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Sunday Services

Sunday, January 2

“Bother” said Pooh

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

As Unitarian Universalists, we are encouraged to learn about world religions. Today we will explore the philosophy of Taoism using the characters from the Hundred Acre Wood based on the book *The Tao of Pooh*. Services at 9:15 and 11:00

Rev Paul Langston-Daley is an Ordained Unitarian Universalist minister. He has served congregations for the past 10 years and is currently serving as a Consulting Minister at the Prescott and Sedona Fellowships. He is a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School and the International Institute for Restorative Practices. Paul has training in Healthy Congregations, conflict management and community organizing and has led numerous workshops in these areas. Paul is currently engaged and has one son who lives in California. He and his fiancé live in Phoenix, Arizona with their two dogs Miso and Harley.

Sunday, January 9

If You Don't Build It, They Won't Come

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

I'm not an adherent of the belief, “Build It and They Will Come.” I am, however, willing to entertain its opposite. What do we choose to build together, and why, or why not?

Services at 9:15 and 11:00

Sunday, January 16

Let Freedom Ring

Extended Family Worship

Rev. Diane Dowgiert and Kathleen Hogue

The ring of freedom calls to every human soul. We'll gather as one strong body – returning to one Sunday morning worship service -- encompassing all the generations – to consider Martin Luther King's message of freedom in light of the current-day national debate about immigration.

One Service: Time to be announced (be attentive to all-church email, UUCT's web-site, and announcements during Sunday worship)

Tuesday, January 18: A Service of Worship With the UUA Board of Trustees

Neighbors

Rev. Diane Dowgiert and Rev. Joy Atkinson

In a global community, the idea of neighborhood expands. On this evening, we gather in worship with Unitarian Universalist brothers and sisters, far and near, to give thought to our neighbors – near and far, sharing reflections on the visit to Southern Arizona by the UUA board of trustees.

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 23

The Meaning of Membership

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

What exactly does it mean to be a member of a non-creedal faith such as Unitarian Universalism? The common thread of our belonging extends from individual to individual, from congregation to congregation. What is it that holds us together?

One Service: Time to be announced (be attentive to all-church email, UUCT's web-site, and announcements during Sunday worship)

Unitarian Universalist Association Board of Trustees to Make Historic Visit to Southern Arizona

Peter Morales, UUA President, and Gini Courter, UUA Moderator are part of the contingent visiting Tucson on January 17 and 18. The purpose of their visit is to connect with our local congregations and to get a first-hand look at border/immigration issues here in Southern Arizona. You are invited to be part of this historic event!

An itinerary of the visit is listed below. All events are open, though space is limited for some. To RSVP, contact Leila Pine, UUCT Immigrant Rights Working Group Chair, at sabinosanctuary@gmail.com, by phone at (520) 299-6281, or by cell phone at (608) 234-0399. Please give her your name, which UU congregation you belong to, your phone and e-mail address, and which part of the Jan. 17-18 trip you'd like to participate in.

Monday, January 17, 2011

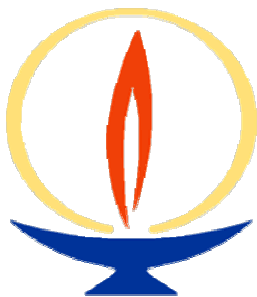
- 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Trip to Nogales, Sonora, hosted by No More Deaths (NMD)
4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Panel Discussion on Border/Immigration issues, Worship, and Dinner at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Amado (formerly Green Valley)

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

- *Option A
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Organizing for Resistance Presentation, hosted by NMD, (location to be determined)
12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Operation Streamline at Federal Courthouse in Tucson
3:00 p.m. Press conference in front of Federal Courthouse in Tucson

- *Option B
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Trip to Nogales, Sonora for hands-on work with the Green Valley Samaritans
4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Conversation about General Assembly 2012, Worship, and Dinner at UUCT

For a more detailed description of these events, visit www.uuctucson.org.



UUCT Members Make Generous Donations for Share the Plate

By Carolyn Saunders, Financial Secretary

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to Share the Plate this year! If you are new and wonder what *Share the Plate* is all about, let me fill you in. One Sunday a month, we share the money that is collected that day with a worthy community recipient. That is, we share all money except donations that are specifically marked for pledge payments. So all cash in the plate and any check that is marked "Share the Plate" in the memo line is split 50/50 between UUCT and the organization.

So far this church year we have donated:

August	\$196	Interfaith Community Services
September	\$155	Emerge
October	\$161	Habitat for Humanity
November	\$331	No More Deaths
December	\$248	Voices for Education

Keep up the good work and donate generously on Share the Plate Sundays.

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE BOXES

Guest at Your Table is a fundraising project of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. UUSC assists refugees from war torn areas in Africa, gives workers in Central America advice on employee rights, works with teachers in Afghanistan, and helps people in rural area worldwide gain access to potable water. None of these would be possible without contributions from folks like us.

The Guest at Your Table boxes remind us how abundant our lives are. Your contribution to UUSC will be gratefully collected on Sunday, January 9th. You may write a check to UUSC, or donate online (www.uusc.org). Cash is good too! Thank you for making a difference.

Friends in Deed

Our first meeting in the New Year will be held on January 5th, Wednesday, in the Awareness Room at 11:00 a.m.

Friends in Deed is our church organization for helping church members in need. We are a small group and would like to have more people join. Please join us at our meeting, whether you are available to help or just interested in what we do.

For more information contact Reah Barrows, 881-1252 or any of the other members. Their names are: Rosemary Axelrod, Darlene Mathews, Bargie Robson, Byron Skinner, Jennie Steinbeck, and Consy Richardson. Their numbers are in our directory. Alli Hansen is also a member, but is currently not available.

Membership/Community Life Bulletin Board:

Submitted by Mary Wiese, Membership and Community Life Administrator: mwiese@uuctucson.org

Community Life:

Mark these dates:

An Evening with David Fitzsimmons – On Friday **February 4**, join us for an entertaining evening with local funny man David Fitzsimmons! This is an evening you don't want to miss.

Book-fair and Signing – On Saturday March 5, and Sunday March 6th, we will hold a book sale. Start saving those books!

Music Sundays – All music Sunday February 20, and March 20 cantata by Randy Springer.

CABARET! – On Friday April 1, we will have our annual musical program and spaghetti dinner.

Rummage Sale – April 30. We need your gently used items!

More information all of these events soon....

Membership News:

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.

Service of Joining: If you have signed the Membership book, we invite you to participate in our semi annual Joining Ceremony. This will take place during Sunday worship on January 23. Please contact Mary to RSVP.

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.

AN EVENING WITH DAVID FITZSIMMONS

Tucson's favorite editorial cartoonist, David Fitzsimmons, will be entertaining us with his political humor and caricatures. He'll probably poke fun at us UUs too! Friday, Feb. 4th at 7:00PM. \$10 per person; beverages and snacks by donation. It's a fund raiser for UUCT, so invite family and friends to come too!

Lifespan Faith Development COMMUNITY Events

Kathleen Hogue, Lifespan Faith Development Director

Calling Couples of all ages, sexual orientations, married or not!

Want to build stronger, fuller relationships with your partner and with your church community? Principled Commitment is a class you do not want to miss. In bringing together Unitarian Universalist values, relationship skills, covenanting, fellowship, and fun, this program offers participants the opportunity to build and enhance a principled commitment to one another.

The eleven workshops will be held Jan 30; Feb 6, 20, 27; Mar 6, 20; Apr 3, 17; May 15, 22, 29. Childcare is available upon request. There is no cost for this class; however, donations are welcome to offset the cost of photocopying.

Register at the Lifespan Faith Development Table in Goddard Hall after Sunday service. For more information, contact Kathleen Hogue (khogue@uuctucson.org) or Heather Reed (hreed@uuctucson.org)

Teachers are still needed. In the Children & Youth department, we need an immediate replacement for a teacher in the 1st-5th grade class. Training takes place on January 2nd at 12:30 following the service. In the Adult Department, we need facilitators for several fun and interesting classes. As always, training and childcare are provided. Please contact Kathleen Hogue (khogue@uuctucson.org)

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS!

Looking Ahead!!

Frys Participants: January is the final month of Frys 6 month rebate period so be sure to add any extra you can to your Frys Gift Card to bring our rebate up as much as possible. This 6 month period runs from August 2010 thru January 2011.

Safeway Participants: Remember to look once again for the little yellow school bus on products during the time period from January 2 thru January 25 and try some of them. UUCT will receive 10% on those purchases rather than a month at .55%. The number of purchases during the last "Back to School" campaign brought our yearly average for Safeway up to .69% as it doubled the regular monthly rebate on your purchases.

Thanks to all for your support of this program. Every little bit helps!

Marjorie Smith - Coordinator
Grocery Rebate Program

In January the **Artist of the Month Gallery** features works by artist/teacher Terry Dietz and Learning Studio students in the exhibit, "Discover Your Inner Child Artist."

The gallery is open Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 am to 1 pm. Be sure to see this interesting exhibit.

January's Share the Plate Recipient

by Chris Wallace, Empowerment Team

The second Sunday of every month is Share the Plate Sunday. January 9th's recipient is Interfaith Community Services. ICS is made up of faith communities of which Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson is a member. Its mission is "To live our diverse faiths by helping seniors, disabled individuals and people in financial crisis in Pima County achieve stable and independent lives through support from volunteers, faith communities and the community-at-large."

For more information or to volunteer, check out their website at www.icstucson.org.

All non-pledge donations from Sunday's collection will be shared equally with ICS. If you will be writing a check, please write "Share the Plate" in the memo line.



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

The next deadline for the Tucsonitarian will be Tuesday, January 4th at 5 p.m.



The **Book Club** will meet on Jan. 20 in Awareness at 7:00. We will discuss "Loving Frank", an historical novel about Frank Lloyd Wright.

All are welcome and babysitting is available upon request.

Worship Associates Retreat

Saturday, January 9, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Awareness Room

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