



Tucsonitarian

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

**General Assembly 2010
Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 23-27**

It's time to start planning now to join thousands of Unitarian Universalists (UUs) from across the United States for the 2010 General Assembly (GA) in Minneapolis.

General Assembly is the way that our faith transacts its business. Actions of social witness are passed at GA, elements that make up future policies are discussed... and YOU have a voice in the discussion.

But you'll also experience wonderful and uplifting worship services, filled with glorious music and inspiring messages. Worshipping together with thousands of fellow UUs at the Sunday Worship Service is an experience that should not be missed.

There will be hundreds of entertaining programs, speakers and informative workshops, offering excellent support and learning for leaders in our congregations.

Minneapolis is an ideal setting for GA. It is a progressive, culturally diverse, LGBT friendly city that is rich in cultural arts and has a stunning natural environment. There are 900 lakes and 170 parks within the Twin Cities area.

There are several ways to reduce the cost of attending GA, and early planning is the key to most of them. You can receive financial aid by volunteering to work at GA and scholarships are available. Registration and housing open March 1 on the UUA website, www.uua.org.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at five hotels, and the rates vary from \$164 per night at the Hilton Minneapolis down to a limited number of extra low cost rooms at the University of Minnesota for a fixed-price five-night stay of \$260 for a single, \$400 for a double. These will be filled quickly, so plan to make room reservations as early as possible on March 1.

Visit the UUA website today for all the latest information about General Assembly 2010.

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

Sunday, March 7

Taking a Risk for Justice

Rev. David Johnson

David Johnson served as minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson from 1973-1988.

Sunday, March 14

Something About Addictions

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Everyone knows something about addictions, because everyone is affected in one way or another. We'll look at hope for recovery from addictions within our own 7 Unitarian Universalist principles.

Sunday, March 21

In the Name of Peace

All Music Sunday

Join Desert Chorale, Family Singers, Brian Moon, Agnes Paulsen and others in this musical Sunday for all ages.

Sunday, March 28

Our Broken Immigration System

Leila Pine

Great Things Are Taking Place at UUCT

Buildings and Grounds reconditioned the Lincoln and Thoreau Buildings' roofs. We scraped the roofs, washed them, and painted two layers of Kool-Koat. The elastomeric coatings will reflect heat. Special thanks to: Ross Behm, Richard Brodesky, Mickey Dowling, and Chuck Gould!



Only a Few Chances Left to Win a Beautiful Mata Ortiz Pot

Maybe you will be the lucky winner of a beautiful original Mata Ortiz pot when tickets are draw for the pottery raffle on March 13 at the UUCT auction. Tickets are \$10 each and only 50 tickets will be sold for each drawing. So your chances to win are good, and you do not have to be present to win!

We will raffle off one large pot valued at \$300 or more in local stores, and two medium sized pots worth over \$100 each.

Tickets are available to the general public as well as to church members and friends. So tell all your neighbors about this great opportunity. They may purchase tickets by contacting Carolyn Saunders, 299-3854, or Julia Mehrer, perujourney@gainbroadband.com.

Remember, only 50 tickets will be sold for each drawing.

We Almost Made It!!

Frys 6 month rebate for the period of August 2009 thru January 2010 is \$1989.30 (\$11 short of \$2000). This amount is based on \$39,786.01 in purchases at 5% by our UUCT supporters and makes a total of \$3841.60 rebate from Frys this fiscal year. Thank you all.

Newcomers: If you have not joined our Grocery Rebate Program yet we are hoping you will. It costs you nothing extra for your grocery purchases and gives the church 4 to 6% rebate on them. This can add up and let's face it, most of us eat. Stores involved in the program are AJs, Albertsons, Basha's, Food City, Frys, Safeway and Sunflower. For any questions or to join, please stop by the Grocery Rebate table just inside of Goddard after services.

Winter Visitors and travelers, please remember that your Safeway cards can benefit UUCT anywhere in the country if you have joined our program and Frys in any Kroger store.

If all of our members and friends were to support this program we would receive around \$10,000 per year in rebate. How helpful could that be and it cost you nothing.

Marj Smith - Grocery Rebate Program Coordinator

NEWCOMERS' POTLUCK DINNER – March 21 – is not just for newcomers. We need established members to attend too. What better way to develop connections than over a shared meal in the comfort of someone's home. Sign up after church in Goddard if you would like to be included.

Later in the spring, we'll hold two more such events, on April 18 and May 16, so put those dates on your calendars. For more information, call Susan at 886-2281.

AUCTION "SONORAN SPRING" is March 13

We certainly hope you know by now that our annual UUCT Auction is coming up very soon on March 13. Hopefully you have purchased your dinner tickets, and have had a chance to look through the Auction booklet, featuring all of those hot items available this year. You may pick up your copy at the Auction table in Goddard on Sundays.

The booklet contains an authorization form for using Visa or Mastercard to pay your bill at the end of the evening. You will note that a 4% processing fee will be charged if you decide to pay by credit card. Since the auction is a fundraiser for our church, we must pass on the cost of this convenience to the users. Checks and cash are still very welcomed. There are no additional fees for using these methods of payment.

Thanks so much to all of those who have donated their time and talent in getting ready for this auction. Also please note all of the folks who will be working diligently on Auction night to bring together a fun and profitable evening for you, our church family.

And thank you for your participation in attending this event!

Janet Moore, Ellie Nelson, Co-Chairs



RE Happenings
Kathleen Hogue
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ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT (AFD)
Mike Greenbaum
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YRUU Heifer Project Update

Thanks to all of your donations and hard work, so far the YRUU Bake Sale for the Heifer Project has raised \$204.30. This is 41% of their goal of \$500! The YRUU will be continuing in their efforts to reach their goal with other fundraisers throughout the coming weeks. Thank You, and please continue to donate.

Cantastic Sculptures Food Drive

Please help us collect enough food to replenish our Food Bank. On Easter Sunday the Children and youth of RE will be creating sculptures of the cans that are donated to display in Goddard. Come and pick your favorite sculpture. You may continue dropping off your donations in the RE Office.

Spirit Play Help Needed

Come join in teaching some of our youngest Unitarian Universalists in this exciting class. Spirit Play is a Montessori based UU religious program. Teachers:

- Present core stories of our faith and our particular church and its theology
- Help children to make meaning through wondering and art
- Create a spiritual community of children
- Support multiple learning styles and challenges
- Create a strong Unitarian Universalist identity

We also need donations for this class. The needs are:

Snacks- Nonperishable cookies, crackers, dried fruits, fruit snacks...

Animal figures including bears, raccoons, deer, goats, calves, chickens, sheep, pigs, dogs, cats, rabbits cows, roosters, ducks, and baby chickens

Finger Labyrinth

Gift Certificates to bookstores, Michael's, Jo-Anns and craft stores

Books - please contact Kathleen for a complete set of books needed

A new rug- please contact Kathleen for details

Skill Sharing - sewers, woodworkers, and other craftspeople are needed to help make our materials

Annual Children's Auction

While the adults are enjoying their dinner and Auction on March 13th, the kids are having an auction too. The children will have a chance to bid on new and like new items. They will also be having pizza and other snacks. Parents will bring their children to the Blackwell Room and sign them in. We request that no money be given to your child but when you pick them up you will receive a bill for up to \$20.

Please donate new and like new items such as toys, games, books and gift cards by dropping them off at the Religious Education Office. For more information please contact

khogue@uuctucson.org

UU CHRISTIANS DISCUSSION GROUP

The UU Christians discussion group is for those who are interested in discussing Christian ideas and concepts within the framework of Unitarian Universalism. The group meets the first and third Monday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Servetus room. The next meeting is Monday, March 8. Currently they are discussing the Gnostic gospels. For additional information, call Mike Greenbaum at 326-8831 or email him at mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org.

TOUCH OUR SOUL

Touch Our Soul is a new group organized to support UUCT members and friends on their personal and spiritual journeys. Its next meeting will be March 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Awareness Room. Additional 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. The group is open to all.

CONTINUING GROUPS

Along with the two newer programs above, our continuing groups, **Listening for the Spirit** (Thursday afternoons, 1-3 pm, Awareness), **Exploring Spirituality** (Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30 am, Servetus), and the **Men's Group** (2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 - 9 pm), all welcome new members. Check out the website for more information about all of these.

Membership/Community Life Bulletin Board:

Submitted by Mary Wiese, Membership and Community Life Administrator: 748-1551 X 16 or- mwiese@uuctucson.org

'Get to Know Us' Orientation: The Get to Know Us Orientations, formerly known as Newcomers Orientations, are designed for folks that are new to our congregation and want to know more. These orientations are mandatory for anyone who wishes to join the church, even if you have attended another UU church other than this one before. We will gather in the Holland Sanctuary at 12:45 on Sunday March 21st. A free lunch and childcare are provided. Please RSVP to Mary Wiese if you would like to attend.

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.

*Yours in community spirit,
Mary*

**Congregational Town Hall
Strategic Plan – 2010-2014**

On Sunday, March 7th there will be a Town Hall meeting at 12:45 – 2:00 in the sanctuary following the 2nd service.

The Draft Strategic Plan for 2010-2014 will be presented. Board of Trustee members will be on hand to answer your questions.

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

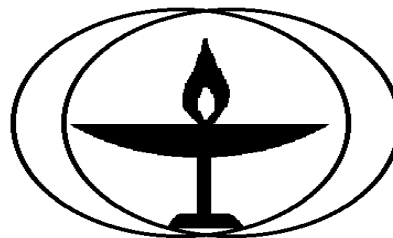


ARTIST OF THE MONTH GALLERY

Martha Lee McKiernan sees the Southwest as a spectacular array of colors found nowhere else, the effect of "bleaching sunlight and the interplay of light and shadow . . ."

Her watercolors of people, places, and objects of the Sonoran desert, "Peripheral Visions," are the subject of the Gallery's March exhibit. An opening reception will be held for her after the service on Sunday, March 14. The exhibit continues through April 4.

Abby Root, for the Gallery Committee



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