



October 28, 2009

# ucsonitarian

*The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson  
Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.*

## Great Things Are Taking Place at UUCT:

The Petitions for Full Equality, which many of you signed and which asked our lawmakers to provide full and equal protection under the law for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people, were delivered to Congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford's office. The petitions contained over **500** signatures of people who stand on the side of love in support of full equality.

## FOOD AND FIRST-AID PACKS FOR NO MORE DEATHS

No More Deaths, a ministry of our church, was our partner in the Share the Plate collection on October 25. For those who are unable to contribute money or who wish to become more involved in the activities of No More Deaths, our congregation will be assembling food and first-aid packs for distribution to migrants as part of the humanitarian mission of No More Deaths.

You can help our RE class in two ways--by donating items to be included in the packs and by helping to assemble them on Sunday, November 8, after the service in Goddard Hall.

Contributions can be brought to the office during the week (Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 to 1:00) or can be brought to Goddard Hall before or after the service on November 1 or November 8.

Below is a list of things we need for the food and first-aid packs. Bring whatever you're able to--but nothing that's past its Sell-By date.

We hope to assemble at least 100 packs--more if we have the supplies to fill them!

### Supply List

- 8 oz. bottles of water or a sports drink, such as Gatorade G2 which has less sugar
- Pop-top lid containers of meat or tuna
- Nuts, trail mix, dried fruit, chips
- Granola, power bars, or snack bars: *WITHOUT* soft fillings or frostings which melt in the sun
- Applesauce, pudding, or fruit cup
- Plastic spoons
- Peanut butter or cheese filled crackers
- New socks
- Gallon-sized plastic bags with plastic zipper-type closers which stay sealed better
- Quart-sized plastic bags with plastic zipper-type closers which stay sealed better
- Individually wrapped gauze pads
- Individually wrapped alcohol wipes
- Small tubes of first-aid cream or ointment
- Foot-care creams, powders, or moleskin
- Individually wrapped throat lozenges
- Individually wrapped aspirin, Tylenol, or Advil packets
- Band-Aids or other similar bandages - probably 1" is best
- Lip balm
- Small containers of hand cream or lotion

## Sunday Services

### Sunday, November 1

*Rev. Diane Dowgiert*

#### **A Conscience is a Terrible Thing to Waste**

Part of the human experience is to be confronted with moral choices. Each of us comes equipped with a conscience to guide us through decisions of right and wrong.

### Sunday, November 15

*Rev. Diane Dowgiert*

#### **Question Authority**

Questions of authority can be thorny for Unitarian Universalists, especially questions of religious authority. As people who claim a liberal religious faith, how do we know what we know? What sources are authoritative for us?

### Sunday, November 22

*Rev. Diane Dowgiert*

#### **Stories of Hope: Guest at Your Table**

This holiday season, share stories of hope by participating in Guest at Your Table. For more than thirty years, the Guest at Your Table program has helped UU's incorporate "faith in action" into daily life. Real stories of real struggles in people's lives around the world connect us more deeply to the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

## Do Your Christmas Shopping and Support UUCT

Christmas shopping just got easier than ever! You can order environmentally friendly stainless steel water bottles for everyone on your gift list and help raise funds for UUCT at the same time. These bottles come in three sizes and cost \$14-\$16. Orders will be taken each Sunday in November and a portion of each sale will go to the church.

These green water bottles are BPA free and are made with an [18/8 food grade stainless steel](#) which is remarkably lightweight. They are designed for continual re-use, and are perfect for that outdoor enthusiast or athlete that tends to lead a rougher, more active life-style. They are also perfect for anyone concerned about making our environment a safe place for future generations to enjoy by cutting down on the number of plastic water bottles that pile up in landfills.

So place your orders beginning Nov. 1 for this great gift for everyone you know.

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### Order Poinsettias to Decorate Holland

Again, as we have for the past two years, UUCT will support New Beginnings for Women and Children, by ordering beautiful holiday poinsettias from them. Here's how it works:

Poinsettias cost \$12.50 each (\$6.50 is tax deductible). You place your order any Sunday (Nov. 1-22) with Barbara Tegethoff in Goddard Hall. Pay in cash or with a check made out to UUCT. You may order your poinsettias in honor of or in memory of friends and family. The poinsettias will decorate Holland during the month of Dec. and after the service on Dec. 27, you can take your plants home with you.

New Beginnings is a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization providing housing, counseling and support services to homeless women and their children.

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### PSWD News

The new PSWD Directory and the most recent newsletter can be found at the following links:

[Fall 2009 NetwUUrk](#)  
[PSWD Directory](#)

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### ICS Holiday Food Drive

Interfaith Community Services, of which UUCT, is a member, is accepting donations for their annual Holiday Food Baskets which will help provide traditional holiday meals for families in need. It takes only \$2.36 to provide one meal for a hungry person. \$25 will feed 10 people; \$50 will feed 20 people. Whatever you can give will make a big difference.

You can send your tax deductible donation to:

ICS  
2820 W. Ina Rd  
Tucson AZ 85741-2502

## WARD CHURCHILL TO SPEAK NOV. 13 AT BENEFIT FOR O'ODHAM VOICE

American Indian activist, author and scholar Ward Churchill will speak in Goddard Hall at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, to benefit O'odham Voice Against the Wall. The event, sponsored by the UUCT Immigrant Rights Working Group, will include a delicious vegetarian meal to be served at 6:30 p.m. Donations of \$10 to \$20 are suggested, but no one will be turned away.

Prof. Churchill's talk is part of the "Apartheid in America: Surviving Occupation in O'odham Lands" gathering, which is dedicated to raising awareness of the connections between repressive border policies at home and abroad. Former Chair of the Ethnic Studies Department at the University of Colorado/Boulder, where he received numerous awards for his teaching and service, he has written extensively on indigenous history, U.S. foreign policy and the repression of political dissent. Five of his more than 20 books have received human rights awards.

In April, 2009, a jury unanimously found that Prof. Churchill, who was a full tenured professor, was illegally fired by the University of Colorado in retaliation for his observations on 9/11 and in violation of the First Amendment. The University appealed that verdict and the case is winding its way through the courts. For more information contact Ofelia Rivas of the Tohono O'odham Voice Against the Wall at (520) 349-5484.

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### Newcomer Potluck Dinner

Our third Newcomer Potluck Dinner for 2009/2010 will be held on November 8. These Potlucks are casual, intimate opportunities to get to know a few members of the congregation. They are held at a member's home where newcomers and church members are invited to share a meal and have conversation. It isn't particularly religious, but we find that people are able to get to know each other better in this relaxed atmosphere. It's a great way to make new friends with very interesting people.

If you are new to the church but have not had an opportunity to attend a Newcomers Potluck Dinner, this is your chance. We also need hosts and members to attend.

The next potluck is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th. The cut-off date for signing up is October 29. Sign up on a form available at the welcome desk or [www.uuctucson.org](http://www.uuctucson.org) or by sending email to [newcomers@uuctucson.org](mailto:newcomers@uuctucson.org). For more information contact Julia Mehrer at [perujourney@gainbroadband.com](mailto:perujourney@gainbroadband.com) or 762-4035.

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### MATA ORTIZ POTTERY SALE

On the Patio  
Sun., Nov. 22nd 11:00 – 2:00

Come to the demonstration and sale of pottery from the legendary potters of Mata Ortiz. Plan to do some holiday shopping and help the potters whose livelihood has been drastically affected by the ongoing violence in Mexico. Invite friends to shop with you. Modern and traditional designs starting at \$15.

## Membership/Community Life Bulletin Board:

Submitted by Mary Wiese,  
Membership and Community Life Administrator

### Queer on Their Feet is back, AND It is a Fundraiser for the Church!!

If you were there last November, you KNOW how funny they are. And, if you missed it? Well come on out to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, on Friday November 20th, at 8pm and see the Country's only stand up comedy AND improv troupe. You've probably seen Jennie McNulty, Diana Yanez and Daniel Leary on television but now is your chance to come see them live with each comic doing their stand up routines and then, together, they take the stage for some outrageous improvisation that YOU the audience help create. Their comedy is bright, clean fun for any audience gay or straight. Funny is funny and this troupe is FUNNY. Come check them out.

\$15 general admission .

Advance tickets online through Brown Paper Tickets. [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com) 877-278-4842.

Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the show.

### Newcomers News:

- *Newcomers Orientation* – The next Newcomers Orientation of the year will be held on Sunday, November 15, after service.

A free lunch and childcare will be provided. Participation in an orientation is a requirement for membership. Please contact Mary Wiese to RSVP or if you have questions: [mwiese@uuctucson.org](mailto:mwiese@uuctucson.org).

- *New Member Class* – After you have completed the Pathway to Membership, you are welcomed, and encouraged, to become a member. There will be a New Member classes held in the Ministers office on the *first Wednesday* of the month at 7 p.m., or *second Sunday* of the month, after service.

Please contact Mary Wiese to RSVP: [mwiese@uuctucson.org](mailto:mwiese@uuctucson.org).

### Young(er) Adult Get Together, Friday November 20, 5:30 p.m.

Are you between the ages of 18 and 45? If so you are invited to join us for a night of fun and empowerment. We want to hear from YOU! What do you want from your church? Please join us for an evening of wine, appetizers, beverages, and dessert hosted by the Membership Team and Reverend Diane.

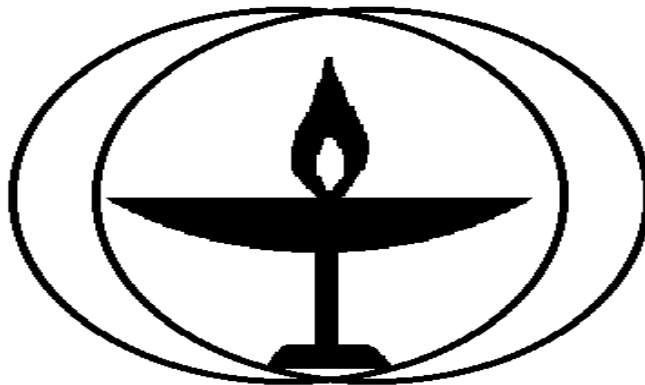
Childcare will be provided on request. The comedy group Queer on Their Feet performs after the get together. Plan on making an evening of it!

For more information please contact Mary Wiese: [mwiese@uuctucson.org](mailto:mwiese@uuctucson.org)

### What is Interweave?

The mission statement for Interweave reads as follows: "Interweave is a membership organization affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association. It is dedicated to the spiritual, political, and social well-being of Unitarian Universalists who are confronting oppression as lesbians, gay men, bisexual persons, transgender persons, and heterosexual allies. It celebrates the culture and lives of its members." Come join the newly formed Interweave group here at UUCT. We meet the first Tuesday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m., in the Awareness room. Come join us! All are welcome.

Please contact Jeanna Jones, [jeanna\\_jones@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanna_jones@yahoo.com) for more information.



**Sunday, November 8th: Second Sunday Songfest** continues with live music (folk, rock, western, popular, children's and originals) and socializing. Bring snacks/beverages to share. Awareness room, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. For more info call Rick Meyer at 748-2886 or just come on down.

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### First Saturday Hiking Begins

It's hiking season again, and our first one of this season is set for Saturday, November 7. We will hike in Sabino Canyon, meeting there at the map in front of the Visitor Center for a 9:00 am start. Look for Ellie. If you wish to carpool from the church lot, meet there at 8:30. Also, let Chris Wallace know if you are a carpooler so she may coordinate rides.

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### Book Club 11, 19, 09

The Book Club will meet on Thursday Dec. 19 in The Awareness Room at 7pm.

We will be reviewing "The Red Leather Diary" by Lily Koppel . The author finds a diary in a dumpster in New York City. Its contents are written in her book .We hope to see you there!

### B&G Mtg. & Work Day Nov. 09

B&G next monthly meeting will be on Nov. 4, 2009 at 6:30 pm in The Awareness room. All are welcome to attend, as a guest, or you may want to become a member of the committee.

UUCT Work day! Saturday, Nov.14, 2009. 8 am to 12 noon. Come and help make the grounds and buildings beautiful. Snacks and refreshments will be available. Join the fun and do your bit!

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**UUSC Holiday greeting cards** will be sold this year, beginning on October 25. The card sales will benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. A few sets of each card will be available, and if more are needed, an additional order will be placed. See Ellie Nelson and Jan Dowling in Goddard before and after service.

The deadline for the next Tucsonitarian is November 3 by 5 p.m.



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