



Tucsonitarian

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The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson
Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.
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EXPLORING COURAGE AND RENEWAL RETREATS

Join us on Friday, evening, April 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Holland Sanctuary for dinner and an introductory session to learn more about and explore the possibility of holding Courage and Renewal Retreats in our UUCT church community.

These retreats, as developed by Parker Palmer, help us become more aware of our connectedness with others. Insights from poets, storytellers, various wisdom traditions, and stories from our own journeys enhance the richness of the experience. The focus of the retreats is on how *who we are* and *what we do* intersect, or what Parker Palmer calls the intersection of *soul* and *role*.

Anyone who wants to live and work more wholeheartedly is invited to attend this introductory session facilitated by Jaimie Leopold, founder of the Desert Center for Renewal, at which we'll meet over dinner and at evening's end, decide if we want to carry to work further, and if so, how.

If you'd like to attend and have us provide pizza, the cost will be \$5.00. If you'd like to bring your own food, there is no charge, and in either case, drinks will be provided. Child care will be available.

Reserve your spot by signing up at the Adult Faith Development Table in Goddard Hall after the service, or by emailing Mike Greenbaum at mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org.



Sunday Services

Sunday, May 2

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Be the Change: Three Crucial Changes for Times Such as These

One. Be more courageous.

Two. Be more generous.

Three. Be more civil.

Sunday, May 9

Rev. Diane Dowgiert and Coming of Age Youth

Coming of Age in an Age of Uncertainty

Rites of passage are fraught with peril and ordeal. Our Coming of Age youth have been through a year-long rite of passage, moving from childhood into a more adult relationship with the world. What world will they inhabit? How do we as a church community support them as they make this perilous passage?

Sunday, May 16

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Happy 200th Birthday, Margaret Fuller (one week early)

So who the heck was Margaret Fuller? And why should we care so much about her, even after all these years? Hint – born on May 23, 1810, she was an influential presence in the Transcendentalist Club, with members like Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau. But her influence didn't stop there. Her 200th birthday is a happy event for all of us.

Sunday, May 23

Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings, Kathleen Hogue, Rev. Diane

Fiesta of Rituals

Rituals are a formal way of celebrating life passages or beliefs we hold sacred. Join us for an extended family worship service of rituals which celebrates the gifts we bring to our community (Flower Communion), welcoming our youngest (Child Dedication), giving wings to our youth and religious educator (Bridging & Farewell), and gratitude for service (Teacher Recognition & Appreciation). All of this festive celebration will lead into the Fiesta Sundays Together Lunch in honor of our RE teachers & AFD facilitators. Plan to stay for a delicious celebration! Remember to bring a flower, a symbol of your commitment to our community!

Annual Meeting – What you can expect this year.

On **May 2** UUCT will have its **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**. The purpose of the annual meeting is to review congregational affairs, elect the officers for the next year, adopt the annual budget, and vote on other matters requiring congregational support. Twenty percent of the Congregation **must** be present to vote on each question presented.

All voting members have received either an email notice or a letter by post if they do not have access to the internet. All business to be transacted is specified in that notice. Here again for your information is this year's agenda:

Committee on Ministry – continue as Pilot Program 1 additional year
Election of Officers
Minister Emeritus – Rev David Johnson
Strategic Plan
Annual Proposed Budget 2010-2011

It is our hope (and responsibility) that you have had available, in advance of the meeting, all the information needed to vote “yea” or “nay” on each item. If you do not yet have the information you need to make an informed choice please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Trustees with your questions. Ask directly, email or call.

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Logistically, here is what you can expect at the Annual Meeting this year.

More places to sign in and get your ballot – Tables will be set up on the patio and you can start signing in almost immediately after the Sunday service.

We hope to start the formal meeting by 11:45 – but we have to have a quorum or 20% of the voting members present to begin! The meeting will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

We will have a 2 minute time limit for individual comments and questions – Please try to have all of your questions answered before the meeting – the intention of the open mike is to allow for a brief explanation of why you are in support or opposition of a particular motion.

There will be a total designated time for each topic on the agenda that will be clearly announced and displayed. The intention is to be respectful of members' time and adhere to our commitment to lead the congregation in accomplishing the business of the church.

Con fe - que tengamos paz y paciencia,
In faith - that we have peace and patience,
Fran Brazzell

SANTA FE TUUR!

Once again we have a FUNd-raising tour to "The City Different", departing November 1st, so SAVE THE DATE!

This tour will include some different places, including the **Martinez Hacienda**, one of the few late Spanish Colonial period "Great Houses" remaining in the American Southwest this fortress-like building with massive adobe walls became an important trade center for the northern boundary of the Spanish Empire. The Hacienda was the final terminus for the Camino Real which connected northern New Mexico to Mexico City. E-mail for details perujourney@gainbroadband.com

ALLIANCE NEWS

On April 13th, the Alliance group went on a tour of the Tucson Police Dept. Crime Lab. We had a large turnout and everyone enjoyed a fantastic experience.

Next month on Tuesday, May 11, we will have our annual business meeting. We will start at 11:00 AM in Goddard Hall with musical entertainment led by Gilbert Moore. After this we will have the election of new officers and discussion about the program for next year. Then about 12:00, we will adjourn to the Golden Corral for lunch.

Newcomer News:

Submitted by Mary Wiese, Membership and Community Life Administrator: mwiese@uuctucson.org

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. You need to complete the Pathway to Membership before becoming a member. Please RSVP to Mary Wiese. New member Classes will not take place in July or August.

Interweave News:

Marriage Debate! Mountain Vista UU--the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Northwest Tucson--is proud to be a named sponsor of the Same Gender Marriage Debate to be held on May 11 in Tucson. The debate fits well with our values and especially the UUA Standing on the Side of Love campaign. Our Green Basket donations will go to help support the debate. Speakers for the debate are Dr. C. Welton Gaddy to discuss Same Gender Marriage and Religious Freedom with a Maggie Gallagher, President of the Institute for Marriage and Public Policy and a co-author of *The Case for Marriage*. Ms. Gallagher is national figure opposed to same gender marriage. The debate takes place on May 11, 7-9 p.m., at the Berger Performing Arts Center, 1200 W. Speedway.

Open Letter to the UUCT Leadership

My name is Peg Smith and I am on the Empowerment Team. We are charged by the board with the responsibility of running this church. We deal with it all, and I see every single day what's working and what isn't.

Simply put: it's working. Not because of the people who hold "parking lot conversations" about how things "should be done"; nor the negative Neds and Nellies to whom nothing is ever right. It's working because there are those who believe in the mission. They live by the Covenant of Right Relations. They devote time, energy, and a huge emotional investment into what needs doing. They are our leaders.

It has taken more than four months of endless meetings and uncountable personal hours to prepare the new Strategic Plan, and the 2010-2011 Budget and Slate of Officers. For this, I would personally like to thank all the Trustees, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee & Leadership Development Team, and my ET team members, all of whom have worked tirelessly, in good faith, with love and caring, to do the work of this church.

Thank you,
Peg

Live in Abundance: Be who you are. Want what you have. Do what you can.

Adult Faith Development

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DRUM CIRCLE

The **Drum Circle** welcomes everyone, and no previous musical or drumming experience is 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! The group meets **weekly on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 pm** in the Awareness Room. Each session is \$10 with four sessions for \$35. Drums and percussion instruments are provided by the drum professionals who facilitate the group. Advance sign-up is not required; you may do that when you attend the class.

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, May 8 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, May 3**. For additional information, call Mike Greenbaum at 326-8831 or email him at mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org.

Keep It Simple! Memorial Day at SAWUURA May 29-31, 2010

Go to http://sawuura.org/res_form.php to reserve your space.

For those of you who have been to our long-weekend camps, we have decided to do things differently this time. You will need to bring along your own food, but you will have access to the kitchen. More details will be sent when you register.

For those who will be new to SAWUURA, this 3-day weekend is an opportunity for fun, relaxation, and renewal. The main focus of the weekend is making and renewing friendships (with U.U.s from around the state), enjoying the surroundings, and connecting with nature. There will be both organized and informal hikes, games, and activities. Bring activities for children or others to participate in if you wish. This is also a great time to become a member.

May is Members and Friends show.

Calling all artists among members and friends of UUCT. May is your month to share your gifts on the walls of the sanctuary for the Artist of the Month Gallery.

We welcome all media (except for photography which is hung in June for the summer). Bring your art works to the church on Tuesday, May 4th at 9:30 am.

If you can't bring the artwork on Tuesday morning, please contact Mary Ng (298-1930) or Margot Garcia (327-3946) to make special arrangements.

Margot Garcia for the Gallery.

Come to see the play: 7 Jewish Children

(followed by a discussion)

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson: Holland Hall
11:30 AM; Sunday, May 16, 2010; Free.

It was a hit at the NW UU Church!
For more information, please call Stuart Thomas, UUCT Peace Group Leader, at 722-2837.



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Book Club

On Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 the UUCT Book Club will be discussing the book "Open The Veins of Latin America" by Eduardo Galeano. The meeting will be at the Awareness room. We are hoping to have new members join us and encourage those of you who are interested in a diversity of books to meet with us.

We meet every third Thursday of the month to discuss the book of the month. We share ideas, opinions and our thoughts on such subjects as themes, use of language and relevancy. Free child care is available.

Every six months we chose books for the next six months and you fresh ideas are welcomed.

If you have any questions you can call Judith Doran at 886-0070 or e-mail as Irishafgo2@aol.com. Frankly you are better off calling as I am not very proficient at emailing. Thank you and we all hope to see new faces and hear new ideas.

The deadline for the next Tucsonitarian is May 4 at 5 p.m.



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