



March 31, 2010

Tucsonitarian

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson
Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Services
We will be going back to one service at 10:00 a.m.
beginning with the April 11th Service

**WE, the member congregations of the
Unitarian Universalist
Association, covenant to affirm and
promote:**

**The inherent worth and dignity of every
Person**

**Justice, equity and compassion in
human relations**

**Acceptance of one another and
encouragement to spiritual growth in
our congregation**

**A free and responsible search for truth and
meaning**

**The right of conscience and the use of the
democratic process within our
congregations and in society at large**

**The goal of world community with peace,
liberty, and justice for all**

**Respect for the interdependent web of all
existence of which we are a part.**

District Assembly Coming April 23-24

District Assembly 2010 promises to be a stimulating gathering of UUs from across the Pacific Southwest District. There will be the Keynote Address by the Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed, "Torn Between Fuzzy Aspirations and Hard Realities--The Perversity of Embracing Diversity," as well as workshops on Multiculturalism, Marriage Equality, Health Care Reform, Covenantal Faith, Digital Communication, Immigration Reform, "Voices of Pride" readers' theater, and the Future of Faith Formation, to name a few.

Another stimulating aspect of DA is the community and fellowship of UUs from so many congregations coming together and exchanging ideas and best practices and just plain enjoying each other. There will be programs for children and youth and display tables with information and books and other items for sale and there will be a film on Saturday night, for those who wish to stay. And then, if you stay over Saturday night, you can experience worship at either of the two Santa Barbara congregations on Sunday morning. All in all a most satisfying weekend.

Early Registration Deadline for District Assembly is **April 1**. After that date the fees go up, so now is the time to register!

Go to www.pswduua.org for more information.

ALLIANCE NEWS

On Tues, April 13, we are going on a tour of the Tucson Police Dept. Crime Lab. Everyone is invited to join the Alliance Group for this tour. The tour starts at 12:30 PM at the TPD head-quarters building at 270 S. Stone Ave.

Anyone who would like to carpool should meet at the Church at 11:45. In the coming weeks we will have more information on parking etc.

Check in at the Alliance table on Sunday after the services. Or call: Marcia Schenck at 326 – 1102 or Tom Warburton at 624 – 9008 or email :twarburton@cox.net)



Many times, people refuse to visit the attractions nearest to them, claiming that they are "only for tourists". By doing so, they miss out on wonderful experiences that other people travel for hours (or days) to see. Start experiencing all that Tucson has to offer with the UU Meanderers on April 10, when we visit the historic San Xavier Del Bac church. It's after Easter, so crowds should be fewer, giving us all a chance to admire the centuries-old art and architecture up close!

We'll be meeting at the UUCT church at 9 AM on April 10, to make car-pooling possible. Any questions? Please email: czclements@yahoo.com. I hope to see you there!

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The **SONORAN SPRING AUCTION** was held on March 13, 2010.

While proceeds are still being tabulated, early indications are it was a great success. However, we still have a few items for your consideration. These include a 6-month membership at Gold's Gym for \$50 and, for \$300, a week's stay at a 2-bedroom casita in Tucson (www.casaleeper.com), which must be used by the end of the year. Great for your visitors!

Many thanks to all who donated, volunteered to help, and came for an entertaining evening.

Call Deanna Bland at 615-8160 to inquire about or purchase these items.

SAVE THE DATES: DINNER AT C.I.CHU'S MONGOLIAN BARBEQUE

Enjoy a lunch or dinner at either of the C.I.Chu's Mongolian Barbeques (Tanque Verde/Sabino Canyon or Broadway/Swan) any day(s) between April 9-15 and UUCT will receive 10% of your receipt total. Go more than once, and UUCT will get more! Just present a flyer (available at UUCT or on the website) for each receipt.

Join UUCT friends and family on April 9th or 14th for an ALL CHURCH evening! Contact Julia Mehrer for more information: perujourney@gainbroadband.com or 762-4035

Have you considered adding a weekly moment of peace in your life?

Join us for a WEDNESDAY MEDITATION in the sanctuary with Reverend Diane. We begin with a contemplative reading, then a silent meditation and follow with a sharing of reflections. 12:30-1:30.

No registration necessary. All are welcome.

Dear UUCT Members and Friends,

The Empowerment Team is in the process of putting together the Share the Plate schedule for the 2010-2011 calendar year and we would like your ideas.

Do you have a favorite local charity or non-profit that you would like to help support?

An organization on this schedule is given the opportunity to have someone come be a Sunday Speaker and present information about their work and mission. Then a portion of the plate collections the following week is donated to their cause.

Please send your **Share The Plate nominations** to me at peggyatwork@hotmail.com by **Tuesday April 6.**

Sincerely,
Peggy Smith
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UUCT Empowerment Team
Live in Abundance

Adult Faith Development
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CHANGES IN OUR DRUM CIRCLE

The drum circle has become one of our more popular Adult Faith Development offerings here at UUCT. Everyone is welcome, with no previous musical or drumming experience required. Come drum, play percussion instruments, sing, exercise, and laugh. All ages and abilities are welcome. Feel energized and relaxed, express your creativity, improve your health, and have fun!

A few changes have occurred to make the drum circle even more welcoming and affordable. The group will meet weekly on Monday evenings for one hour, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in Awareness. Each session will be \$10 with four sessions for \$35. As always, drums and percussion instruments are provided by the drum professionals who facilitate the group. You may sign up at the class or for more 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 Friday, April 9 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.

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, April 5. Currently the group is discussing the book, *When Jesus became God*, by Richard Rubenstein. For additional information, call Mike Greenbaum at 326-8831 or email at mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org.

Next Newcomers Potluck: April 18

Our Newcomers potluck dinners are not just for folks new to UUCT; they are for more established members as well. The idea behind the dinners, begun by Julia Mehrer last year, is to provide an opportunity to get to know a few others in our church family in an informal setting.

The dinner held recently at the home of Chaz McBride was a post-St. Patrick's Day Dinner, complete with Chaz' now famous Guinness Beer Fondue—fabulous! We had six newcomers and six more seasoned members. Sorry if you missed it. The next such dinner is scheduled for April 18, locations to be announced. If you are interested in being included, call Susan at 886-2281, or fill out a form in Goddard Hall after church on April 4 and 11. You will then be notified of the location for the next dinner, and asked to bring a dish to share.

Bon Appetit!

**B& G meeting Wed April 7, 6:30 pm,
Awareness Room**

April 18, 2010: 12:00 – 1:30 Town Hall to review the new Strategic Plan, annual budget and other agenda items that will be voted on at the Annual congregational meeting. Our intent is to provide ample opportunity for review of all agenda items so that we can carry out the official business of the annual meeting as efficiently as possible.

May 2, 2010: 11:45 – 1:45 Annual Meeting

UUCT Book club 4, 15, 2010 meeting

The Book Club will meet on April 15 at 7pm in the Awareness Room at 7pm. All are Welcome.

The deadline for the next Tucsonitarian is April 6 by 5 p.m.



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**Cast your vote now for our
Annual Volunteer Recognition.**

Every May we recognize some people in the congregation who have shared their time and energy again and again. There is a ballot box in the foyer and a form to fill out.

The deadline for nominations is April 11.

The next Saturday Salon will be held at the home of Barbara and Al Tegethoff at 11750 E. Sneller Vista Dr. on April 10, 2010 at 6pm. Please make reservations at 749- 2029.

Please bring you dish and serving articles, it is best to put to your name on all articles. Try the return stickers for letters.

Our speaker will be Faank Valdes, planetary scientest at the UoA.

Salads or vegetables A to F
Main Dish G to L
Snacks O to Q
Dessert R to Z

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