



# Tucsonitarian

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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

Usually, I approach this time of year and its flurry of holiday celebrations with the attitude that there is no life after Christmas. This year, though, I have my sights set clearly on mid-January. As I write, the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association is busy planning their January meeting, which will be held in Phoenix. In conjunction with their meeting, a contingent of the board (12-14 people) will be coming to visit us here in Tucson. They will be here January 16 – 19.

Their purpose in coming to Tucson is three-fold. They want to understand what we are facing here in the borderlands of Arizona in regards to immigration, to make connections with our local UU congregations in Southern Arizona, and to make connections with groups and organizations doing on-the-ground work around border issues.

The itinerary isn't yet firm. We are hoping to take board members to see the No More Deaths camp and to witness Operation Streamline, the mass-hearings of people being detained for deportation. What I know for sure is that there will be opportunities for you to meet and converse with board members. I'll keep you informed as plans take shape.

The holiday season promises to be just as full and busy as ever. These are holy days, times for remembering and celebrating light, love, and the miracle of life.

Yours in the spirit,  
Diane

**GREAT THINGS ARE TAKING PLACE  
AT UUCT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Our fulltime custodian, Jesus Carrillo, has now been employed with the church for ten years! Jesus has always been a wonderful employee. We are blessed to have him, and we hope he stays for 10 more years. If you see Jesus on a Sunday, or during the week, please be sure to congratulate him and say **Thank you** for a job well done!



## Sunday Services

**Mark your calendars now.**

**Two services begin on Sunday, December 5 –  
9:15 and 11:00.**

Sunday, November 14

### **Longing to Belong**

Belonging means that someone or something lays claim to a part of us, be it our loyalty, our commitment, our time, our attention, our resources, or our love. Who or what lays claim to your life? Whose are you? Whose are we?

*Rev. Diane Dowgiert*

*Worship Associate: Cyndi Clements*

*Music: Family Singers*

Sunday, November 21

### **Love Builds a Bridge**

Congregations, like families, bring many generations together, which isn't always an easy thing. Generation gaps, those differences between the life experiences of different age groups, can be immense. Today we'll work on building a bridge of love and understanding.

*Rev. Diane Dowgiert*

*Worship Associate: Terence Sheridan*

*Music: Desert Chorale*

November 28

### **If Not Now, When? (A Look at the Election)**

Rabbi Weizenbaum is a very well-known and well-liked guest speaker. He served two Jewish congregations in Tucson before his retirement.

*Rabbi Joseph Weizenbaum*

## Just A Reminder to our Winter Visitors:

Some Important Idiosyncrasies involved in our Grocery Rebate Program:

**Frys:** If your card has had a zero (0) balance for 90 days, it has been taken out of the system and a new card from UUCT in necessary.

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

**Albertsons:** (At less that 1% rebate). 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.

I will be in Goddard after services if you have any questions and/or need new cards. Thanks for your participation. It really helps!

*Marjorie Smith - Coordinator  
Grocery Rebate Program*

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## Report from the Treasurer

During the month of October, \$32,322.18 was deposited in the church operating account and \$34,670.73 was withdrawn for expenses. The balance in the checking account on November 1 was \$5,555.44. This includes the \$10,000 borrowed from the line-of-credit with the bank.

*Margot Garcia, Acting Treasurer*



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## Thank You and Merci

Richard Brodesky, the Eglise unitarienne francophone, and Lisanga ya bandimi na Nzambe (the pygmy Unitarian Church in the Democratic Republic of the Congo) would all like to thank everyone who bought pottery at the recent sale. We earned \$545 to be split between UUCT and Lisanga ya bandimi na Nzambe. Lisanga ya bandimi na Nzambe plans to use its share to pay school fees for impoverished children in its congregation who have been recently expelled from school for lack of payment. Our money has gone to excellent use!

## News from Buildings and Grounds

### A Pot to Peace In: Buildings and Grounds Work Day

On Saturday, October 23, Richard Brodesky, Kay Carlson, Judy Dare, Mickey Dowling, Carolyn Gray, Jeanna Jones, Bob Samuels, and Mary Wiese engaged in B and G's Fall Work Day. We cleaned the Tool Room, improved the plaques in the Memorial Garden, trimmed, and planted. Additionally, we hung the cauldron which Bob Samuels had generously donated. And we enjoyed each other's company, planned, and dreamed together. Now join us in the spring when we continue to freshen and improve the UUCT campus. And of course, a huge round of applause for all our talented volunteers!

**Barbara Returns! Check out the Memorial Garden!** A bench honoring Barbara will soon be installed, and a commemorative plaque will soon follow. Donations in Barbara's memory have also been used to buy three white Texas olive trees which will shade the Garden as well as the east wall of the Sanctuary. A Big Thank You to all the donors!

**Memorial Garden:** While you visit the Memorial Garden, you will notice its clean new look. Jeanna Jones is responsible, and we are grateful for all her hard work.

**Plaques:** The plaques in the Memorial Garden have been recently shellacked and have a clean, fresh appearance.

**Current Projects:** We are working on enhancing our trees, replacing the banner in the bell tower with a beautiful Flaming Chalice (Bravo to Mark Henson!), buying patio heaters, improving services for the hearing impaired, and upgrading the projector in the Sanctuary.

**It's Not Really Our Thing, But...** Buildings and Grounds would like to foster a group of bloggers and computer aficionados to develop a UUCT Blog. If you check out the francophone materials mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll see some beautiful work. You need not even know French to appreciate what folks who are new to UUism have done. We envision such a blog offering daily meditations, articles for reflection, art, music, photos, and video that support and strengthen our UU faith and identity. If you are interested, please contact Richard Brodesky (884 - 5522 or [rmbrodesky@msn.com](mailto:rmbrodesky@msn.com)) or Mary Wiese at (748-1551 or [mwiese@uuctucson.org](mailto:mwiese@uuctucson.org)).



## Membership/Community Life Bulletin Board:

Submitted by Mary Wiese, Membership and Community Life Administrator: [mwiese@uuctucson.org](mailto:mwiese@uuctucson.org)

**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.



## Francophone Unitarian, Universalist, and UU Resources

After our Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> service, many people have asked about materials for UU Francophones. Here are some places to get started: When you consider that Unitarianism, Universalism, and UUism was only formally organized in France in 1995, you will be amazed at the number of resources available.

<http://eglise.unitarienne.francophone.over-blog.fr/>

This is the on-line French-speaking church. There are links to other services.

<http://labesacedesunitariens.over-blog.com/>

“The Unitarian Beggar’s Bag” with all kinds of articles and assorted information.

<http://actua.unitariennes.over-blog.com/>

This is the French-language bulletin with excellent links.

<http://www.spiritualites-sans-frontieres.net/>

Yohann Amal, who is UU but does not want any labels, does this excellent blog.

<http://convergence-spirituelle.over-blog.com/ext/http://convergence-spirituelle.xooit.com/index.php>

This is the group recently founded by Alfarange aka Fabien Issa Maisonneuve, a convert to Islam who helps with the Islamo-Unitarian Friendship Center.

This on-line community is devoted to universalism in all its forms. There are also two Yahoo groups: a forum for francophone Unitarians, Universalists, and UUs and a Croisances-Spirituelles (spiritual growth group).

<http://afcu.over-blog.org/article-12939946.html>

This is the site for the French Unitarian Christians.

<http://unitariens.francais.over-blog.fr/>

This is the site of the Conseil des unitariens et universalistes français.

## Lifespan Faith Development COMMUNITY Events

Kathleen Hogue, Lifespan Faith Development Director  
[khogue@uuctucson.org](mailto:khogue@uuctucson.org)



## Courage & Renewal Retreat Series November 20 – 2010, February 19 and May 7 – 2011

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 series of Courage and Renewal Retreats, sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church. Each retreat takes place on a Saturday at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 4831 E. 22nd St. in Tucson. All begin at 9:00 a.m. and end by 4:00 p.m. Lunch and refreshments are provided, and childcare is available.

Cost of the series is \$40.00 prior to each retreat (partial scholarships available) Register by November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Lifespan Faith Development Table in Goddard Hall or contact Kathleen Hogue at [khogue@uuctucson.org](mailto:khogue@uuctucson.org).

## Good News: You can still join a Covenant Circle group!

This is a small group ministry whose goal is to create a way of connecting with and ministering to each other within the congregation through deep listening and encouraging spiritual growth. We have 5 openings for the second Wednesday from 4-6 PM. We will also be opening up another Sunday group based on response. Sign up at the LFD Table in Goddard Hall or contact Kathleen Hogue at [khogue@uuctucson.org](mailto:khogue@uuctucson.org).

## More Good News: There is still time to sign up to be in our Holiday Pageant “Would You Like to Hold the Baby?”

The play takes place on Sunday December 12, 2010 at 11:00 during the second service with a rehearsal on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup>. Sign up at the LFD Table in Goddard Hall or contact Kathleen Hogue

at [khogue@uuctucson.org](mailto:khogue@uuctucson.org)



## Alliance

We are letting you know early that our ever-popular Christmas program, put on by the Sahuaro High School Chorus (28 years now), will not take place this year in December, due to scheduling conflicts. Instead we will enjoy their presence on Tuesday November 30<sup>th</sup> at noon in Holland.

We want to emphasize that we are inviting everyone to participate in this program. Please don't feel that this is for "members only".

After the program, we will meet for a no-host Christmas dinner at the Golden Corral buffet on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Again, Everyone is welcome.

*Marcia Schenck and Tom Warburton*

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"In the last issue of "Transforming Times," I mistakenly noted that Lucy Holstedt, the composer of "The Great Community," song lives in Berkeley, Calif. Lucy works at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and she and her husband attend the First Church in Boston, where she's already had some of her music performed. Our congregation will be singing her hymn during the worship service on Sunday, November 14th, and Lucy has very graciously given us permission to make copies of her composition."

*from Agnes Paulsen*



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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, November 16th at 5 p.m.

On **November 18 the Book Club** will discuss Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451". In this classic tale, a totalitarian regime has ordered all books to be destroyed, but one of the book burners suddenly realizes their worth.

We meet in Awareness at 7:00 PM. Babysitting is available and everyone is welcome.

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### To all fellow church members:

Please let me know if you have any interest in an informal potluck Thanksgiving and/or Christmas dinner at my home (Craycroft/Fifth area). Singles, couples, families welcome. My email is rax150@cox.net. My phone is 520-232-2027. Let's join together for a fabulous celebration! Thanks so much!

*Rosemary Axelrod* ---PS: If you don't have transportation, let me know and we'll figure something out!

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