



Tucsonitarian

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The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson
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New Board President Charles 'Chaz' McBride Introduction

It's been about five years that I have had the privilege of attending this Church and I want to take this opportunity to say 'Thank You' to each and everyone of you for making me feel trusted, secure and proud to be part of something bigger than myself. In every encounter or activity that I have been a part I have grown as a thoughtful human being. A good friend here at the Church once told me that, 'this is a living learning lab' and I agree. I have learned more about myself by every interaction and have recharged my sense of purpose through music, art, poetry, discussions, and words of wisdom. I could not have grown as a person without taking advantage of opportunities to volunteer as an Usher, RE teacher, or Board Member; and participating in Saturday Salons and New Comer Dinners enabled me to become closer to the people who can enrich us. As a person who comes from a small Blue Collar, Irish Catholic town in the Philadelphia Metropolitan area, has gone to Rutgers University, a child of Deaf parents, and an entrepreneur, I have found my home here in Tucson working at a non-profit organization called Community Outreach Program for the Deaf as a Vocational Program Specialist and as an adjunct faculty member at Pima Community College.

On July 9, 2010 at 6:45 a.m. William "Bill" Bland died peacefully in his sleep, just a few days before his 67th birthday.

A memorial service will be held on August 4, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at UUCT with a reception to follow.

Bill was a member of UUCT since 1978. He served the church in many capacities including Board president, search committee, choir, Front Porch Singers, buildings and grounds, artist of the moth, and more.

Everyone is welcome.

Sunday Services

August 1

Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Just as Well...Or Better?

Cyndi Clements

In these troubled economic times, long-held jobs are being lost, and the roles that women and men play are changing. Often we need to look to each other for help. Does it really matter who is the breadwinner? Do we even need to play any roles at all? Or can we look at each other as equals, and as friends? Please join us on Sunday, August 1st, as we take a look at the important role that the UU faith plays in ending misogyny and encouraging cooperation and friendship between genders.

August 8

Chaos and Creativity

Rev. Kate Bradsen

August 15

Family Resemblances and 'Language-Games'

Randall Springer

The words that we commonly use to describe religious perspectives are informative, but are also often misleading. In this service we will consider a different way of looking at familiar ideas.

August 22

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

August 29

EFW Water Communion



The Place to Be: B & G at UUCT

Despite the summer weather, beautification is in full swing! Judy Dare's group has created clusters of cacti and succulents for the Patio. Julia Mehrer is so enthusiastic that she even donated more pots to continue the effort! And we are all grateful. Please see Judy about helping to extend the container garden plan and to water. Taking care of plants and watching them grow will make you feel better and better.

Jeanna Jones has made considerable headway in cleaning and restoring the Memorial Garden. Make sure you thank her in person.

Mickey Dowling has reincarnated as Pigeon Man. When you thank him for his alter ego's contribution, he'll be happy to explain.

We have many interesting and necessary projects in the works. You may read about them all on the UUCT website. But even better, you may join us and participate! Our next meeting is on Tuesday, August 3, at 7 PM, in the Awareness Room.

Church Keys Yup! We need a few good church keys! Not for uncorking wine but for organizing our own affairs better. So if you have keys to church buildings and rooms you are not using, please return them to the office as soon as possible. Thanks!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 16, 2010 is the Rev. David Johnson's 75 birthday. We will be celebrating it with a Mexican dinner followed by song and word during the David Johnson Weekend. On Sunday, he will be installed as Minister Emeritus of the UUCT. Put the 16th and 17th on your calendars for two days of fun, pomp, and reminisces of church history and the good old days in Tucson.

We would like to make a scrapbook of the event to present to David as a gift. If you can help with this, please contact Darlene Mathews at 326-0222.

Submitted by Margot Garcia

The Tucson Balkan Peace Support Group presents its second film in the **Balkan Summer Film Series**. In Servetus Room Tuesday August 10 7 PM

Title: *Loving Glances* (Croatian, 2003.)

The film is exciting and gives a look at Croatian society. As you follow Labud, a Serbian refugee from Krajina, in his attempts to find his girlfriend Vida, and as he gradually grows to love Romana, the girl he meets due to a mix up at the "Happy Millennium" dating agency, you get the idea that life needs to go on. No matter how politics and events have caught you up, like it or not, in their whirlwind, eventually you land... not always on your feet, but you land.

Join UUCT on our TUUR to Santa Fe in

November!

One of the highlights of this weeklong tour is:

Los Alamos Museum

Statues of Dr. Robert Oppenheimer and General Leslie Groves, perhaps the two most famous personalities of the Manhattan Project, greet you as you enter the era that led to the development of the world's first atomic bomb. The impending conflict that darkened Europe in the late 1930s at first cast no shadow on the sunny Pajarito Plateau in northern New Mexico. But soon World War II shook the entire world. Los Alamos became the focus of secret efforts to develop an entirely new weapon, one that derived its power from the splitting of atomic nuclei.

The History Gallery features

Photos, documents, and objects illustrating life in Los Alamos during the intense years when an international team of scientists raced to build the bomb. A video will document the secrecy of life in Los Alamos in 1942-45.

Registration forms and complete itinerary for this exciting tour is at:

<http://www.uuctucson.org/index.php/sponsored-tours/> or contact Julia Mehrer at perujourney@gainbroadband.com or Carolyn Saunders at 520-299-3854.

News from the Treasurer

The church deposited \$37,240.94 of income into the Checking account during the month of June and expended \$34,221.01. Without including the finances of No More Deaths, the church ended the fiscal year with a deficit of \$9,121.97 and that is higher than the budgeted deficit of \$6,769.38. In order to sustain our cash flow, the church had to borrow \$5,000 from its line of credit with the Bank of the West. Uncleared transactions of \$5,598.60 covered the rest of the deficit.

On recommendation of the Endowment Committee and the Finance Committee, the Board of Trustees agreed to take \$27,147 out of the Vanguard Congregationally Restricted Account and invest it in the UUA Common Endowment Fund. In order to do that, Vanguard issued a check to the church that was deposited into the operating account and then a cashiers check was issued for the same amount (\$27,147), which was sent to the UUA. Thus, the checking account actually shows total deposits of \$64,387.94 for the month of June with withdrawals totaling of \$61,269.01.

Margot W. Garcia, Treasurer

Now's The Time!!

Fry's customers have only a couple of days to help bring up our grocery rebate for this 6 month period. Soo, if possible, load your card as much as you are able and look forward to the results of our all participating together.

Safeway is starting it's "Back To School" program (which will give us a rebate of 10% as opposed to its regular.65%) on August 11 and it will run thru September 14. Groceries giving us the 10% will be identified by a little yellow school bus so please look for them and try some. It is the only time 10% is given.

Thanks for all of your participation. It gives positive results and remember, it costs you nothing!

*Marjorie Smith - Coordinator
Grocery Rebate Program*



An Invitation to join Family Singers

The start-up date for Family Singers after our summer break is Sunday, August 15th at 9:00 in the morning. We'll meet in the Awareness Room and enjoy a light breakfast of bagels, fruit, doughnuts, and juice at our opening session. Please consider this a special invitation to children, young adults, and their parents to join this vibrant group when we rehearse every Sunday morning at 9:00. We sing a variety of songs and our aim is to have fun, get to know each other, and share in the joy of making music together. It's important to make a commitment to be as regular in attendance as possible. We'll be singing for the 10:00 o'clock worship service on August 29th when the congregation observes its annual "Water Communion" Sunday.

Please call me if you haven't sung with us before and have questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Lifespan Faith Development

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What does Lifespan Faith Development (LFD) mean? LFD offers religious education, worship, advocacy, and social action resources that nurture Unitarian Universalist identity, spiritual growth, a transforming faith, and vital communities of justice and love.

What does Lifespan Faith Development (LFD) look like? Our LFD Program here at the UU Church of Tucson provides congregants of all ages opportunities to grow in faith. According to our mission statement "...the Lifespan Faith Development Program will provide a balance of learning, leadership, social justice, worship, community building, and intergenerational connections within a welcoming, covenantal community."

What ways can you help make the Lifespan Faith Development (LFD) a success? Our Lifespan Faith Development program includes Religious Education for children and youth such as classes, projects, worship and other activities. For young adults and adults we provide many learning and spiritual development opportunities in addition to Sunday Services. We are always looking for teachers and leaders as well as participants for all of these programs. You can become involved by:

Signing up to teach in the program for Children & Youth Facilitating/Co-facilitating an adult or multigenerational class

Telling us what classes or topics you are interested in
Attending a class, workshop or event
Registering your children in the RE Program

Contact Kathleen Hogue for more information:
khogue@uuctucson.org

Lifespan Faith Development Upcoming Events

July 25- August 15- Register for Religious Education for Children & Youth at the table in the back of the sanctuary or print online at uuctucson.org.

August 15- Fall Religious education classes for Children & Youth begins with UU Community.

August 15- Family Singers Rehearsal Begins in Awareness Room at 9:00.

On **August 19th the Book Club** will meet at 7:00 in the Awareness Room. Child care is available. You can call 748-5151 ext. 15 to inquire about this .

We will discuss Desert by GMG LeClezio. Desert covers the time span from the early 1900's to the 1970s. It weaves in the destruction of a nomadic tribe, the Taureg, by the French Colonialists who drive them out of the Western Sahara with the tale of one of their descendants, Lalla, who in a Jungian way draws upon the strength and resourcefulness of her ancestors to survive as an orphan in Marseilles. Long lost memories and help appear as dreams. The stillness of the Desert is woven in with the raucousness of the slums of Marseilles. Much of the book is description based on the timelessness and space of the Desert. Overall, it is a moving description of the destruction that can be wreaked by the rich and strong over those whose traditions do not emphasize wealth or those whose traditions have been destroyed. We will also be choosing books for the next six months and invite anyone to come and bring their suggestions. Forms are in the Church office.

Judith F. Doran 866-0070

ART GALLERY SHOW

For the summer months of July and August, the Holland Sanctuary art gallery is featuring photographs taken by talented church members and friends. You can see beautiful photos of our exquisite desert, as well as interesting Florentine architecture.

Be sure to see them soon.

Please check the lobby in Holland for a letter written by our recent past President of the Board of Trustees, Fran Brazzell. It is a retrospective review of the UUCT Strategic Plan.

We sent this via email but if you do not receive emails from UUCT, there are printed copies for you to read. Thank you so much.

The **deadlines** for the Tucsonitarian are now the **first and third Tuesday of every month.**

Every **print date** for the Tucsonitarian will be the **second and fourth Wednesday of every month.**

The next deadline for entries will be Tuesday, August 3rd.



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