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Tucsonitarian

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From the Minister's Study

One of my favorite parts of being a minister is watching friendships develop. There are few joys brighter than seeing your faces light up as you greet friends on Sunday morning. There's a mysterious chemistry to friendship, a wonder to witness when it happens. I might even go so far as to call it miraculous.

When two or more individual souls come together in friendship, defying the odds of isolation and loneliness that are so rampant in our culture today, it -- well -- gives me goose-bumps.

It's hard to predict what will ignite the spark of friendship. What is it that unites separate elements into something new and life-giving, like hydrogen bonding with oxygen to form water? What is it that brings people into special relationships with each other? Is it a quirky sense of humor? A fiery passion for human rights and social justice? An unbridled need to create art or music or poetry? A love of hiking? Cameras? Obscure cinema? Ethnic food? The challenge of parenting a special needs child? Living with chronic illness? World travel? Shared heritage? Shared trauma?

Friendship often transcends the artificial boundaries of race, class, gender, age, and ability. When we make friends, we build hope.

A simple song from my childhood captures the wisdom of friendship; an old girl-scouting song.

Make new friends, but keep the old.
One is silver and the other gold.

Whether you've been coming to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson for 60 years or one week, the possibility for new friendship is real, here. Reach out to someone you haven't met. You never know when a miracle is waiting to happen.

Fondly yours,
Diane

Sunday Services

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What's Your Worldview?

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

How we view the world shapes our beliefs, and thus, how we engage the world. We'll look at different worldviews throughout the ages and how they have shaped religious beliefs.

Worship Associate: Terrance Sheridan

Music: Desert Chorale and Donna DeHaan

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Blessing of the Animals

Extended Family Worship

Rev. Diane Dowgiert and Kathleen Hogue

Animals extend our vision of family. Continuing a tradition started last year, we'll gather to bless the furry, the scaly, and the feathery members of our community -- and express gratitude for the ways they bless our lives.

Worship Associate: Carolyn Saunders

Music: Family Singers and Agnes Paulsen

Honoring David Johnson:

We will be celebrating David Johnson's Ministerial Emeritus Event on the weekend of October 16 - 17. We would like to present him with a scrapbook filled with pictures and remembrances. Please submit pictures or stories detailing special memories to Susan Call at the Church office or email them to smcall7@cox.net. Keep watching for further details.

INDIGENOUS MARKETPLACE

Now is your chance to do something meaningful to help with Economic Justice for Native Americans!

On October 10th, we are sponsoring a sale by native peoples from Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Yaqui, Tohono O'odham and others. It will be after services in the patio.

We are looking for assistance from a few UUCT members for the following:

- A place for 1 or 2 of them to stay on the nights of October 8th, 9th and 10th.

- One UUCT member for each vendor to assist only during the sale (from 10:30 or 11 to 3 or 4 pm, on October 10th) with wrapping sold items and helping them find the facilities.

We know this is a caring community and I hope we can show that by volunteering to assist in one of these ways. Thank you in advance for caring enough to help!

Please call or e-mail Julia at:
perujourney@gainbroadband.com or 762-4035

Treasurer's report for August 2010

During the month of August, UUCT deposited \$45,023.78 in our checking account and withdrew \$39,205.85 to pay expenses. This is an excellent beginning for our fiscal year.

Margot Garcia, Finance Chair



Y'ALL COME!!!

THE HARVEST HOEDOWN is a-comin' to town
And y'all are invited to come on down!
UUCT will be the location,
The annual church auction will be the occasion!
November 13th is the date to remember;
You'll pick up goodies to give come December!
So start your brain cells to cogitatin'
On how you can help: we're all a-waitin'

Donated items now being accepted; forms available at the Auction table or online (rubbytues98@hotmail.com)

Dinner tickets on sale (\$15)

Contact Jan Dowling 748-9503 to help, or with questions

ARE YOU IN THIS NUMBER?

From July 2007 thru June of 2010 the Grocery Rebate Program has raised \$13,312.14, \$11,038.08 of that number has been received in the last 2 years. \$8,358.51 has been from Frys.

Since May (2008) 367 Sunflower cards have been purchased

Since Jan. (2008) 52 Basha's cards (only 7 used in the past 6 mos.)

Since Sept.(2007) 220 Fry's cards (only 62 used in the past 6 mos.)

There are 101 people signed up for Safeway (62 using cards in past 6 mos.)

What would the results be if all or most of these cards were still in use? What if everyone would participate in our program? UUCT would see over 10K per year and I would feel that my time and energy were worth it. Those who do participate, your contributions are very much appreciated. Others, why do you hesitate? It costs you nothing, zip, zero, nada extra for your groceries.

I am in Goddard every Sunday after services to answer questions on how to get involved. It is very easy so please do join up.

*Marjorie Smith, Coordinator
Grocery Rebate Program*

UUCT Empowerment Team

This is the first in a series of articles to introduce you to your Empowerment Team (ET). This month and for the following five months, members of the ET will be telling you who we are and what we do. The Empowerment Team is appointed by the Board of Trustees and charged with the management of the church. We are responsible for decision-making, oversight, and reporting on all aspects of the church operations. We are bound and guided by the directives of the board and the governing documents of the church: the Bylaws, Governance Policies, Strategic Plan, current budget, Covenant of Right Relations, and above all the Mission/Covenant statement. All of these documents, in addition to the ET meeting minutes and ET monthly reports to the board can be found on the church website. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

The ET has divided the church into six areas of oversight. Each area is assigned to one person on the team who holds that “portfolio”. A portfolio holder will coordinate with other people or groups, attend other committee meetings, monitor for strategic plan benchmarks, relay questions and comments to and from the ET, and provide a monthly report on activities within their area. The portfolios are: Communications, Finance, Facilities, Programs, Membership, and Leadership.

I hold the Communications Portfolio. My primary duties include keeping track of priorities, follow-up items of business, deadlines, and all ongoing tasks that the ET is currently working on. I set the agenda for each of our meetings, take minutes, and insure that an institutional record is kept of all business we conduct. My portfolio area of responsibility within the church is to be the ET liaison to the Board of Trustees. I attend their monthly meeting, where I note those board items pertinent to our responsibilities and present reports. Reports include, but are not limited to, the monthly report from ET and the monthly report as required by the Strategic Plan.

I am also the first point of contact for anyone who has a question, issue, or request for the ET to consider. I would like to emphasize, however, that congregants are free to approach any member of ET with their concerns or questions concerning overall management of the church operations.

Next month you’ll be hearing from the Finance Portfolio.

In faith,
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Communications Portfolio
UUCT Empowerment Team
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Membership/Community Life Bulletin Board:

Submitted by Mary Wiese, Membership and
Community Life Administrator:
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Community Life News:

Catalina Park Annual Campout- Saturday, October 2 and Sunday October 3, we will be having our semi-annual all church campout at Catalina Park. There will be a fee of \$10 per person or \$15 per family to cover food and supplies. Additional entrance fees are required by the park: \$15 per car for overnight campers or \$6 per car for day use.

Please Contact: Mary Wiese, Kathleen Hogue, or Becky Keyes, scrapkeyes@yahoo.com, for more information.

Membership News:

New UU Class will begin on Monday, October 15 and continue until Monday, November 15. Classes will be 90 minutes long and held in the Servetus room at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Mary Wiese for more information:
mwiese@uuctucson.org.

Farewell to a Dear Staff Member:

In August, Lynn Healey, Membership and Community Life Assistant, Childcare Supervisor, and substitute Custodian, took a job with the Tanque Verde School District. She is now a classroom aid for children with disabilities. Although Lynn is already dearly missed, we know how gifted she is with children and we wish her the best of luck.

BOOK CLUB

As our light summer reading, we have chosen *The Trunk Murderess*: Winnie Ruth Judd, winner of the One Book AZ Award. The author Jana Bommersbach is an acclaimed Arizona journalist who twice won the Don Bolles Award In Investigative Reporting.

It is the story of a woman wrongly convicted of murder, sentenced to be hung, and then confined to a mental institution for almost forty years. This was possible because of the corrupt influential old boy network of the Phoenix business establishment.

We meet September 16th in Awareness at 7:00 pm. Childcare is available.

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 Transforming Times will be Tuesday, September 21.



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