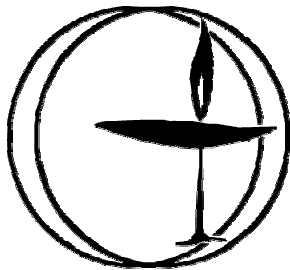


MISSION STATEMENT

This sacred community is rooted in search for meaning, guided by personal experience, diverse religious traditions, and scientific discovery.

We are varied as the blooms in the Sonoran Desert, yet draw strength from one another.

Envisioning a world where justice and compassion cross all borders, we pledge energy and resources to transform ourselves, our community, and the world around us.



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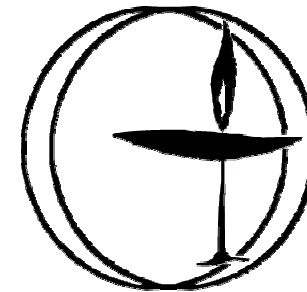
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A listing of all programs
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team consists of one staff member, the Membership Coordinator, a chair and two co-chairs. The team is an umbrella for the Ushers, Greeters, Scribes, and the Sunday Welcoming group. The team works collaboratively to welcome Sunday morning visitors, coordinate Newcomers Orientations, facilitate the Pathway to Membership, process and retain information related to membership, and follow up with members throughout their time here at UUCT. For more information please contact Mary Wiese at mwiese@uuctucson.org and Judy Dare at 624-9272 or at jadare@cox.net.

Memorial Team- The purpose of the UUCT Memorial is to handle funds donated in memory of a church member, or friend. The funds should be for appropriate projects to keep the memory of the deceased available to the living members and friends of UUCT. For more information please contact Barbara Tegethoff: 749-2029.

Leadership Development Team - This committee is elected by the Congregation and is a Congregational Committee. It is responsible for nominating Board of Trustees candidates for election by the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting. In addition to its duties and authority as stated in the church's bylaws, it has recently accepted Leadership Development responsibilities in an effort to develop trained leaders for church leadership positions. Contact Janie Foy or Judy Dare at 624-9272 or at jadare@cox.net.

Religious Education Council - The RE Council is comprised of lay leaders who coordinate with staff to design and implement the RE Program for children and youth. The RE Council meets at 6:30 on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact RE Chair, Heather Reed at heatherreed@gmail.com for more information.

Youth Adult Committee (YAC) - The YAC is a group of YRUU youth, advisors, parents and the DRE who meet 3 times a year to plan the program for our senior high youth group (YRUU). Event specific YACs are formed throughout the year for youth to organize and implement special events and projects. For more information please contact Patrice Davison at happymuffin7@yahoo.com.

means that you agree to contribute at least \$20 for each call for action, with the expectation that there will be no more than three calls per year. For more information, contact Susan Call at 886-2281 or Byron Skinner at 647-7836.

Committee on Ministry - The COM meets the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings are closed due to the confidential nature of the business discussed. For more information, please see a Committee on Ministry Brochure available in the main office.

Empowerment Team - The Empowerment Team (ET) is the management arm of the Board of Trustees, in charge of the day-to-day management of the church. The role of the ET is to facilitate the smooth operation of the church in fulfillment of its mission. The contact for ET is Peggy Smith peggyatwork@hotmail.com.

Finance Committee - Finance Committee: This is the committee of the congregation charged with monitoring the income and expenses of church finances. They are also responsible for the Year-round Stewardship, Endowment and Planned Giving committees. This is a seven person committee, including the Treasurer and Financial Secretary. The Chair of this committee is elected by the congregation. The duties and authority of the Finance Committee are outlined in the bylaws and are further defined in policies and procedures developed by the committee in collaboration with the Empowerment Team and Board of Trustees. Contact is Carolyn Cooper at cacoop@comcast.net.

Program Council Steering Committee - The Program Council Steering Committee (PCS) is a coordination and communication team that strives to balance the programming at our church in five areas: worship, learning experiences, leadership, social justice, and community building. Our work is guided by the Strategic Plan and has a life-span focus. For more info contact Cynthia McDaniel at cynr8@dakotacom.net.

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Worship

Worship is central to the life of our religious community. The Sunday worship service is a weekly communal event that gathers the entire community together for celebration and reflection.

Worship Committee - The purpose of the Worship Committee is to fill the pulpit on Sundays when the parish minister is absent. The goal of the committee is to provide a quality worship service with a spiritual message. Committee members also help create a meaningful worship experience by providing flowers, making sure everything is ready for the service, and cleaning up afterwards. The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm.

Music Ministry

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson has a vibrant music program that focuses on choral and instrumental music, congregational singing, and the social harmony amongst members.

Serving on the music staff as directors, pianists and assistants are:

- Brian Moon, Music Director, 520-529-2035, bmoon@uuctucson.org;
- Agnes Paulsen, Minister of Music, 520-326-8259, apaulsen@uuctucson.org;
- Donna DeHaan, Pianist/Accompanist; Terry Polowy, Volunteer Accompanist.

Desert Chorale - A volunteer choir of about 30 members who sing for Sunday morning worship services twice a month and on special occasions. Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Helen Koenig is the volunteer librarian for this choir. For more information or to sign up, please contact the director, Brian Moon.

Leadership

The quality of the leaders of our church is assured through its carefully crafted bylaws, policies, and procedures. Copies of these documents, as well as of the current Strategic Plan, are available. Please ask a church leader for current copies.

Adult Faith Development Team - The Adult Faith Development (AFD) Team selects and develops courses and identifies facilitators for a variety of AFD offerings which cover the five strands of the AFD Program (see AFD ministry), which will meet the needs of both newcomers and long-time church members. If you are interested in offering programs, reviewing curricula, taking registrations at the AFD table on Sundays, or helping with logistics at AFD workshops please contact Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings, LFD Director, at LFD@uuctucson.org or 748-1551, ext. 17 or Mike Greenbaum at mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org or 326-8831.

Board of Trustees - Members of this board are elected by our congregation at the Annual meeting. Typically trustee candidates are chosen by the Nominating Committee but may be nominated directly. Trustees are responsible for setting our long range plans and running the church between meetings. Members of the Board of Trustees must be members of the church for two years before they can serve as a trustee. For more information please contact Fran Brazzell at 623-7591.

Buildings and Grounds Committee - The Buildings & Grounds Committee provides lay leadership on all matters related to the church's buildings and grounds. Established in August 2007, it is a merger of the former Buildings & Grounds, Aesthetics, and Campus Planning committees. It meets the 1st Wednesday of every month in Awareness at 7pm. For more info, contact Mickey Dowling at 748-9503 or at mdowling4@cox.net.

Chalice Lighters - A program that assists UU congregations with the initial financial hurdles that most experience as they grow. UUs throughout the district pledge monies for grants, responding to needy or growing congregations within PSWD. Becoming a member of Chalice Lighters

Grocery Program - This is a program whereby members and friends of the church can purchase groceries from Albertsons, AJs, Bashas, Frys, Safeway and/or Sunflower and UUCT will receive a rebate on those purchases. There is no extra cost for you. A Grocery Program table is set up weekly after services inside the door of Goddard where information and necessary material are available to become involved. It is easy, only takes a moment and is most appreciated. Please contact Marjorie Smith at marjie27@q.com for more information.

QUUIlters – The QUUIlters meet every Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm, at the church in the Awareness room for quilting and socializing. They welcome experienced quilters, needle workers of any level or anyone who would like to learn. For more information please contact Jackie Barnes at 792-8021.

Saturday Salon - A social group meeting one Saturday each month in the home of a member to enjoy a potluck dinner and a stimulating program. Everyone is welcome. All contributions to defray expenses are accepted. Please contact Barbara Tegethoff for more information: 749-2029.

Sundays Together Lunch and Coffee Hour - Sundays
Together is an ad hoc group whose mission is two-fold:

- to strengthen the spirit of community at UUCT
- to support Sunday afternoon programming for the spirit by providing Coffee Hour, and (on most Sundays) an easily accessible and reasonably priced lunch after the morning worship service. During the winter season, Coffee Hour is offered between the two morning worship services. Please contact Kathy McDaniel to volunteer: kmcdaniel@dakotacom.net or 323-6356.

Family Singers - Children, young adults, and their parents join their voices in rehearsal every Sunday morning during the academic school year. Rehearsal time is from 8:45 to 9:40 a.m. They sing during the Extended Family Worship service once a month, on All Music Sunday, and become a part of the Holiday Choir on Christmas Eve. For more information or to sign up, please contact the director, Agnes Paulsen.

Guest Musicians - In order to bring a wider variety of music into our Sunday morning worship services, we occasionally engage the talents of guest musicians.

Lifespan Faith Development

Learning experiences in our congregation include the offerings of the Lifespan Faith Development (LFD) Program as well as many lay led groups. The LFD Program offers age appropriate and intergenerational opportunities for members of our community to develop and articulate their individual beliefs and Unitarian Universalist identity.

Childcare at UUCT:

Creative Childcare - At UUCT it is our goal to provide safe, nurturing, childcare while promoting our values. We will always strive to provide age appropriate activities that support the principles and mission of the church. For more information please contact Lynn Healey: 471-2928, Lwhealey@gmail.com.

First Friday Parents' Night Out - A service provided on the First Friday of each month for parents of children under the age of 13. From 6 pm until 10 pm, parents may leave their children at the church for well supervised fun that includes a movie, snack, crafts and games. A flat fee of \$12 per child is charged. Financial aid is always available. Please contact Lynn Healey to RSVP or for more information: 471-2928 or Lhealey@uuctucson.org.

Safe Sitters - A Nationally Accredited course taught annually by trained facilitators for adolescents entering 6th grade or older. Those who complete this course successfully are then eligible to become paid Safe Sitters, assisting our child care staff at various functions. Please contact Kathleen for more information: Khogue@uuctucson.org or 312-0441.

Religious Education:

Children's Religious Education (RE) - Sunday morning Religious Education classes are available for children in preschool thru middle school. Children's RE emphasizes experiential learning and addresses UU Principles, Social Justice, UU history and Heritage and World Religions. Please check the UUCT website for current information on what time classes are held. For more information contact Kathleen Hogue, RE Coordinator: 312-0441, Khogue@uuctucson.org or Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings, LFD Director: LFD@uuctucson.org.

Coming of Age (CoA) - Our CoA Program takes our early adolescent "sojourners" on a journey to develop and articulate their own beliefs and their relationship to our UU faith. CoA meets on Sunday mornings and for weekend retreats throughout the year, concluding with a Wilderness Journey Camping trip as well as a worship service where sojourners present their credos. Alternating years beginning Fall 2009. For more information please contact: Bill Keyes: bbkeyes@dakotacom.net, or 881-7227.

Young Religious Unitarian Universalist (YRUU) - Our high school aged youth group meets on Sundays at in Emerson and for special events. They follow a self designed balanced program that incorporates learning, worship, community building, social justice and leadership. The group is guided by a team of advisors and organized through the Youth Adult Committee. For more information contact Kathleen Hogue, RE Coordinator: 312-0441, Khogue@uuctucson.org; or Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings: LFD@uuctucson.org, 751-1446, ext.17.

Alliance - The Alliance is a service group that has been active in the church for 58 years! Many members of the group are retired but there are no age restrictions. The Alliance meets once every other month on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please contact Marcia Schenck at 326-1102 and Tom Warburton: 624-9008 or twarburton@cox.net.

Artist of the Month Gallery - The Artist of the Month Gallery strives to bring high quality artwork to the walls of our sanctuary. We invite and encourage artists from a wide variety of media to exhibit in our gallery. Our goal is to enhance the religious experience of the congregation through artistic expressions. Members of the committee are engaged in inviting and evaluating prospective exhibitors, hanging the art show, sales, publicity, and staffing the reception for the artist. The group meets the second Tuesday at 9:30 am. Contact Margot Garcia at 327-3946 or mgarcia@vcu.edu and Abby Root at 885-5179 or ab-yr314@aol.com.

Bridge Club - Bridge players meet every Monday afternoon from noon to 3:00 pm. Coffee is provided. Cost is \$1.25 per person. Five tables are set up, 4 rounds per table. It's open to members and non-members of UUCT and you do not need to bring a partner. Most people play at an intermediate level. For more information please contact Deanna Bland at 615-8160.

Concerts - A cabaret and three or four concerts are held each year by ad hoc committees. This is an excellent way to showcase the beauty of our sanctuary and to do community outreach at the same time.

Friends in Deed - This group coordinates a network of volunteers who provide personal service, comfort and care for members and friends. The mission is to be a helping hand to our church community in times of need. **New volunteers and helping hands are always needed.** FID meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at a member's home. Please contact Reah Barrows for more information: 881-1252.

tween December and March in Goddard Hall from 4:00 pm to 6:00 am the next morning. Contact Erin Deely at edeely@cox.net or 320-7678 and Mary Wiese at Mwiese@uuctucson.org for details on how you may help with this important outreach effort.

Immigration - There are many opportunities for involvement in immigration issues here in Tucson. This group is looking for leadership and focus as we go to press.

No More Deaths- No More Deaths is a humanitarian group that provides direct aid to migrants crossing the US/Mexico border in an effort to end the deaths. UUCT adopted the work of No More Deaths as a ministry of the church in July, 2008. Church members have supported No More Deaths by contributing food, supplies, and clothing, by making special contributions through our Share the Plate ministry, and by involving all ages of our Religious Education groups and Campus Ministry in education and charitable activities for No More Deaths. Members are encouraged to volunteer at both the desert aid camps and border aid stations that No More Deaths runs. Please contact Paul Barby or Kelly Taylor at 290-5740 or kelseanzac@hotmail.com.

Peace Group- The purpose of the Peace Group is to create more peace and human harmony in our world. If you are interested in this objective, please join us in discussion and in action on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM at the church. For more information, please contact Stuart Thomas: 722-2837 or Humanharmony2005@aol.com.

Community Life

Embracing our church community in a hospitable manner is something we strive for. Community Life in our church begins when visitors walk through our doors on Sunday and extends to all members in various stages of their lives. You are encouraged to come and connect with us by participating in any of our activities.

Campus Ministry - This group of young adults meets Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Library of the Little Chapel of All Nations on the UofA campus for worship, discussion, and a meal. Contact Kat Manker-Seale: (520) 437-5544 or Stevie Brookshire: (415) 606-4531 for more details.

Tucson UU Young Adult Network - Join other 20-early 30 year olds for the monthly themed meeting at Rincon Market. Potlucks are held the 4th Thursdays each month and additional worship and social justice activities are scheduled too. Contact Lucas Hill, chair of TUUYAN, at hillucas@gmail.com for times and locations.

Book Club - The Book Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month in Awareness at 7:00 pm. The Book Club is open to anyone, not just church members. We have lively discussions and a lot of fun. Readers Unite! Come and express your opinions. For more information please contact Barbara Tegethoff: 749-2029 or barbararip@comcast.net.

Adult Faith Development:

Adult Faith Development (AFD) Programs cover a range of themes critical to an evolving, progressive faith with offerings appropriate to new and long-time Unitarian Universalists.

For suggestions about programs you'd like to see us off, to volunteer to facilitate a program, or to join the AFD team, please call Mike Greenbaum at 326-8831 or email him at mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org, or the director of Lifespan Faith Development Programs, Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings at LFD@uuctucson.org. Lisa will be on Sabbatical from September 16, 2009 through February 15, 2010.

For current AFD offerings which meet for shorter periods of time (4-8 weeks), check the newsletter, order of service, or the Adult Faith Development table Sundays in Goddard Hall. Below are AFD offerings which continue throughout the year.

Covenant Circles - Are you looking for a way to deepen your spiritual life? For more meaningful connections with others in our church community? Are you willing to listen deeply and share deeply? To open yourself to the experience of spiritual intimacy? Contact Mike Greenbaum, LFD Assistant, at mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org to join a Covenant Circle. Groups meet monthly and registration is ongoing.

Exploring Spirituality as a UU - A drop-in discussion session that meets before church on Sunday mornings in Servetus. The purpose of the discussions is to encourage each participant's own spiritual growth and understanding. Newcomers are very welcome. Pick up a list of dates and topics from the LFD table in Goddard Hall after Sunday service. Please contact: Sally Masteller at sarabea784@msn.com or Mike Greenbaum at mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org or 326-8831 for more details.

Listening for the Spirit - This long-standing group explores issues of religion and spirituality through contemporary short stories and essays. Open discussions examine the extent to which various authors' ideas relate to UU principles and to one's own experiences and personal values. The group meets on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm in the Awareness Room. Call Mike Greenbaum at 326-8831 or email him at mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org for information about the book being discussed.

Men's Group - The Men's Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 7 - 9 pm in the Awareness Room. It provides an opportunity for men to share issues, concerns, and celebrations, allowing everyone to engage in supportive conversation about what is most central in their lives. Open to adult men of all ages. Before attending the first meeting, check with Rick Meyer at 748-2886 or email him at meyrbundy@peoplepc.com.

Sunday Speaker Series

The Sunday Speaker Series takes place on the third Sunday of the month at 11:30 am in the Awareness Room. Speakers this year will be representatives from organizations who will participate in our congregation's Share-the-Plate program. Speakers will help us learn more about the goals of their organizations, the benefits provided to our community, and the opportunities to support it for those interested in the work it does. Watch the Newsletter and the web page for monthly speakers

Social Justice

Our congregation is committed to the work of social justice guided by justice and compassion. Involvement in social justice offers opportunities for transformation in our community and world, as well as for the individuals who participate in them.

Balkan Peace Support Group - This group focuses on the Balkan culture and languages through dialogue, role modeling, and reconciliation. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the church for education, films, discussion and projects. Please contact Gloria McMillan: 623-8905 for more information.

Economic Justice - Economic Justice is in the process of reorganizing. If you are interested in being part of this please contact Judy Dare at jadare@cox.net or 624-9272.

Green Group - The mission of the group is to educate, demonstrate and facilitate programs to help the congregation and ourselves move toward more sustainable ways of living. The group is currently hosting some green related classes. For more information please contact Chris Wallace at lemmonhiker@att.net.

Homeless Hospitality - Volunteers from the church collaborate with an interfaith group in providing meals and overnight accommodations for the homeless in Tucson. This has taken place two Thursday nights each month be-