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Tucsonitarian

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Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.

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From the Minister's Study

On July 29, portions of SB 1070, Arizona's tough immigration law, went into effect. That morning I delivered a prayer at an inter-faith prayer service. Many present asked for copies of the prayer, so I thought it worth sharing with the whole congregation.

*Spirit of Life and Spirit of Love, known by many names,
Dear God.*

*We come as a broken people divided against each other.
We have failed to honor the great commandment to love our
neighbors as we love ourselves. We have forgotten that we
drink from wells we did not dig and live in cities we did not
build. We have forgotten that we were once strangers in a
strange land. We have forgotten the ways of hospitality – the
gateway to our own humanity – seeing the suffering in the
eye of a sister or brother as our own.*

*Oh God of infinite wisdom, lead us to walk not in the way of
forgetfulness, but in the way of memory, remembering that
we belong to each other – part of one common body of
humanity – remembering that what befalls the least of us,
diminishes us all.*

*Oh God of infinite mercy, lead us to walk not in the way of
indifference, but in the way of compassion. Lead us to walk
in the way of unity, a people united, seeking to heal all that
divides us.*

*Where there is racism, let there be love. Where there is
hatred, let there be love. Where there is fear, let there be
love. Where there is love, let there be even more love.*

*In the name of all that is good, true and right, in the name of
all that is humane, in the name of all that is holy, we pray.*

Blessed be. Amen.

That we may find a spirit of unity in these troubled times,
Diane

Sunday Services

August 15

Randall Springer

Family Resemblances and 'Language-Games'

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

5 Vital Signs of Spiritual Health

We all know the value of regular check-ups with the doctor. More and more medical professionals are recognizing the positive impact of spirituality on overall health. Today we'll do a spiritual health check-up.

Music: Desert Chorale

August 29

Rev. Diane Dowgiert and Kathleen Hogue

Counting Blessings

As you collect water for this Annual Gathering of the Waters Ceremony, take a moment to reflect on the ways your life has been blessed. What blessings do you wish to bring to the congregation?

Music: Family Singers



Dear Pacific Southwest District,

We are emailing you because the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Queens has recently converted their Parish house into a Unitarian Universalist community home. This is an exciting project, where UUs will live their beliefs, work on social justice issues, participate in theological reflection, and live in New York City. We would love for you to join us in this important work.

Starting this fall (2010), each fellow will live in their own room with communal kitchens and bathrooms. The house is next-door to the congregation, a short train ride into Manhattan, and in a safe and interesting neighborhood. The fellows will make a commitment to serve for one year -- working with people marginalized by society, while developing their spiritual core as Unitarian Universalists.

We hope that this program will serve as a model for the future of our movement, and we would love if you could help get it started. You can do this in several ways:

- Apply to come live with us!
- Inform your congregation, community, or campus ministry group about the project.
- Find other interested and dedicated Unitarian Universalists who would like to come live with us.
- Spread the word about this program far and wide; we're looking for any help people want to give!

If you would like a flyer or application, are interested, or have any questions, please email us at uujusticeministry@gmail.com. You can also call us at 347-827-0110. We greatly look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,
UU Justice Ministry

Join UUCT on our TUUR to Santa Fe ,Taos and Acoma Pueblo

Among the museum exhibits that we will visit is the following:
Empowering Women:

Artisan Cooperatives That Transform Communities
Inaugural exhibition opening in the Gallery of Conscience, Dr. Marsha Bol, Director of the Museum of International Folk Art explains the concept of a gallery of conscience "As the largest folk art museum in the world, there is a responsibility to create a forum to discuss current issues that folk artists are facing around the world. This Gallery of Conscience will be devoted to the examination of issues that threaten the survival of the traditional arts, bringing them to the attention of our visitors." Exhibition highlights include weaving, beadwork, painting, baskets, embroidery and other traditional folk arts from Bolivia, Rwanda, Peru, Swaziland, India, Kenya, Laos, South Africa, Morocco and Nepal. (Photo) Members of the Centro de Textiles Tradicionales del Cusco.

Registration forms and complete itinerary for this exciting tour are at: <http://www.uuctucson.org/index.php/sponsored-tours/> or contact

Julia Mehrer at perujourney@gainbroadband.com
or Carolyn Saunders at
520-299-3854.



THE RESULTS ARE IN!!

The rebate for the 2009-2010 brought in \$80.68 from Albertsons, \$395.70 from Basha's, \$3,842.19 from Frys, \$705.16 from Safeway and \$440.00 from Sunflower making a total of \$5,463.73. This is based on total purchases of \$200,355.52 (Albertsons not included as they do not give that information). Basha's gives a 6% rebate, Frys and Sunflower 5%, Safeway .65% and Albertsons ?.

The results for Frys last 6 months (Feb. thru July) which will figure in the 2010-2011 year, will be a check in the amount of \$1,685.42. Great work and many thanks for your contributions to all of the above.

*Don't forget Safeway's 10% "Back to School" rebate thru Sept.14. Look for the little yellow school bus tags and try some of those products. Maybe we can get up to .69% rebate again for this year.

Membership/Community Life Bulletin Board:

Submitted by Mary Wiese, Membership and Community Life
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I'm Baaack! Here are some reminders about BIG church events coming up this year:

Lunches – Sunday Lunches begin after church, August 15. We are always looking for helpers! Please contact Mary Wiese for more information.

Catalina Park Annual Campout- Saturday, October 2 -3. Please contact Mary Wiese, Kathleen Hogue, or Becky Keyes, scrapkeyes@yahoo.com, for more information.

Annual Service Auction - Saturday, November 13. email Jan Dowling, rubbytues98@hotmail.com, or Mary Wiese.



Membership News:

The first "Get To Know Us" Orientation will be held after church, on Sunday August 22nd. Participation in an Orientation is a requirement for Membership. Please contact Mary Wiese for more information.

Looking for new ideas for the Membership Team. Our first meeting is on Tuesday, August 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Please feel free to join us. Please contact Mary Wiese, or Judy Dare, jadare@q.com, for more information.

New UU Class to begin in the fall!

The New UU program is written by Jonalu Johnston, and is part of the Tapestry of Faith Adult Programming provided by the UUA.

"The New UU program provides important tools to help congregations welcome, orient, and integrate newcomers into their faith communities... It provides opportunities for members of your congregation to share with newcomers what it means to them to be a Unitarian Universalist... It provides an explicit invitation to become a member."

Please look for class times and dates in future publications. Contact Mary Wiese for more information.

Lifespan Faith Development

Volunteers still Needed!

- to teach Religious Education Classes for Children & Youth
- facilitate classes for adults
- to be on the RE Council
join the AFD Team

B & G Also Means Balance and Gratitude

New Members: We'd like to acknowledge Cyndi Clements, Mark Henson, Sheila Rogan, and Walker Smith as new Committee members. We are delighted to have them.

Adopt a Pot, Adopt a Plot: Nurturing means growth and well-being. To participate in this program, please contact Judy Dare.

Donations: Jan and Mickey Dowling have donated a hose and container for the Memorial Garden. Bob Samuels has donated a number of large, attractive pots and plants. In the near future, Bob will also have a special surprise donation for UUCT. Keep your eyes and ears open!

Work Day: Mark your calendars. We'll be cleaning up our Tool Room AND the storage annex behind the church on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 9 – 12.

Sanctuary: The four small lights over the lower stage will soon be raised allowing the Choir to perform there as needed. Also renters have asked that we do this.

The #*&*(*)\$* Screen: We have had to weigh aesthetics, the needs of the staff, the needs of the church members, the needs of those who conduct large meetings, technical parameters, and the needs of the visually impaired. The screen will soon be moved to a position which will satisfy all these constituencies.

Hearing Problems: Hearing loss is subtle; we often don't realize it is even happening. We are studying the possibility of a loop hearing assistance system for the Alcove. This is a wire that surrounds the room and broadcasts directly to many kinds of hearing aids. If you feel this would be helpful to you, please let Richard Brodesky know at rmbrodesky@msn.com or 884 – 5522.

B and G is off and running. We have many exciting projects planned for the future. If you'd like to join us, please come to our next meeting on Tuesday, September 7, at 7 PM, in the Awareness Room.

And please take the advice I give myself:
Get involved!

Trust in the wisdom of the group (and this group has plenty!).

UUCT Supports Tucson Empty Bowls Event Volunteer Are Needed

Southern Arizona Clay Artists (SACA) will hold its annual Empty Bowls Event on Thursday, November 4, 2010, at the Kino Community Center on Ajo Way. Potters' clubs hold empty bowls events around the country to benefit local food banks. Potters donate bowls, and interested parties donate soups. Marjon Ceramics Company has generously donated clay for production as well. For a \$10 tax-deductible donation to the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, a person will receive a ticket allowing them to select a bowl, fill it with soup for lunch, and participate in a silent auction.

This year we need volunteers to:

Make pots: If you'd like to throw, roll slabs, coil, or pinch pots, you may work at the Kino Pottery Studio at the Kino Community Center, on Thursdays, from 1- 8 PM. Any level of experience is fine. And you can stay for as long or as short as you desire.

Donate Soup

Help with displays

Serve lunch.

Anyone interested or desiring more information should call Lil Kinslow at 883 – 5664. Please leave Lil a message, and she will be happy to call you back. And, of course, we'd love for everyone to come on November 4th and buy as many tickets as possible. Last year we raised just under \$5000, and we'd like to beat our record.

All **deadlines** for the Tucsonitarian are now on 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 the Tucsonitarian and the Transforming Times will be Tuesday, August 17. The topic for the Transforming Times will be Vision.



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