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Sunday Services  
9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

*The Bi-weekly Newsletter of  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson*

### Great Things Are Taking Place at UUCT:

At the Interfaith Friendship Event on February 15, 20 Muslim guests met with UUCT families for crafts, games and fun. These refugees enjoyed our fellowship and felt welcomed to their new country.

Our Holiday Hospitality program, Welcoming the Stranger, raised \$1571.15 for our No More Deaths ministry.

### New Office Manager!

Meet our new UUCT Office Manager, Josie Hartman. Josie recently moved to Tucson from Carrboro, North Carolina, which is near Chapel Hill. Josie has extensive experience in working as an office manager with several non-profit organizations, and also ran her own business called "Ducks in a Row," which helped individuals get organized in many ways from finances to closets!

As a bonus, Josie speaks Spanish, and is described by former employers as having a great sense of humor as well as being a pleasure to work with. So stop by the church office if you are in the area between 9:00 and 1:00, Tuesday – Friday to welcome Josie to the UUCT staff.

Josie is replacing Helen Cohn, who has served as our acting office administrator for the past seven months. Helen is to be commended for the outstanding job she has done of keeping the office running smoothly during this difficult transition period. Thank you, Helen, and best wishes for the future!

### Circus Ole

Less than a month remains until the March 21 UUCT grand party of the year! It's Circus Ole, of course, and we do hope you are planning to come with family and friends. The number of items offered for sale this year are amazing. This may be our biggest silent auction ever, and the Live Auction promises more fine dinners, trips and delightful surprises for all.

Terrific appetizers and beverages will sustain you as you shop "silently" and a delicious dinner awaits us as we are fortified for the Live Auction.

Following the auction, the drawing for the 50/50 Raffle will be held. For those unfamiliar with this raffle, half of the proceeds of the raffle will go to the lucky ticket holder; the other half will go to the congregation's coffers. The winner must be present to win.

Are you excited? The organizers surely are. Can your help be used? It certainly can. We need many willing hands to make this big event happen successfully. Please stop by the auction table in Goddard and sign up where you can lend a hand. Tickets are still being sold.

One last little way to help out: because of the high cost of credit card servicing, we are asking that you plan ahead now to use a check or cash for your auction purchases.

### Sunday Service

**Sunday, March 8, *Three Keys to Abundant Living That Work Even Now*** — You'll have to come hear the sermon to find out what they are!

**Sunday, March 15, *First Things First*** — What priorities will lead us into the future? The answer is important. It shapes the world we and our descendants will inhabit.

**Sunday, March 22, Guest Speaker, Rev. John Fife**

**Sunday, March 29, All Music Sunday**

## Membership/Community Life Bulletin Board:

Mary Wiese, Membership and Community Life  
Administrator

### Newcomer News:

*Newcomer Potluck:* The next Newcomer Potluck will be held on Saturday, March 28. If you are new to the congregation and would like an opportunity to get to know others in our community, this is an excellent opportunity. Contact Julia Mehrer if you would like to be included: perujourney@gainbroadband.com.

*New Member Classes:* New Member Classes will be held in March and April, on the first Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. and the second Sunday, at 12:30 p.m. If you have fulfilled the requirements for the Pathway to Membership and are ready to commit some of your time and resources to the congregation, then we welcome, and encourage, you to become a member. If you would like to reserve a place at the next New Member class in March, or if you have questions, please contact Mary Wiese: macbrude@cox.net.

### Kitchen Ministry:

Please continue to bring in donations for Coffee Hour: cookies, crackers, veggies, cakes, and bags of ice are always appreciated. Please speak with Mary Wiese if you have any questions: macbrude@cox.net.

Also, we are always looking for extra help and lunch donations. Please contact Kathy McDaniel if you want to contribute to this vital ministry of the church: kmcdaniel@dakotacom.net.

*Yours in community spirit, Mary*

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## Saturday Salon

The final Saturday Salon of the season will be March 14 at the home of Julia Mehrer. Claudine LoMonaco, a producer and reporter from Arizona Public Media will be the guest speaker. She regularly reports on border issues for KUAT/KUAZ. Her stories have also been featured on NPR and Marketplace. She was the co-producer of a PBS Frontline documentary and will share some of her insights "From the border."

She received her master's degree in journalism and Latin American studies from UC-Berkeley and is a former reporter for the Tucson Citizen.

A to H Main Course      I to O Veggies Salad  
P to S Dessert          T to Z Appetizers  
Bring serving spoons if needed — BYOB

Reservations can be made by calling Barbara at 749-2029 or by sending an email to barbararip@comcast.net.

## Circus Ole Children's Auction

Want to come to the auction but not sure what to do with the kids? Bring them to the Children's Auction which will take place at the same time as the congregational auction, Circus Ole, on March 21.

Children will have the chance to bid on items that interest them. There will also be games, pizza, and other snacks. Parents are asked to bring their children to the auction which will be held in the Blackwell Room and sign them in. Please do not give the children any money. The maximum that any child or youth will be able to spend is \$20, and their parents can pay when they pick up their children. Please contact Kathleen Hogue with any questions at 312-0441.

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## "Valentines for Peace"

The Balkan Peace Support Group, Lutheran Refugee Resettlement, and UUCT RE Department co-hosted "Valentines for Peace" on Sunday Feb. 15 to bring some of our Muslim (and other non-Muslim) refugees together with those of other faiths for an all-age day of games, fun, and food.

UUCT hosted refugee families from Iraq, Somalia, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, in this "Getting to Know You" first-ever event. About 50 people attended, playing many fun games that got everyone laughing and participating. Nothing works better than meeting one-on-one to help the young know each other as people in order to help avoid stereotypes.

We welcome your contributions to Lutheran Refugee Resettlement project made out to "Lutheran Refugee Resettlement." and sent to Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, Refugee Resettlement Program, 5049 East Broadway Blvd. Suite 126, Tucson, AZ 85711

## Webster Lardner Kitchell (1931 - 2009)

The Reverend Webster Lardner Kitchell died on February 29, 2009 of complications from Parkinson's disease. He was 71.

He was known for his sonorous voice and the humor in his sermons. His "Coyote" sermons became a tradition at the UU church in Santa Fe. Coyote, the "trickster" symbol in Native American mythology, was his fictitious partner whom he met at doughnut shops to discuss current events, matters of theology, and the wonders of life. He wrote three books based on these sermons: *God's Dog: Conversations with Coyote*, *Get a God!: More Conversations with Coyote*, and *Coyote Says: More Conversations with God's Dog*. The Pacific Southwest District was honored to have Rev. Kitchell as our keynote speaker at the District Assembly in Tucson in 2002.

## No More Deaths – Spring Volunteer Opportunities

No More Deaths is hosting an alternative Spring Break for college students. Starting March 7, groups of students will spend their vacation week in southern Arizona as volunteers with our ministry – and you can help!

Students will arrive on Saturdays and stay the night at Southside Presbyterian Church. They will stay in Tucson for trainings on Sunday and then head out to our camps near Arivaca for the next five days. They return to Tucson on Friday night and head home on Saturday.

We need help while students are in town, mainly with setting up breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings. We will also need people who can help run miscellaneous errands during the week, and possibly shuttle people around. We may also need hospitality for volunteers coming early or staying late.

To become involved, there will be a signup sheet at the No More Deaths table during coffee hours at upcoming services.

Thanks for all your support in this vital ministry!

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## Mata Ortiz! November 11-15, 2009

Participants on the second annual UUCT trip to Mata Ortiz will depart UUCT early on Veterans' Day. The trip includes visits to the Amerind Museum in Dragoon and the award-winning Paquimé Museum, a wine, cheese and light buffet reception, accompanied by a talk on the history of Mata Ortiz by Spencer MacCallum.

We'll watch pots being fabricated, polished, painted and fired by the Women's Co-op of Mata Ortiz, have lunch in the old train station there, visit the Hacienda San Diego, originally owned by the Hacendado Don Luis Terrazas, now in the process of renovation by the present owner who was born a serf on the property. We have an optional cooking class in the Hacienda that afternoon for the first 15 people who sign up. There will also be a day visiting petroglyphs of the Casas Grandes culture, the Soledad de Janos Mission and a sotol-producing plant that will introduce us to the local liquor.



The tentative itinerary and sign-up information can be obtained by e-mailing Julia Mehrer at [perujourney@gainbroadband.com](mailto:perujourney@gainbroadband.com). The tour will cost approximately \$636 per person double occupancy, but we are still negotiating on several options. This amount includes a tax deductible donation to UUCT in your name. A deposit will guarantee your place on the trip. Deposits will be refundable until September 1.

## Lifespan Faith Development

For information about Lifespan Faith Development programs or Covenant Circles, email [mike-greenbaum@qwestoffice.net](mailto:mike-greenbaum@qwestoffice.net) or call him at 326-8831. You can also find out more at the Adult Faith Development table in Goddard after the service.

### Listening for the Spirit Continues

Listening for the Spirit continues its exploration of religion and spirituality through a comparative study of the world's religions in the Awareness Room on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Currently the group is reading about and discussing Buddhism. The class uses a combination of Huston Smith's landmark work *The World's Religions: Our Great Wisdom Traditions* (also available as *The Illustrated World's Religions*) and excerpts from a DVD series, *Great World Religions*. After Buddhism, the class will move on to Hinduism. Each member must buy his own book (available locally at new and sometimes used bookstores or online at various sites). Drop-ins are welcome once you've bought your book, but it's best to check with Mary Schantz at 731-8189 to find out which chapters are being discussed.

### Exploring Spirituality "Crosses the Event Horizon"

Exploring Spirituality as a Unitarian Universalist continues to meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Servetus Room. This is a drop-in group, and everyone is welcome for a stimulating hour of conversation. Beginning on March 1, the group will begin viewing and discussing *Crossing the Event Horizon* a DVD series produced by Nassim Hamein, a scientist whose theories about the geometry of space and time and their relation to the fundamental structure of the universe and to spirituality have been the subject of much discussion and controversy in the scientific community.

Hamein's DVD series takes the viewer on a journey through humanity's evolution, exploring the changes necessary to produce an all-encompassing theory of unified physics: a unification of not only the four forces of nature, but also evolution and the occurrence of consciousness.

Demonstrating the parallels between his theory and ancient codes found in documents and monuments, Nassim weaves a tale which may prove to be as controversial in our time as ideas of the transcendentalists were for many in the early 19th century or the theories of Einstein were in the 20<sup>th</sup>. Join us on Sunday mornings for this exciting series of discussions.

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## UUA Elections

A new UUA president will be selected this June during General Assembly in Salt Lake City. The two candidates are **Rev. Laurel Hallman** of Texas and **Rev. Peter Morales** of Colorado. For more information about each candidate go to [hallmanforuupresident.com](http://hallmanforuupresident.com) and [moralesforuupresident.com](http://moralesforuupresident.com).

### Supply Drive

No More Deaths needs supplies for March: *Socks, Walking Shoes in good condition, Sweaters, Fruit Cups, Soups with pop-top lids, Tuna Packs, Granola Bars.*

Donation boxes will be set up in Goddard Hall on Sundays from now until March 22. Thank you for your generosity!

### Alliance News

We did so enjoy our recent tour of the local – and fabulous – Franklin Car Museum! Though we won't meet in March, we are planning a fun picnic on April 14. More details later. We could use many more of your recent magazines and aluminum cans to recycle. The proceeds go back to the church for special projects.

### Book Club

The Book Club will meet March 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Awareness Room. We will be reviewing *Thirteen Moons* by Charles Frazier about the devastating effect of the Civil War on southern Indian tribes. We always have an informative good time. All are welcome.

### Artist of the Month Gallery

"Pieces of Three," prints and paintings by three generations of the Angevine family, will be on exhibit in the Artist of the Month Gallery, in the Sanctuary, beginning March 4 and lasting through April 5.



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### Second Sunday Songfest

Second Sunday Songfest soirees continue on Sunday, March 8, with live music (folk, rock, western, popular, children's and originals) and socializing. Bring snacks/beverages to share. Goddard or patio, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Interested in performing? Call Rick Meyer at 748-2886 or just come on down.

### UUCT Saturday Hikers

UUCT Saturday Hikers' next trek is March 7. Meet at the church at 8:00 am for carpooling and details of our 4.5 mile hike on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. Ellie Nelson 615-4136, or Chris Wallace 327-4981.



### Jewish-Muslim PeaceWalk

The Sixth Annual Jewish – Muslim PeaceWalk Tucson will be held on Sunday, March 8. People of all faiths and persuasions who share our vision of coexistence and mutual understanding are invited to join all or part of this important event. The approximately 2 mile walk will begin at 2:00 p.m. at Congregation Or Chadash, 3939 N. Alvernon. After stops along the way, participants will gather for a meal together around 5:30 p.m. at the Al Huda Islamic School located at 2800 E. River Road.

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