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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

I was talking the other day with Jaimie Leopold, who facilitates our Courage and Renewal Retreats. We talked about the traditional association of the season of autumn with the abundance of the harvest. We both noted that during these times in which we live, the lives of the people we know and love and serve are stretched thin. We noticed the paradox of living in a season of abundance during times of scarcity.

Too much to do. Too little time. Too much information. Too few brain cells. Too many choices. Too few of them right. Too many obligations. Too few resources.

"Too-much-ness," Jaimie said.

This got me to wondering. What in the world can there never be "too-much" of? (Okay, I know the question has a negative bent and the sentence is grammatically incorrect, but hang with me here, please.)

Is it possible to have too much love? Too much peace? Too much hope? Too much joy?

Maybe it is, but I would certainly volunteer to be a study subject of the effects of too much love, peace, hope and joy. Wouldn't you?

Yours,  
Diane

## Great Things Are Taking Place at UUCT

### Something to Celebrate

Our All-Church Campout this past week-end was attended by 19 families, including 28 adults and 14 children and youth.

Birds were watched, songs were sung, and marshmallows were roasted. We then ended our time together with a wonderful service amongst the trees.

## Sunday Services

Sunday, October 17

### **Our Legacy: Honoring the Past, Looking Forward to the Future**

*Rev. Diane Dowgiert and Rev. David Johnson*

In a celebratory service, Rev. David Johnson will be honored with the status of Minister Emeritus of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson. Rev. Dowgiert and Rev. Johnson will reflect on the legacy of UUCT: past, present, and future.

*Worship Associate: Bid Romans*

*Music: Family Singers, Agnes Paulsen, and Michelle Meleniak*

Sunday, October 24 UN Sunday

### **Unitarianism, Universalism, and UUism in the French Speaking World**

*Richard Brodesky*

Did you know that the Pygmies in Africa have chosen to be Unitarians? Come and learn more about the link from Tucson to France to Africa. Support our African colleagues by buying Richard Brodesky's pottery. Half the proceeds will go to Africa, half will go to this church.

*Worship Associate: Margot Garcia*

*Music: Desert Chorale and Donna DeHaan*

Sunday, October 31

### **Trusting Life in the Presence of Death**

*Rev. Diane Dowgiert*

At Halloween, it is said that the veil between the worlds of life and death is thin. We'll consider the dual reality of being alive while knowing that we all must die.

*Worship Associate: Cyndi Clements*

*Music: Donna DeHaan*

## **SAVE THE DATE! 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary District Assembly**

Save the dates of May 21-22, 2011 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the PSWD and Camp deBenneville Pines. We will gather with the theme of "A Covenant For Our Future." The Rev. Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, will be our theme speaker.

## ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

We hold these potlucks as a way of introducing you who are new to UUCT or those of you who want to get to know some of our longer-term members. We hope to personally invite you to the new and interesting events that are happening here! This is a great way to get to know members in a small, informal group. We look forward to you joining us!

We will hold a potluck four times this year on Sunday at 5:30pm at the church, on the patio weather permitting:

NOVEMBER 14  
JANUARY 9  
MARCH 13  
MAY 8

Please bring food if your last name begins with the following letter:

SALADS	A-D
APPETIZERS	E-H
BREADS, VEGGIES or SIDE DISHES	I-M
MAIN DISH	N-R
DESSERTS	S-Z

Please bring enough to serve 10 people.

Lemonade and ice tea will be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite beverages, also.

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### Heloooo! Is Anybody Out There?

Have you all joined the Grocery Rebate Program at UUCT? If not, don't forget that it is connected to Basha's (including AJs, Food City and Eddies Country Store), Frys, Safeway, Sunflower and Albertsons. This program brings in rebate funds to the church with no extra cost to you on your purchases. Basha's gives 6%, Frys and Sunflower 5%, Safeway .65% and Albertsons is negligible. It all adds up, however, so all of you who eat, do come and join us.

Some Important Idiosyncrasies for those who have already joined:  
Frys: If your card has a zero (0) balance for 90 days, it is taken out of the system and a new card from UUCT in necessary.

Basha's: If your card is not used for 12 months, a maintenance fee of \$2 per month is deducted from the balance on your card.

Albertsons: (At less that 1% so not encouraged). If you do use Albertsons at all, even for a small amount, cards are available thru UUCT that can be used to boost the rebate from microscopic to scopic.

Hope to see you in Goddard after services where I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. See you there!

*Marjorie Smith - Coordinator  
Grocery Rebate Program*

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### SAVE THE DATE

Sweet Tomatoes Fun Raiser on **Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** at the Sweet Tomatoes on Broadway and Wilmot, from 5:00-8:00P.M. UUCT will earn **20%** of the total spent. Be on the lookout for flyers in December! (you must present one when paying for UUCT to receive credit)

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson and L'Eglise unitarienne francophone invite you to a Pottery Sale to benefit UUCT and Lisanga ya bandimi na Nzambe (the Pygmy Unitarian Church in the Democratic Republic of the Congo)  
Sunday, October 24, 2010 11:00  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson  
4831 E. 22 St.  
Tucson, AZ 85711  
*All proceeds will be divided equally between UUCT and Lisanga ya bandimi na Nzambe*

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### NO MORE DEATHS

In the News...

Attorney Bill Walker, who represented Walt Staton, Dan Millis and 13 other humanitarians on citations they got for "littering" while doing humanitarian aid work on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge has notified us that "the government has abandoned their appeal in the Millis case and has asked that the Staton case be remanded to the trial court for dismissal. This is a great double victory for us. We are now three for three against the government in Humanitarian aid cases!!!" The prosecutor dismissed the cases against the BANWR 13 several months ago. Dan Millis has won his appeal in the 9th Circuit, the federal government will not appeal that ruling, and the prosecutor will ask the court to dismiss the charge against Walt Staton, so he won't have to do the 300 hours of community service.

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### A MESSAGE FROM SATAN

You know I am **ALL** about temptation, so settle back and let me tempt you with a few of the fabulous items up for bids at the Harvest Hoedown Auction!

**Tea lover?** Try a gift basket full of teas, cookies, teacups and more. There's a basket for coffee lovers too!

**Into art?** How about handmade pottery, framed photographs, or a colorful print by RC Gorman

**Jewelry your thing?** You'll look fantastic in a unique item created just for the auction

**Foodie?** Peruvian, Indian, Thai, and Hungarian are just a few of the cuisines on offer

**Shopper?** Gift cards for Bookman's, Sunflower Market and more

**Traveler?** Try a staycation at the Arizona Inn (or enjoy a meal in their top rated restaurant), or a week at a condo in Pinetop

All these and more could be yours! Check out the Auction table in Goddard after church on Sundays and come to the Auction on November 13<sup>th</sup>! Or, you could sign your soul over to me and I can guarantee you'll win the items of your choice!

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### BRANDOCH "BRANDY" L. LOVELY (1928 - 2010)

It is with a sense of loss that I have to inform you of the death of the Rev. Dr. Brandoch L. Lovely. Brandy died on September 29, 2010; he was 82 years old.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, October 9, at 4:00 p.m. at Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church, 301 N. Orange Grove Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91103. The Reverend Jim Nelson will conduct the service.

Notes of condolence may be sent to Judith Lovely, at 621 E California Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91106-3813.

## **Membership/Community Life Bulletin Board:**

*Submitted by Mary Wiese, Membership and Community Life*

*Administrator: mwiese@uuctucson.org*

### **Community Life:**

**Lunches:** Sunday lunch will not be served on November 14, the day after the Auction, or on November 29, Thanksgiving weekend.

**FORK US, PLEASE!** We know what you are thinking, but you'd be wrong! This really is about forks! Have you got silverware you don't need, want or use? Donate it to the UUCT kitchen: tax deduction for you; more forks, knives and spoons for the church! Just deliver it to the kitchen and know it will be used and appreciated!

### **Membership News:**

**New UU Class begins on October 18:** The New UU program is written by Jonalu Johnston, and is part of the Tapestry of Faith Adult Programming provided by the UUA. Please sign up at the Membership Table after church on Sunday or email Mary.

**New Member Classes:** If you have completed the Pathway to Membership and are ready to become a committed member of our church community, you are welcomed to come to a New Member class. These classes are held with the Minister on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. or on the second Sunday of the month, after services. **You must RSVP to attend.** Please contact Mary to RSVP or if you have questions.

**Get To Know Us Orientation:** The next orientation for newcomers will be held after service on Sunday, October 24. Free lunch and childcare are provided. The orientations are a requirement to the Pathway to Membership. Please contact Mary Wiese for more information or to RSVP.

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### **Empowerment Team - Finances**

This article is the second in a series of articles by and about the Empowerment Team (ET). Under policy governance the Board of Trustees is charged with visionary leadership. They ask "What do our members care about, ask about and think about? What direction will we go?" In service of that visionary role and our mission/covenant statement, the Board drafted a Strategic Plan that was recently adopted by the congregation at the last annual meeting. The ET's role then is similar to the CEO of an organization; we are charged with executive leadership. Based upon the goals and benchmarks set forth in the Strategic Plan, the ET asks, "What programs will enable us to make our vision a reality? Who will be responsible for initiating and managing what programs?"

I hold the finance portfolio on the ET which means that I act as a liaison between the ET and the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee has a full plate in front of it for the next four years. Some of the goals and specific benchmarks in the Strategic Plan are to bring a capital campaign consultant to our campus, initiate a planned giving program and eventually launch a capital campaign. It is a joy to work with the Finance Committee and the whole congregation toward funding the vision and mission of UUCT. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions you may have for the ET in the area of finances or any area of the church.

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## **Lifespan Faith Development Happenings**

*Kathleen Hogue, Lifespan Faith Development Director*

*khogue@uuctucson.org*

### **Come Join Us!**

For our **Religious Education Potluck – Friday, October 15, beginning at 6:30PM in Goddard Hall.** Come explore with other UU families what it means to raise a UU child, learn about exciting events in our church year, hear from our Religious Education Council Chair and your child(ren)'s RE teachers. This will also give you the opportunity to meet other UU parents. This will be a fun family event and we will have activities for the kids. Please bring a main dish or side dish to share. Kathleen Hogue will be making her famous banana pudding for desert. To RSVP, please contact Heather Reed at hreed@uuctucson.org.

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### **Who is David A Johnson?**

UUCT has had sixteen ministers in its 63-year history. Reverend David A Johnson was minister number seven.

David arrived in July 1973 with wife Sherry and sons Kirk, Eric, and Mathews. David graduated from Meadville-Lombard Theological School after degrees from Antioch College and the University of Illinois. His staff: church administrator, RE Coordinator, and part-time custodian.

His sermons were varied: from UU history to current events, from music to humor. He started many traditions: the Thanksgiving Seder, reading Dylan Thomas' a "Child's Christmas in Wales" on Christmas Eve, Lunitarian Weekend in Rocky Point, and Work Sunday on Labor Day weekend. For fun there was Tucson After Dark, Extended Families, Square Dances, and Beer and Skittles with the Minister. David made white paper doves that hung from the ceiling at Christmas. On New Year's Day he hosted an Open House with warm glug and cookies.

Involved in the community, David served on the board for ten years and was president twice of Pima Council on Aging, involved with Tucson Urban League, and was chair of the Court appointed Independent Citizen's Committee, established to monitor TUSD's desegregation. David refused to accept the Trinity in order to obtain full membership in the Tucson Ecumenical Council. He continued to work with group members: the result- Sanctuary Movement and Thanksgiving Day Ecumenical Service.

David and Julie Coulter were married in 1980.

David resigned in 1988 to be minister of UUC church in Brookline Massachusetts, from which he retired in 2003. Today he lives in Providence, RI and is interim minister in Provincetown, on Cape Cod.

*Submitted by Margot Garcia for the DAJ Installation Weekend Committee*

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Are you stuck at home and can't get out? Lonely? Need help with shopping or trips to the doctor? Are you facing surgery and want someone to stay with you in the hospital? Need some food prepared for a few days? Going on vacation and need your dog walked?

**FRIENDS IN DEED** is here for you. Call the church at 748-1551 and tell them your needs. Your request will be passed on to the Friends in Deed committee. We have a list of volunteers to call to get your needs filled. If you would like to join the committee or volunteer a deed, call us and we'll put you on our list. Reah Barrows at 881-1252 or Alli Hansen at 319-7875.

### Rev David A. Johnson Intern Ministry Fund

It has been over twenty years since David A. Johnson served the UUCT as our minister and at last we are installing him as Minister Emeritus. To honor him and his service, the Board of Trustees has established the David A Johnson Intern Ministry Fund, to be supported by donations, both from within and outside our congregation along with other sources of funding, such as grants and memorial gifts.

An intern ministry program not only benefits our church, but the large fellowship of the UUA. During David's fifteen-year ministry, he supervised three intern ministers. These ministerial students, from different divinity schools, completed their studies and went on to serve our faith in many ways. One, the Reverend Sandy Szelag, who occasionally serves this congregation, remained in Tucson

It is fitting that we acknowledge the gifts that David brought to us with both his new title and the establishment of this living memorial. As this congregation moves into the future, let us honor all our past ministers and leaders. Please contribute as generously as possible to the David A. Johnson intern Ministry Fund. Please note on the memo line of your checks: DAJ Intern Ministry Fund.

*Submitted by Susan Call for DAJ Installation Weekend Committee*

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, October 19th at 5 p.m.

The **Book Club** selection for October 21 is "The Outliers: The Story of Success" by Malcolm Gladwell. The book describes his unusual theories of the qualities of successful people from software billionaires to the Beatles.

Upcoming Selections are:

Nov. 18	Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury
Dec. 16	Out Stealing Horses	Per Petterson
Jan. 20	Loving Frank	Nancy Horan
Feb/ 17	Netherland	Joseph O'Neill

We meet in the Awareness Room at 7:00 p.m.

Babysitting is available and all are welcome!



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