



Tucsonitarian

February 3, 2010

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson
Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

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The Nominating Committee/Leadership Development Team invites you to participate in "RENEWING OUR ENERGY", *Leading With Purpose & Vision*.

It is a workshop at UUCT on **Saturday, February 13, 2010 in HOLLAND SANCTUARY from 9:00 – 12:00 P.M.**
(Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.)

This workshop supports the practice of lay leadership at UUCT. We encourage you to participate whether you are already serving as a leader, are looking for a way to engage in the leadership of our church, or are simply curious about strategies for leadership. We hope that you will join us in an experience that will enrich your involvement with UUCT.

As Unitarian Universalists, we each bring our head, our heart and our hands on a journey to fully develop our faith and identity. Each of us has unique talents, which combined, help strengthen and shape our congregation, and give meaning to own lives. We look forward to the discovery of our shared gifts.

NCLDT: Judy Dare, Janie Foy, Kate Jones, Helen O'Brien

Please RSVP to Janie Foy
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(P: 344-9879) or
Judy Dare (jadare@q.com)
(P: 624-9272) by Feb. 9th.



National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Southern Arizona will have a information table in Goddard Hall starting March 7 to 21 about two upcoming events: the walk to raise funds for NAMI's mission to support, educate and advocate for those living with mental illness on March 27, and a free talk on the effects of depression and bipolar illness on personality .

It will be held at Duvall Auditorium at UMC on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00-8:30pm. The talk will be given by Dr. Francesco Moreno, Associate Professor of Psychiatry at UMC 1501 N. Campbell Avenue. For more info call NAMI 622-5582 or see us at the table.

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

Sunday, February 7

What I Love About Unitarian Universalism

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

My love for Unitarian Universalism springs from a surprising source, which I look forward to sharing with you. Hint: it involves a once-popular television show.

Sunday, February 14

Standing on the Side of Love

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

We'll celebrate Valentine's Day by recognizing the many ways people create caring relationships. How might we move the conversation about love to one of how the human community can better care for each and everyone one of its members?

Sunday, February 21

The Things We Do For Love

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Being in relationship with others requires that we give something of ourselves. In this season of Lent, we'll look at the sacrifices, large and small, that we make for those we love.

Sunday, February 28

Universalism: Past, Present and Future

Guest Speaker: Rev. Kalen Friestad

Great Things Are Taking Place at UUCT

Thanks to everyone that helped with the Booke faire/Lunch. We raised over \$600!

By now, you know our “**Sonoran Spring**” **Service Auction** is coming up on March 13. Half of the available tickets to the event have been sold! The last day to get them at the discounted rate of \$15.00 is Sunday, February 7. After that, remaining tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each.

We need your donation forms NOW so your donation can be included in the auction catalog. Also, please bring your item(s) to the auction table in Goddard. Baskets can wait until March 12, when set-up will occur, but we want your other GOODS now.

What else is there to do? Be watching for a list of “jobs” in the next issue, and descriptions of what they entail. We will be ready to sign you up to help. Have you seen the terrific menu Mary Wiese put together? WOW. Check it out at the Auction Table.

Isn't this fun? Your help for this project is appreciated so much. What a total church community effort this is!

Janet Moore, Ellie Nelson, Co-Chairs

January UUA Board Meeting

By Tom Loughrey, PSWD Trustee on the UUA Board

The UUA Board of Trustees met January 13-14 in San Antonio. This is just the third time the Board has ever met outside Boston other than at GA. We had significant opportunities to meet with Latino leadership in the community on educational, economic and immigration issues. Local UUs are highly involved and visible in these areas in San Antonio and we had an opportunity to discover what excites them and drives their passion for this justice work.

The UU World has done a great article on the meeting and it can be found at <http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/157757.shtml?e> so I won't repeat everything that was done.

One of the most significant pieces of business we did was to receive the Fifth Principle Task Force report. This report recommends significant changes to General Assembly. The Board received this report but also sees the recommendations for GA having to fit within a larger context of the governance of the Association at various levels. As a result the Board will be meeting again by conference call on February 4th to discuss proposals that may end up offering bylaws amendments that would dramatically change the size of the Board, the number of districts and the frequency, content and congregational representation at GA. Big stuff!

I don't know how all this will turn out yet but it is clear to me that something will be offered at GA for consideration by the delegates. Of course I will keep you informed of exactly what comes out of this. There will be a GA workshop on this topic. Registration for GA (in Minneapolis) will open on March 1st.

If you have questions, concerns, comments, please feel free to contact me at toughrey@mac.com.

UUCT B&G Meeting Feb.3, 2010. 6:30 P.M. Awareness

If you would like a project done, or would like to under write one, please contact Barbara at 749-2029 or Barbararip@comcast.net.

This fall we have held a work day with 14 volunteers, painted directional arrows in the parking lot, replaced a track light in the Sanctuary, replaced the water fountain in the foyer, (with donations from The Alliance, Mickey Dowling, J.D.Garcia, Roger Shrader, Tom Warburton, and Byron Skinner), replaced gravel near the office (a donation by Judy Dare), and accepted a garden container from Ed Savard.

We are working on the Sanctuary lighting and the placement of the retractable screen.

SUCCESS: Standing on the Side of Love with Immigrant Families in AZ

On January 16th, the Unitarian Universalists from three Arizona congregations marched for human rights along with thousands of immigrants, immigrant rights organizations, church groups, and advocates to protest Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's inhumane policies against immigrants. UU congregational banners and Standing on the Side of Love T-shirts were in prominent display and UU minister Rev. Frederick-Gray spoke at the rally calling for all to "Stand on the side of love with immigrant families." The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix, which is in Maricopa County, also sponsored several other immigration events during the week as part of the [Reform Immigration for America](#) efforts.

My Heart Is In the Mountains

A Snowy Winter Weekend Camp for Elementary Children (K-6)*

Dean: Celeste Plumlee Music: David Diiorio

Camp de Benneville Pines

February 12-15, 2010

Cost - \$145.00 campers; \$120.00 parents; \$85.00 younger siblings (under age 3 free)

Registration form available at www.uucamp.org

Imagine hot chocolate, fast sled runs, festive snow people, lots of music & singing, games, heartfelt worship, and a community of Unitarian Universalists who share your values and speak your religious language. Wait a second - you've just imagined the Elementary Winter Camp!

We have trained cabin counselors & responsible adults who lead the interactive programs for you and your camper this weekend. This camp isn't just one weekend - the friendships made will last a lifetime. Won't you join us?

For Campers in grades K-2, or those not ready to come to camp by themselves, they are invited to bring their parents. Parents may attend with the understanding if their child is in grades K-2, the parents will accompany them throughout the day and be their primary supervisor. If children are 3rd grade or older, and their parents come with them, the parents will be expected to help out with activities.

In peace,
Tera Little
Director of Lifespan Programs
Pacific Southwest District - Unitarian Universalist Association

Membership/Community Life Bulletin Board:

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ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT (AFD)

For additional information about any of the programs below, come to the AFD table after the service on Sundays or check out the website at <http://www.uuctucson.org>. You may also call Mike Greenbaum at 326-8831 or email him at mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org.

DRUMMING FOR FUN AND STRESS RELIEF

Drumming for Fun and Stress Relief is a six-week drum circle series facilitated by Solange Monette and Sinde Rubiner which will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Awareness Room on Monday evenings from February 1 through March 8.

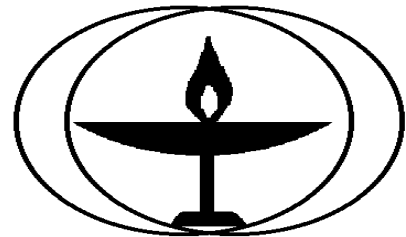
The fee for the class is \$80 for all six sessions. Drums and percussion instruments will be provided. Come participate in the fun of a drum circle and at the same time reduce stress and increase peace and gratitude in your life. No musical skill or experience is needed to participate.

UU CHRISTIANS DISCUSSION GROUP

The UU Christians discussion group will now meet on a regular schedule of the first and third Monday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Servetus Room. Their next meeting will be February 15. The group was organized as a discussion group for those who are interested in discussing Christian ideas and concepts which personally mean a lot to them but who wish to do so within the framework of Unitarian Universalism.

TOUCH OUR SOUL

Touch Our Soul, a lay-led group that supports individuals' personal and spiritual journeys, will hold its next meeting on Friday, February 12 in the Awareness Room from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The group is open to all members and friends of UUCT. Information about the group is available on the group's blog at: <http://touchoursoul.wordpress.com/> Feel free to read the blog and write comments even if you cannot attend the group's sessions.



New Member Recognition Ceremony, Sunday, February 7: If you have recently joined the church, we invite you to participate in a Ceremony of Joining on Sunday, February 7 during the second service. Please contact Mary for more details.

New Member Class: New Member classes are held in the Ministers office on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., or second Sunday of the month, after service. Childcare is available on request. You need to complete the Pathway to membership before becoming a member. Please RSVP to Mary Wiese or if you have questions.

Dish Towel Genie Needed! You may have heard of a Diaper Genie, well...we need a Dish Towel Genie! Make the dirty dish towels disappear. Okay, I am tired as I am writing this but seriously, if you are willing, we have some *very* dirty dish towels that need to be washed about once a week. Bleach is a necessity! Please contact the Kathy McDaniel for more details: kmcdaniel@dakotacom.net

*Yours in community spirit,
Mary*

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR NO MORE DEATHS MINISTRY!

Are you wondering what our No More Deaths social justice ministry at UUCT is all about, and what kind of roles volunteers can play? Our Immigrant Rights Working Group will offer several opportunities to learn more about this very active ministry and how you can help make a difference.

On Sunday, February 7, No More Deaths Attorney Margo Cowan will give a presentation at 12:45 p.m. in the Holland Sanctuary about the new Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CIR) bill introduced in Congress by Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D--IL).

That will be followed by a powerful, 30-minute slide show by UUCT member Craig McComb on No More Deaths' documentation of abuses against migrants, and recent developments in Washington, DC. You won't want to miss this presentation.

At 7 p.m. Saturday, February 20, the UUCT Immigrant Rights Group and It's About Time will cosponsor the vibrant, topical and often humorous Charlie King and Karen Brandow concert in the sanctuary, preceded by a raffle with great prizes (bring cash or checks!), as a benefit to honor No More Deaths.

On Sunday, March 28, the service "Standing On the Side of Love in the Desert" will focus on No More Deaths, the moral issues and the prophetic voice of our social justice ministry, with guest speakers from No More Deaths.

Saturday Salon Feb.13, 2010

The Saturday Salon will meet at 6 pm at the home of Margot and J. D. Garcia. 3100 E. Portal (1 block north of Country Club and Broadway). Please bring your own beverage.

Please use the following food distribution. A. to H. Main Dish. I to M snacks. N to S veggie or salad. T to Z desert.



The deadline for the next Tucsonitarian is February 9 by 5 p.m.



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UUCT Book Club 2, 18, 10

The Book will meet on Feb 18, 2010 in the Awareness Room at 7pm. We will be reviewing "Don't Think of an Elephant" by George Lakoff. ("The Outliers" has over 200 holds at the Library.) We will revue it later this year.)

We welcome all to come and join us. Any questions, call Barbara at 749-2029.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH GALLERY

The Gallery's February exhibit will display the photography of Gregory Cranwell, whose "Arizona, the Last American Frontier," is a crisply outlined black and white evocation of the icons of the Arizona landscape.

As a Marine serving in Somalia in 1992, Cranwell suffered trauma and turned to photography as therapy. Although a UA graduate in paleoarcheology, Cranwell soon found that for him photography had turned from therapy to an art form that has become his passion. The results will be in the Gallery from Feb. 11 through March 7.

Cranwell's opening reception takes place Sunday, February 14, after the Service.

Abby Root, for the Gallery Committee.

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