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*The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson*

## UUCT Homeless Hospitality Needs You!

Once again, we will host up to 14 homeless guests a night for a warm place to sleep enjoy nutritious meals and enjoy some good 'ol fashioned hospitality in a safe environment, things we take for granted every day! Below are the dates:

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Dec 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

**Please consider lending a hand for one or more of the following needs:**

Two **Overnight Chaperones** required per night. We must have one man and one woman 18 yrs or older.

**Food Donations:** main dishes, salad and/or side dishes, lunch meat, fruit, dessert, milk, juice & bread to serve up to 20.

**Dinner Crew:** 4-6 folks set-up tables, prepare/heat meal, prepare sack lunches, set-out mats & blankets, serve, eat meal with guests, clean-up.

**Breakfast Crew:** 4-6 folks arrive at 5:30 am to make coffee, prepare/heat meal, eat with guests, put out lunches, clean-up, put away mats/blankets, bag dirty linens to be washed.

### **Additional Items Needed:**

Socks  
Jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts  
Toiletries – travel sized toothpastes, toothbrushes, soaps, shampoos, & conditioners

For more information to volunteer, please contact Erin Deely at 609-2422 cell, 320-7688 home or at [edeely@cox.net](mailto:edeely@cox.net).

## Sunday Services

*Please note that on December 6th, UUCT will begin two services ( 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.)*

Sunday, November 29 10 am Service  
*Rabbi Joseph Weizenbaum*  
**The Lost Art of Thinking**

Sunday, December 6 -- 9:15 and 11 am Services  
*Rev. Diane Dowgiert*  
**The Gospel According to St. Lute**

Basketball can take on a religious fervor in a University town, especially with a winning team. With a slightly irreverent tone, we'll explore the implications of "basketball worship."

Worship Associate: Randy Springer  
Service Music: 9:15 Donna DeHaan, Desert Chorale and Mark Holdaway on the Kalimba  
11:00 Donna DeHaan and Mark Holdaway on the Kalimba

Sunday, December 13– 9:15 and 11 am Services  
Extended Family Worship  
*Rev. Diane Dowgiert and Kathleen Hogue*  
**Three Miraculous Births**

The traditional Christmas story tells of a miraculous birth. The idea is expanded when miraculous births from other traditions are considered. At the 9:15 service, we'll look at the similarities among the birth stories of Confucius, the Buddha, and Jesus. At 11:00, the same themes will come to life in pageant form, as children, youth, and adults re-enact these Three Miraculous Births.

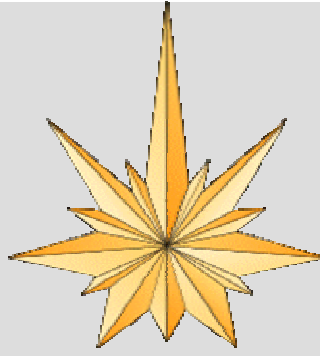
Service Music: 9:15 Donna DeHaan  
11:00 Family Singers, Agnes Paulsen and Guest Musician Paul Amiel, playing music on Chinese and Indian instruments

**Great Things Are Taking Place at UUCT:**

**Good News!**

**Our RE Program assembled 123 Migrant Packs with contributions made from members of our Congregation.**

**Thank you all!!**



## 2009 HOLIDAY EVENTS at UUCT

### **Sunday, December 13: Holiday Pageant: Three Miraculous Births**

11:00 AM (Second Service)

This is a six-act play that tells the story of the births of Buddha, Confucius, and Jesus. The play will be performed by volunteers of all ages and includes music performed by Family Singers.

### **Sunday, December 20: Sunday Speaker Series**

12:45 in Awareness

Lori Block from Project Hospitality will discuss this volunteer-driven non-profit agency which works with local religious congregations to provide beds at their facilities on a prescheduled, rotating basis. She will also discuss other resources available to the homeless and volunteer opportunities for those who wish to become more involved in this important program.

**Wednesday, December 24:** 4:00 pm — Holiday Choir Rehearsal Holiday Choir (singers from the Desert Chorale and Family Singers, and alums) meet at 4:15 p.m. to rehearse for the 5:30 Christmas Eve service. Soloist Sheryl Holland and flutist Sylvia Hamilton will provide special music as well.

**Wednesday, December 24:** Christmas Eve - Rev. Diane Dowgiert Night of Wonder, Night of Silence Services at 5:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m.

This year we'll celebrate Christmas Eve with a traditional family service of holiday music, candle lighting, and child dedication at 5:30.

The 7:00 service will be an "Acoustic Christmas", featuring traditional favorites played on guitar and harp.

Service Music: 5:30 Holiday Choir (singers from the Desert Chorale and Family Singers, and alums)  
Soloist Sheryl Holland and flutist Sylvia Hamilton

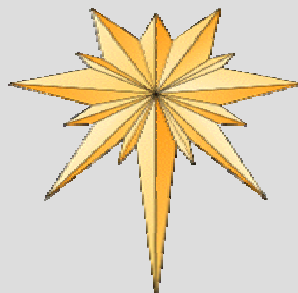
7:00 Jeff Chamberlain, Guitar and Celeste Rogers, Harp

### **Sunday, December 27 : Share the Plate**

Half of all non-pledge money collected in today's offering will go to Project Hospitality which is described in the Sunday Speaker Series item listed above.

**Sunday, December 27:** Steven Brubaker, Cellist, and his mother, Carol, will be doing the music for both services.

**Sunday, December 27:** No Family Singers rehearsal



## Membership and Community Life News:

Submitted by Mary Wiese,  
Membership and Community Life Administrator  
[mwiese@uuctucson.org](mailto:mwiese@uuctucson.org).

### Newcomers News:

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

### Annual Holiday Decorating!

Please join us after church on Sunday December 6, at 12:30 to help us decorate Holland and Goddard for the Holidays. A free lunch will be provided for anyone that stays to help. Come join in the fun and festivities! Please contact Mary Wiese for more information.

### Solstice:

Plans for the annual Solstice celebration are now underway. We will gather on Sunday, December 20, at sundown. Musicians, drummers, poets, fire-tenders, and cookie bearers are needed to make this festive event it's merriest yet! Please contact Mary Wiese, [mwiese@uuctucson.org](mailto:mwiese@uuctucson.org), if you are interested in participating.



## ALLIANCE NEWS

The time is coming for the Alliance Christmas Program. In keeping with our long tradition, we will hear a program of holiday music presented by the Saguaro Singers, high school chorus. The program will be on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009 starting at 11:00 am.

We want to emphasize that we are inviting everyone to participate in this program. Please don't feel that this is for "members only".

After the program, we will meet for a no-host Christmas dinner at the Golden Corral buffet on 22nd Street.

Again, everyone is welcome.

## Cabaret's Coming!!!

The Cabaret, an annual evening of fun, friends and music, is fast approaching. This year's Cabaret will be held on Friday, January 29th, at 7:30 PM.

If you are interested in performing in Cabaret, please contact Brian Moon at [bmoon@email.arizona.edu](mailto:bmoon@email.arizona.edu) as soon as possible. Share your talents with the rest of us!

I am looking for a few people to help insure that Cabaret goes as smoothly this year as it has in years past. If you are willing to volunteer some of your time, either on the night of Cabaret, or in the week before Cabaret, I would also appreciate your help. Please email me at the address above.

Thank you,  
Brian



## SAVE THE DATE

Just when you thought you couldn't face those Thanksgiving leftovers another night, UUCT comes to the rescue with a Sweet Tomatoes Fun-raiser on Monday December 7th from 5-8 PM at the Tucson Mall location (4420 N Stone Ave).

Bring your flyer (you must have one for UUCT to get credit), buy a beverage and dinner for each person, and UUCT gets 15% of the total we spend that evening. Invite family and friends and UUCT will earn more!

See Jan Dowling (748-9503) at church on Nov. 29th and Dec. 6th to get your flyer. The September Fun Raiser earned UUCT \$161.00 (big thank you to all who participated). Let's see if we can get to \$200 this time!!

## From The QUilters

The display of quilts in Holland this month is the work of our UUCT "QUilters," individually and collectively. For an example of our work on permanent display in Goddard, check out the large quilt hanging in the north end of the hall.

At least ten of our members created this piece together a number of years ago. It was designed and quilted specifically for this location. Next time you are in Goddard, you might enjoy noticing the many desert critters quilted into the pattern of the quilt. And don't forget to enjoy and purchase the quilts in Holland Sanctuary before the end of November.

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## ARTIST OF THE MONTH GALLERY

A short time remains to enjoy, and perhaps buy as a holiday gift, the colorful quilts now on the walls of Goddard. They will be gone after Sunday, December 6th. In their place will be beauty of a different kind, photographs by Margot Garcia, "For the Beauty of the Earth." Plan to talk with her at the opening reception after the service on December 13th. As with the quilts, her photographs will be available for gift giving just in time for the holidays. A portion of the sales price goes to the Church.

*Abby Root, for the Gallery Committee*



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On Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 12:30 PM  
the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson's Peace Group  
will present the documentary movie:

### Rethinking Afghanistan

Richard Eaton, Ph.D., Professor of History (University of Arizona), who has lived and travelled extensively in the Middle East, will provide commentary and answer questions.

This program will be held in the Awareness Room of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson (UUCT) and is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Stuart Thomas, UUCT Peace Group Leader at (520) 722-2837.

The deadline for the next Tucsonitarian is December 1 by 5 p.m.

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