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# Tucsonitarian

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson  
Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.

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## From the Minister's Study

Alto Arizona. Is this our Selma?

The call has gone out. People from all over the country are coming to Phoenix on May 29 to stand in opposition to SB 1070, the anti-immigrant bill signed into law in Arizona on April 23. Like Selma, the issue at stake is one of human rights. The call is the same.

Come. Your presence is needed.

We learned from Selma that there is strength in numbers, that when people of faith and conscience stand together, change is at hand. Collective resistance is an expression of power, or what Martin Luther King called "soul force." The call has gone out to mobilize 500,000 or more souls, to join together in non-violent resistance to an unjust law.

We are being called to stand on the side of love. An expression of power – the power of love.

Unitarian Universalists from across the country are responding to the call. They plan to come to Phoenix, to be with Arizona UU's as we struggle to find a way forward, a way of being that empowers just and humane immigration practices and policies.

The call to Phoenix extends to us here in Tucson.

Will you be among those able to say, "I was there in Phoenix, that historic day when the tide turned toward greater courage, greater hope, greater acceptance, and greater love?" Will you be there to say "Alto Arizona?" Will you be there to say, "Stop?"

This legislation hurts people. This legislation is about fear. We are about love.

The call has gone out, to be part of something larger than ourselves, a transcendent purpose.

Whatever happens in Phoenix on May 29, the universal struggle for human worth and dignity will continue.

May the call ring clearly in our hearts – the call to Selma, the call to Phoenix, the call to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, all those who share the thread of our common humanity.

In hope,  
Diane

**ATTENTION:** Beginning in June, the Goddard building will have the security Alarm set when the church campus is vacant. If you have regularly scheduled meetings in Goddard Hall, or need to use the building, please see Mary Wiese for the alarm code. Thank you for helping us to keep our church campus safe.  
[mwiese@uuctucson.org](mailto:mwiese@uuctucson.org)

## Sunday Services

May 30

*Elka Cartmell Ladd, guest speaker*

June 6

*Rev. Diane Dowgiert*

### **Vessels and Voyages**

The ceiling of the sanctuary at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson reminds me of a boat, evoking images of journey and adventure. Where are we travelling together? What holds us as we travel into realms of the unknown?

June 13

*Rev. Diane Dowgiert*

### **Spill Baby, Spill**

How do we make meaning of what could be the largest ecological disaster of our time?

June 20

*Rabbi Joseph Weizenbaum*

### **"This Land Is My Land -- ?"**

Worship Associate: Randall Springer

June 27

*Lisa McDaniel Hutchings*

### **The Value of Vulnerability**

Openness to feelings and understanding them has some pluses and minuses. Please join me for some chaplain stories from my experience of Clinical Pastoral Education(CPE) last fall during sabbatical  
Worship Associate: Randall Springer

## **Summer Celebration Potluck**

Come help us enjoy and celebrate the return of summer with an all-church potluck on Sunday, June 13, at 5 p.m. on the patio.

There will be music, games, and other entertainment plus the delicious food you bring to share. Please bring a dish that will serve 8 to 10 people, according to the following alphabetic breakdown:  
A to F: Main dish; G to M: Snacks or hors d'oeuvres; N to Q: dessert; R to Z: Salad or vegetarian dish.  
If you need further information, contact Susan Call at 886-2281.

## Interfaith Community Services Freedom from Hunger Campaign

UUCT will be participating in the second annual **ICS Freedom from Hunger food drive**. The month long drive will begin **Friday, May 28, and end with an ice cream social and entertainment on Sunday, June 27**, at Christ Presbyterian Church, 6565 E.

Broadway. Last year participants collected 538 bags of food and donations of \$1,996! More than 250 people attended the concert and ice cream social. Contact ICS Faith Community Outreach Manager **Karen MacDonald at 297-2738 x221 or [kmacdonald@icstucson.org](mailto:kmacdonald@icstucson.org)**.

UUCT, as a partner with Interfaith Community Services, will have specially marked bags available in the foyer of Holland to facilitate your contributions. Take a bag, which will have a list of food items needed, place your donated items in it, and return it to the foyer. You may also drop your bag at any Hughes Credit Union office, or bring your bag to the free Ice Cream Social on June 27.

Thanks for helping ICS stock their shelves to fight hunger this summer.

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### NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION– VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FROM UUCT TO MARCH TOGETHER IN SUPPORT AGAINST SB1070

Let us show the world that we won't stand for hateful laws and attacks on immigrants and people of color. Join us on May 29<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix for this National Day of Action against SB1070. The March starts at 8am at Indian Steel Park (at E Indian School Road and N 3<sup>rd</sup> St.) and continues to the Capital. Sign up Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> for carpooling or even a bus if we have enough people.

The passage of SB 1070 by Governor Brewer sparked national outrage catalyzing a movement for immigrant rights and lending a sense of urgency to stop the hate and terrorizing of immigrants and people of color in Arizona and across the nation. Puente (a human rights movement anchored in Phoenix) and NDLO (National Day Laborers Organizing Network) is calling for all people of conscience to converge on Arizona to Stop the hate on May 29th and demand President Obama take action to nullify this hateful law.

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### JOIN US FOR "9500" LIBERTY" AT THE LOFT

WHAT: "9500 Liberty", a documentary about a law similar to SB 1070 which was passed by officials in Prince William County, VA, and the consequences. Filmmakers present both sides of the issue. See [www.9500liberty.com](http://www.9500liberty.com) for more info

WHERE: The Loft Cinema

WHEN: Sunday afternoon (time TBA) June 6

COST: \$10.00 each (this is a fund raiser for UUCT)

SIGN UP IN ADVANCE (so we can get a head count..must have at least 10 for group rate)  
Call Jan Dowling 748-9503 ([rubbytues98@hotmail.com](mailto:rubbytues98@hotmail.com)) or look for sign up sheet after church

If you have joined the church recently but have not had an opportunity to participate in a Ceremony of Joining during worship, please contact Mary Wiese. We will be having a Joining Ceremony during the Sunday Worship Service on June 13.  
[mwiese@uuctucson.org](mailto:mwiese@uuctucson.org)

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### TUUR to Santa Fe Nov 1-7 2010

Once again we will visit Taos Pueblo during our full day in Taos. Ancient ruins in the Taos Valley indicate puebloan people lived here nearly 1000 years ago.

The main part of the present buildings was constructed between 1000 and 1450 A.D. They appeared much as they do today when the first Spanish explorers arrived in 1540 and believed that the Pueblo was one of the fabled golden cities of Cibola. The 2 principal structures are considered to be the oldest continuously inhabited communities in the USA.



Check our website for the complete itinerary and prices, or write to [perujourney@gainbroadband.com](mailto:perujourney@gainbroadband.com)

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### News from the Buildings and Grounds Committee

Richard Brodesky has been elected chair of the UUCT Buildings and Grounds Committee. In an exclusive interview, Richard told Tucsonian that he will do his very best but he will not be trying to do the impossible: to fill Barbara Tegetof's shoes.

If anyone has concerns about Builds and Grounds issues, they should contact richard at 884 - 5522 or [rmbrodesky@msn.com](mailto:rmbrodesky@msn.com). Emergency problems should be directed to the church office.

The Buildings and ground committee will meet the first Tuesday night of the month, at 7 PM, in the Awareness Room. The next meeting will be on June 1. All members and friends of the church are welcome.

### More News from the Buildings and Grounds....

The Plumbers are Back!

Not Nixon's plumbers, but UUCT's own B & G Committee Heroes. Ross Behm, Richard Brodesky, and Mickey Dowling installed an eco-toilet in one of the Goddard restrooms. This unit has two flushes for liquid and solid waste and thus only uses 1.32 gallons of water per average flush. Most conventional toilets use 7.

Ross, Richard, and Mickey also serviced the three coolers on the Thoreau Building Roof.

Additionally, Jesus, our custodian, repaired a sink, and Josie, our secretary is making signs to help people utilize the new toilet. Mary Wiese is getting us a rebate for the new toilet from Tucson Water.

Let's hear it for teamwork and community building! When you see our UUCT Plumbers, please give them a big thank you for some hard jobs well done!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Queens, New York, is accepting applications for six volunteers in their Justice Ministry to serve for one year of advocacy and direct service with the immigrant communities of northeast Queens. In addition to immigration reform and justice work, the volunteers will engage in spiritual reflection and development.

The six Unitarian Universalists will live next door to the UU Congregation of Queens, help run their drop-in center, and create social justice programming for the community. This is a chance to live in NYC, work for justice, develop your faith, and live with other Unitarian Universalists.

The deadline to apply is July 2010. The program begins in September 2010. The application process involves a written indication of interest and short essays and a follow-up interview either over the telephone or Skype. The written portion of the application should include a cover letter of interest, a one-page resume, and two optional references (while the references are not a required portion of the application, preference will be given to those which include them). More details about the application process are available on their web page, <http://www.UUCQ.org>.

At least in the first year, volunteers will be charged \$500 a month in rent (utilities included) and will be expected to volunteer 15 hours a week in the congregation's drop-in center and help develop regular evening programming. It is likely that volunteers will need to have at least a part-time job.

For additional information about the application process, see the flyer at the Adult Faith Development table after the service. Other information can be obtained by emailing [ian@uucq.org](mailto:ian@uucq.org). This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it calling 718-353-3929, or visiting the web site at <http://www.UUCQ.org>.

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### Religious Education for Children and Youth Teachers Wanted

We cannot continue to provide our nurturing and high-quality program of community building and spiritual development without our volunteer teachers. Although many of our volunteers are parents, all members of the congregation are invited to help us build a loving community for our children, youth and families.

Teaching is a great way to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and to get to know other members of the congregational community. Our RE staff team leads teacher orientation and planning sessions twice a year and offers ongoing support and assistance throughout the year.

We hope that you plan on joining a teaching team as part of your commitment to UUCT and Unitarian Universalism.

Please contact Kathleen Hogue [khogue@uuctucson.org](mailto:khogue@uuctucson.org) if you would like to become involved.

## Adult Faith Development

Mike Greenbaum  
[mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org](mailto:mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org)

### WALKING IN THE LIGHT: COURAGE AND RENEWAL RETREATS A FOUR-SESSION SERIES

Anyone who wants to live and work with greater awareness of how *who we are* intersects with *what we do* will want to attend this four-part series of Courage and Renewal Retreats, sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church.

**Walking in the Light** is the title of these day-long Courage and Renewal Retreats facilitated by Jaimie Leopold, founder and director of Tucson's Desert Center for Renewal. The retreats combine rich insights from poets, storytellers, wisdom traditions, and participants' own life stories. Attendees leave refreshed in spirit, opening the door to a deep appreciation of the vital connections between *soul* and *role*.

Each retreat takes place on a Saturday at UUCT. The dates are June 5 and October 9, 2010 and February 19 and May 7, 2011. All begin at 9:00 a.m. and end by 4:00 p.m. Lunch and refreshments are provided, and childcare is available. Space is limited so sign up to reserve your place.

Cost of the four-part series is \$180.00 per person if you pay in full in advance by May 30. You can also pay \$50.00 prior to each retreat (partial scholarships available). However, we do request that you commit yourself to attend all four sessions when you sign up.

Register and pay at the Adult Faith Development Table in Goddard Hall after Sunday service. For more information, contact Mike Greenbaum at (520) 326-8831 or [mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org](mailto:mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org).

*Teachers  
Paint their minds  
and guide their thoughts  
Share their  
achievements  
and advise their faults*

*Inspire a Love  
of knowledge and truth  
As you light the path  
Which leads our youth*

*For our future brightens  
with each lesson you teach  
Each smile you lengthen  
Each goal you help reach*

*For the dawn of each poet  
each philosopher and king  
Begins with a Teacher  
And the wisdom they bring -*

*William Huff*

## Artist of the Month Gallery

Calling all photographers. The summer art show for the Gallery is Members' and Friends' photographs. We especially invite the people who took the photography class with John Schaefer to bring us a sample of their work.

On June 8 at 10 o'clock, please bring your photographs that can be hung on our sanctuary walls. If you can't bring the photos at that time, contact Margot Garcia (327-3946 or mgarcia@vcu.edu) or Petey Periale (721-8361 or jamper@cox.net) to make special arrangements. The show will last until September 7, 2010.

*Margot Garcia for the Gallery Committee*

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## Book Club

On June 17th the UUC Book Club will be discussing the book *The Weight of Heaven* by Thirty Umrigar. This is a story of an American couple whose son has died and they go to India in 2006 to try and work through their grief. It is intertwined with the culture of India in a very evocative manner. It will be at 7p.m. and child care will be provided. The discussion is in the Awareness room.



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A petition in support of the PSWD resolution against the new Arizona law requiring state law enforcement officers to question persons about their status to legally be in the state is available for signatures in Goddard following the service on May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Let our voices be heard. Signatures will be sent to PSWD, UUA and the Governor of Arizona.

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### Alto Arizona: National Day of Action Against SB1070

March and rally Sat., May 29, Phoenix, Arizona 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Morales, president of the UUA will be there along with UU clergy and laypeople from all around the country.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix is hosting a rally for UU's on Friday, May 28. The Phoenix area UU congregations are planning events and will be hosting UU's who come to Phoenix. Home hospitality is being coordinated by Rev. Paul Langston-Daley of the West Valley UU congregation [revpaulld@gmail.com](mailto:revpaulld@gmail.com).

Fran Brazzell is the contact person at UUCT if you are interested in going. [franbrazzell@hotmail.com](mailto:franbrazzell@hotmail.com)

The deadline for the next Tucsonitarian is June 22 at 5 p.m. for the June 30th newsletter.



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