bring if you wish.

GOOD GRIEF
Saturday, May 18th, 10:00-11:30 AM, Annex C

One or more of our ministers will be available to offer a supportive atmosphere of caring and sharing for anyone who wants to talk with others about moving through their personal experience of loss and grief. No pre-registration is required.

UUCP BOOK SALE

Sunday, May 19th

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

Johnson Room and Patio

Do you love books? Indulge your reading hobby and help UUCP do some spring cleaning. You can buy some interesting "reads" for \$1-2 and raise a little money for UUCP at the same time. Browse our selection of fiction and nonfiction before or after the service. Members of the Adult Faith Development Committee and the Book Group will happily bag your books and relieve you of some of your spare change!

Please note that we are NOT accepting any book donations for this sale. We have plenty!

Traveling 2nd Fridays

May 10th, 7:00-8:00 PM, Sanctuary

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.

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

Interested in Serving on the Board at Booker T?

UUCP is in its fifth decade of providing assistance to Booker T. Washington Child Development Center. Booker T is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Head Start education center located at 1519 East Adams Street in Phoenix. Individuals from our congregation have volunteered in the library, literacy and family programs and served on the board. The congregation has provided financial support through Share the Plate and even co-signed on Booker T's original mortgage for its current facility.

Booker T serves 192 low-income children, between the ages of three and five, and their families, who live within the boundaries of the Phoenix Elementary School District #1, the Eastlake Park and Garfield neighborhoods. There are limited licensed early childhood education facilities in these inner city neighborhoods. Booker T. Washington has, and continues to be, one of the few early childhood education resources available to families in this area.

Booker T has openings on its Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact the Social Action Committee at socialaction@phoenixuu.org.

Share the Plate

Our monthly gift of our Sunday collection on May 12th goes to Hogar Materno, in Yoro Yoro, Honduras. Hogar Materno cares for poor women from the surrounding countryside who have pregnancy complications. Before Hogar Materno, many expectant mothers waited for hospitalization, when conditions were dangerously advanced. Death rate for residents of Hogar Materno and their babies has been zero. Our donations buy food and supplies. Administrative overhead is less than 1 %. Strictly supported by donations, this facility has been saving lives of babies and mothers since 1998. UUCP member Tony Banegas is Vice President of Hogar Materno's board. Thank you for your loving generosity on May 12th.

Share the Plate needs *you*. Have you nominated an organization you are passionate about, that is aligned with UUCP values? Please see the guidelines on our website: www.phoenixuu.org, click on Social Justice Ministries to access the application. We look forward to hearing from you to help UUCP advance justice in our world.

Questions? Email sharetheplate@phoenixuu.org.

Walking Poetry Lovers

Adrift

A little boat is adrift

And night is coming down.

Will no one guide a little boat

Unto the nearest town?

So sailors say, on yesterday

Just as the dusk was brown

One little boat gave up its strife

And gurgled down and down.

But Angels say, on yesterday,

Just as the dawn was red

One little boat overspent with gales

Retrimmed its masts, redecked its sails

Exultant onward sped.

-Emily Dickenson

This poem and a few others were read one Friday morning by some of the walkers at four scenic view stops during the early morning walk north of Northern Avenue. Two to eight walkers walk through the beautiful Phoenix Mountain Preserve, reach high grounds with views of the valley and return through the paved streets west of the preserve every week.

Jay Alagia

Jay has been leading this walk for over ten years. If you are interested, please contact Jay at 602-952-8889, jayalagia@gmail.com.

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

When you join UUSC at www.uusc.org your membership helps with projects in 23 countries around the world. For instance, in Uganda, UUSC has helped more than 20,000 child soldiers return to their traditional culture and become vital members of their community. Projects in Tanzania, Kenya, Haiti and many other countries are ongoing with your membership contribution.

In the US, UUSC has partnered with the Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC-United) and are working to shed light on unfair working and labor conditions in the restaurant industry. Poverty wages, theft, health and safety hazards, discrimination, sexual harassment, and lack of basic benefits are prevalent in this industry. The federal minimum wage for tipped workers remains at \$2.13 per hour, the same as 20 years ago! Read the best seller *Behind the Kitchen Door* by Saru Jayaraman to learn the dirty little secrets about the restaurants we love to frequent. Remember, "the customer is always right"—and it's time to tell the restaurant industry what customers think is right for workers.

Your purchase of Fair Trade coffee and chocolate at the Social Action table each week helps farmers in far-off countries earn a fair wage for their efforts. They can afford to send their children to school to become educated for the benefit of their families and country. Brew a pot of Fair Trade and help educate a child! Eat a Fair Trade chocolate bar and help educate a child!

Addictions Ministry

You may have heard that nicotine is more addictive than heroin, but did you ever wonder why? I presumed it was the drug itself. But author and professor David Linden says neuroscience is telling us that addiction is a learning experience. Analogy: if you give a dog one steak a day, or cut it up into 200 pieces and dole it out, you'll get very different outcomes. Cigarette smokers simply stoke their pleasure centers more times per day. About 80% of those who experiment with cigarettes will become addicted versus 30% for heroin.

If you have a compulsive behavior and need a safe, spiritual place to land, the 2nd & 4th Saturdays Addictions Discussion Group meets in Annex B at 4:30 pm. Call Gene 602-361-9067 or Michael 602-488-1188 for more information.

Welcome Our Newest Members!

The Membership Committee is happy to announce that nine people became UUCP members on April 11, following the spring Pathway to Membership series. They are Phil Crowley, Ruth Crowley, Cara Denby, Michel Gareau, Carrie Hudiburgh, Carrie Matteson, Laura Reich, Dale Weibusch, and Harmony June Williams. You can see their photographs on the poster outside Office 2 and in this newsletter along with short biographical sketches. Please be sure to welcome and get to know these terrific new members.



Carrie Hudiburgh moved to Phoenix in December of 2012 from the San Francisco Bay Area. She was a member of the UU Church in Palo Alto for 12 years before coming to Arizona. While there, she participated on several committees and in numerous church activities. She feels she has found her new home at UUCP and hopes to be able to contribute her time in a meaningful way. She enjoys gardening, reading mysteries and volunteering at Hands On Greater Phoenix.



Ruth Crowley, born and raised in Phoenix, is a retired RN and Public Health Nurse. Phil Crowley, born and raised in Portland, OR, is retired from US Steel and AT&T where he was in operations management and finance. He is also a retired Commander in the US Navy. Ruth and Phil met in San Francisco, married, and raised two daughters who both now live in Arizona. The Crowleys have three grandsons. Last year they moved to the Beatitudes Campus and are enjoying volunteer work, reading, and travel.



Michel Gareau and Carrie Matteson were both raised in Christian traditions before finding Unitarian Universalism three years ago in Vancouver, Canada. They enjoy the sense of community and vibrant energy of UU congregations and find the music at UUCP particularly awakening. The opportunity to grow with inspiring individuals and gain valuable experiences through rich discussions and community action is important not only for them, but also for their daughter (nine-year-old Gabrielle Gareau) as she grows up in this congregation. Carrie is passionate about her work in the health field, in addition to reading, cooking with Gabby, and enjoying the beauty of Phoenix. Michel travels often due to work

demands in commercial real estate consulting, but enjoys every second he can get expanding his list of compositions at the piano and taking part in inspirational readings and relationships. As a family, they enjoy being active, travelling, and walking their two little dogs. They look forward to meeting all the wonderful members of UUCP and participating in our community.



Dale Wiebusch is from Moorhead, Minnesota and graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College. After spending 18 years in Minneapolis in the social service field he came to Arizona in 1997. For six years he lived in Prescott, but has been in Phoenix ever since. He is currently working in the legislative arena. Dale was raised in the Lutheran faith, but now sees Unitarianism as his true path. Although he enjoys his work, he would always rather be camping.



Laura Reich and Harmony June Williams are a mother and daughter originally from South Carolina. They moved to Mesa about seven years ago. Laura joined a rock band at another church and led the group for several years. When they moved to Phoenix about a year ago to be closer to Laura's work, they went church hopping and could not find a good place where they fit. When Harmony heard about UU online, they decided to drop in and see exactly what UU was about. The message was so fitting and the open-mindedness drew them in. They knew from the very first visit that this was home.



Cara Denby grew up in New Jersey, went to college in Atlanta and spent three years in Vermont, before settling in Arizona with her husband Mike in 1994. Cara has a BA in education and an MBA. Cara is the active mother of three girls, Katalyn (age 10), Hailey (age 8) and Alana (age 6), and they all currently attend Desert View Learning Center on the UUCP campus. When she is not busy enjoying her children, running errands, or cleaning house, she is enjoying time with her husband, or hiking with friends, or taking care of herself in a yoga class. Cara has enjoyed working in the 1st and 2nd grade RE class this year.

Unicare

FRIENDSHIP PARTNERS: FRANK AND ROSIE HERMANN

Frank and Arbutusrose “Rosie” Hermann have attended services and events at UUCP since 1983.

Rosie was born in Olympia, Washington and grew up in what she describes as an unusual family. Her grandmother and great-aunt were “faith healers.” During her childhood, the family travelled and lived extensively throughout the west because of her father's professions; Rush Wesley Emmons was a gold prospector and violin maker. During World War II, they lived in Los Angeles where Rosie was first introduced to Transcendentalism through a high school teacher's assigned reading.

Frank was born in Silesia, Germany (now Poland). He, his brother and mother, who was an American citizen, spent the war years in the countryside of East Prussia. In 1945, when Frank was 13, they fled the Russian army advance into Prussia and came to the U.S. They settled in Nampa, Idaho where his mother supported the family by giving piano lessons.

In a strange turn of events, it was through an old friendship of Rosie's and Frank's fathers that the couple met each other. In the 1920s, Frank's father, Otto Karl Hermann, came from Germany to teach music at the Portland (Oregon) Conservatory of Music. Otto and Rush met and Rosie's father began giving English lessons to Frank's father. Their friendship continued via correspondence when Otto returned to Germany.

Frank spent his high school years in Nampa and wished to study architecture. As the University of Idaho did not have a good school of architecture, both Rosie's and Frank's fathers suggested that he apply to the University of Washington and board with Rosie's family. Rosie attended UW, majoring in social work and art.

In 1958, Frank and Rosie married in Scottsdale, briefly returned to the northwest, and returned to resettle in Tempe in 1960.

Frank helped design the 1961 Seattle World's Fair and then small commercial properties at Phoenix Associates in Scottsdale. Rose taught art for over thirty years in the Scottsdale School District, at Arcadia High School, and at Scottsdale Community College. She says that she most enjoyed teaching young children and young adults. During this time, the couple had a son, Ki, and a daughter, Ria. Rosie later obtained her MA at ASU, where Gene Grigsby was a faculty member of her Master's committee.

Initially, motivated by concern about religious education for their children and influenced by Rosie's exposure to the Transcendentalist writers, they were members of the UU Fellowship in Tempe (now VUU in Chandler). In 1983, they joined UUCP after Ray Manker officiated at their son's memorial service. Frank fondly remembers the minister emeritus and singing in the choir.

Frank and Rosie are attentively cared for by their daughter, Ria, who is an educational counselor at ASU, by their dog He-tzu (who is a Shi-tzu) and visited by Friendship Partners Susan Morris and Barbara Cawthorne. They are also most appreciative of visits by the Music Outreach Ministry and thank, especially, Jerry Whalin, Carolyn Allenby and Richard and Connie Jahrmarkt.



UNICARE COMMUNITY NEWS:

- Please keep Anali Venzor in your thoughts. Anali and her parents Laura and Saul Venzor were active members of the congregation. Anali is in the third trimester of a very high-risk pregnancy due to previous heart surgeries. Laura and Saul now reside in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Anali's most critical time will be immediately following the delivery, near June 18th.
- Our thoughts of healing go out to Mark and Michael, sons of Vicki Copeland and Mark Wheaton, as they cope with ongoing health issues and tests. We also send thoughts of strength and patience to their family as they care for Mark and Michael and their health needs.
- We lift up Tish Gauntt as her sheltie, Dexter, died in mid-April. Dexter was an excellent and loving canine companion for 13 years.
- We celebrate with Smoot as his post-cancer surgery test results revealed that he is cancer free! Smoot gives his thanks for all the love and support he received during this journey.
- Birthday wishes to UUCP member Enid Jones as she turned 90 in early April.
- Birthday wishes also go out to Ray Manker as he turned 88 in April. Additional congratulations as both he and Gretchen became great-grandparents for the second time. Bowie Wendell Manker-Seale has the honor of sharing Gretchen's birthday.
- Rev. Kathy Baughman, our Affiliate Community Minister, received her board certification by the Association of Professional Chaplains. This was a huge accolade and recognition of Kathy's professional ministry and the completion of a long and arduous process. Congratulations, Kathy!
- Anne Byrne traveled to Denver in early April to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Rape Assistance Awareness Program. RAAP is Denver's rape crisis center, an organization she founded when she was 23. Huge congratulations to Davier Rodriguez as he officially won the Clinton Initiative University Award and \$40,000 for his organization Dream Zone! He traveled to Clayton, Missouri, where he was introduced by Bill Clinton and Stephen Colbert and given the cash prize. Davier co-founded Dream Zone at ASU which helps bring awareness, understanding and support to undocumented students looking to pursue higher education. This is an extraordinary accomplishment, Davier, UUCP is very proud of you!

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

2013 Memorial Day Weekend

May 24-27, 2013

Group Camping Holiday

Join us for a weekend of family fun at our 100 acre Unitarian Universalist camp!
Friday Night - Monday Morning

- Camp under an infinite canopy of stars
- Share and help prepare community meals.
- Take a nature walk
- Explore the creek or nearby ancient ruins
- Play games or relax in a hammock
- Read or Write
- Be in the talent show
- Sing around the campfire
- Cook S'mores
- Help with a sweat lodge
- Hike to Sunset Point and clap the sun down
- Smell forest fresh air
- Stargaze or look for cloud shapes
- Worship in the Sacred Grove Of The Ancients
- Help with a Service Project
- Lead your own event



SAWUURA is a primitive, wilderness camp ~ 3 miles down a gently sloping canyon.

READ THIS: An all wheel drive vehicle or pickup truck is a must. We will gladly provide rides down from the top of the road for anyone who asks. Cell phones work well at the top of the hill and in a few places at camp. Pets are not invited to group events. Fees include all meals & are only \$45 for adults & \$25 for children. If you become a member of SAWUURA (for only \$60/year individual or family or \$30 for a senior or youth) the fee is reduced to \$35. Registration deadline is Monday, May 20th. Go to www.sawuura.org for more information and to register.

SEE YOU AT CAMP!

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

Emma La Duke Ames
Jean Berry
Ki Hermann
Marcy E. Kiefer
Thaxter Robinson
Kathy Van Kerkwyk (Grobe)

Louise Bauer Bercaw
Ralph P.E. Dickinson
Donald J. Jackel
Wilhelmina (Mimi) Muth
Margaret (Peggy) D. Wilkinson

Celebrations of Life

10:30 AM

THIS MONTH BEGINS OUR SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE: ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM

MAY 5: CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY

Service Leader: Anne Byrne, Director of Children's Ministries

Celebrate the value of our Children's Ministry through story and song. Hear from children and teachers about how this ministry is making a difference in the lives of our children and families.

MAY 12: COMBINED CHORAL SUNDAY

Service Leaders: Connie Jahrmarkt, UUCP Choir Director; Rev. Kellie Walker, Minister of Music, Valley UU Congregation

The UUCP choir combines with the choir of Valley Unitarian Universalist in Chandler and the Rhythm is Life Steel Band to present "St. Francis in the Americas: A Caribbean Mass" by Glenn McClure, which celebrates the marriage of Latin American cultures and the spiritual legacy of the medieval Italian saint, Francis of Assisi.

MAY 19: COMING OF AGE SERVICE

Service Leaders: Jaynn Truran, Youth Coordinator, and COA graduates

Hear the 7th and 8th grade Coming of Age graduates share about their adventures together this year visiting different faith communities and exploring their own beliefs and values, and how Unitarian Universalism (and UUCP) has helped to shape their religious journey.

MAY 26: UNEXPECTED GIFTS

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

This will be Rev. Susan's last Sunday in the pulpit before she begins her three-month sabbatical on May 27th.

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