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The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson

Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

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From the Minister's Study

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself, that nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance." Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Our current day culture has been labeled *A Culture of Fear*. Advertisers use it to sell us products; terrorists use it to further an agenda. Add in all the news of deadly diseases, natural disasters, and gloomy projections about the economy, and it's easy for fear to get its icy grip on us.

We humans are hard-wired for fear, which is both good and bad news. Without it, we would be oblivious to real threats that could do us in. The sight and sound of a rattlesnake coiled to strike causes us to back away, quickly, no questions asked – good news! The bad news is that the fear-response overrides our ability to analyze and reason. Fear is an effective marketing tool because it causes us to make decisions at an unconscious level.

Religion offers a powerful antidote to fear. Faith. The opposite of fear is faith. For Unitarian Universalists, the question is not "Do you have faith?" Instead, we ask "Where do you place your faith?" or "What has proven to be worthy of your faith?"

For each of us, the answers will be different. But the answers are important. The movement from fear to faith can restore hope and the courage to live life to its fullest.

Yours in faith,
Diane

Sunday Services (9:15 and 11:00 a.m.)

Sunday, March 21

In the Name of Peace

All Music Sunday

Join Desert Chorale, Family Singers, Brian Moon, Agnes Paulsen and others in this musical Sunday for all ages.

Sunday, March 28

"No More Deaths: Justice and Compassion Crossing All Borders."

Guest speaker: The Rev. John Fife

Meet the ministers who co-founded No More Deaths, learn more about this human rights ministry, and help us honor our congregation members who have been participating in this interfaith, humanitarian aid organization.

Dear Members and Friends of UUCT,

One of the most important functions of the Board of Trustees of our church is to articulate the vision and goals for our congregation. With your input and based on our UUA principles and UUCT mission the Board will be presenting a vision and specific goals at this year's annual meeting that will guide us over the next four years. The congregation will be asked to vote on the vision and goals articulated in this new Strategic Plan.

A draft of this important document is posted on the UUCT web site for your review. Please take the opportunity to review the draft by going directly to the web site or by clicking on the following link <http://is.gd/aNAkC>. Copies will be available in the office if you can not access the document on line.

Your questions, comments and feedback will be gratefully received. Please contact the Board of Trustees with your suggestions for changes; your support for components of the plan; and/or any concerns you have about the plan. We do need to hear from you by the end of March as we need to finalize the annual agenda and prepare to mail it to all members in a timely manner, in accordance with our bylaws.

There will be a Town Hall on April 18th from 12:30 – 2:00 to review the Strategic Plan, the proposed budget and other agenda items that will be voted on at the Annual congregational meeting on May 2nd. Our intent is to provide ample opportunity for review of all agenda items so that we can carry out the official business of the annual meeting as efficiently as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you.

In faith,

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ALLIANCE

Alliance is still active although we haven't been able to have as many meetings as we usually do.

In April, the Alliance group will be going on a field trip to the Tucson Police Dept. Crime Lab. CSI Tucson! Everyone is welcome. Come to the Alliance table in Goddard for more information.

Don't forget our on-going projects such as collecting aluminum cans for recycling and collecting copies of recent magazines to be re-sold in Goddard Hall every Sunday. Older magazines which have not been sold are made available to hospitals and other institutions. Please bring these items to donate every week.

Another fund-raising project is the sale of jewelry and craft items made by members of our church. These items are offered for sale in Goddard Hall every Sunday during the winter months.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES NEWS

UUCT is a part of Interfaith Community Services (ICS). If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering for any of the much needed "jobs" below or if you know someone who can use the assistance described, call ICS (297-6049) to sign up or for more information.

SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR HOMEBOUND

NEIGHBORS: Do you or someone you know need assistance getting to medical appointments or going grocery shopping? Call ICS (297-6049) for information on receiving these services or others, like friendly visiting/phoning, minor home repairs, and daily reassurance calls.

LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WITH "DRIVE": Make a difference for seniors in our community every day. As a volunteer driver, take recipients to and from medical appointments or grocery shopping. Areas that need coverage include: east of I-10 and south of River – zips 85705, 16, 18, and 19; east of Alvernon – zips 85710, 11, 12, 15, 30, 48, 49, 50 to Irvington and Houghton. ICS offers mileage reimbursement for transportation volunteers. **Our system lets you volunteer when and where you are available.** Training provided.

MOBILE MEALS

ICS volunteers will deliver two meals a day (one hot and one not) to homebound folks: senior citizens, people recovering from surgery or illness, and others. Call ICS (297-6049) for more information. Drivers needed too!

MINISTER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

What to give the person who needs nothing? How to honor or memorialize a friend or relative? Have you run out of ideas? Did you know that Rev. Diane has a discretionary fund at her disposal, to assist folks with paying bills, or other immediate financial needs? This fund is not part of the UUCT budget, but is funded through our donations.

To contribute, simply make your check out to UUCT, with Minister's Discretionary Fund in the memo line. Your Uncle Melvin will be thrilled that he hasn't been given another gaudy necktie, and those who come to Rev. Diane for assistance will be able to breathe a sigh of relief.

Report from the Treasurer

During the month of February, the church deposited \$39,430.36 and expended \$35,353.33. That left us a balance in the operating account of \$14,158.23. Prepaid pledges for fiscal year 2010-2011 are being deposited in the money market account so they don't get spent in this fiscal year.

Margot W. Garcia



SPRING FUN/FUND RAISER APRIL 9-15

Looking for somewhere different and healthy to eat lunch or dinner? Try C.I. Chu's MONGOLIAN BARBEQUE, located either on Broadway (west of Swan, south side) or Tanque Verde (west of Sabino Canyon, north side). Bring a flyer for each person in your party, and UUCT will make 10% of your total bill! No need to purchase a beverage either! Flyers will be available on Sundays at Church.

Enjoy lunch (\$8.59) or ALL YOU CAN EAT dinner (\$10.99) any time between Friday April 9th and Thursday April 15th. You can dine as many times at either restaurant, and as long as you have flyers to give them, UUCT gets 10%!! SUCH A DEAL!!! Vegetarian and vegan friendly too!

Adult Faith Development

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Membership/Community Life Bulletin Board:

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Just a Reminder: The ‘Get to Know Us’ orientation is coming up soon. These orientations are *mandatory* for anyone who wishes to join the church, even if you have attended another UU Church other than this one before. We will gather in the Holland Sanctuary at 12:45 on Sunday March 21st. A free lunch and childcare are provided. Please RSVP to Mary Wiese if you would like to attend.

New Member Book Signing with the Minister: New Member classes are held in the Ministers office on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., or second Sunday of the month, after service. Childcare is available on request. **You must complete the Pathway to Membership before becoming a member.** You also must RSVP to Mary Wiese to attend these classes.

*Yours in community spirit,
Mary*

District Assembly

The Pacific Southwest District and Camp de Benneville Pines will be delighted to welcome you to their combined annual meeting--aka District Assembly. We're throwing a party – and you'll want to make sure your name is on the list. In addition to worship, workshops, bridging, and business meeting, the Friday night keynote speaker will be truly inspirational. So make plans now to come to Santa Barbara, CA, April 23-24, to be a part of this very special gathering of Unitarian Universalists.

The Keynote Speaker, Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed, will address “Torn Between Fuzzy Aspirations and Hard Realities — The Perversity of Embracing Diversity”.

There is a surprising, and painful, truth behind Unitarian Universalist efforts to become more diverse. This truth must begin with an honest look at who we are and why we are who we are, and it ends in a conundrum but not without hope. If Unitarian Universalists really want to change, accepting the truth is the only place to start. Torn between our reality and our aspirations what are we to do?

To register, either by mail or online, please go to pswduua.org for more information.

OUR SUNDAY SPEAKER IS FOREVER WILD

Because the seventh principle of Unitarian Universalism is respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part, it's appropriate that our Share the Plate partner for March is Forever Wild Animal Rehabilitation Center.

Forever Wild cares for injured, sick, distressed or orphaned wild animals so that they are able to survive on their own and then releases them back into the wild.

On March 21 at 12:45 pm in the Awareness Room, our Sunday Speaker Series will host Darlene Braastad founder of Forever Wild and a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Plan to join us after lunch on March 21 to meet and hear Darlene **who has promised to bring at least one of her animal ambassadors for you to meet.**

CHANGES IN OUR DRUM CIRCLE

The drum circle has become one of our more popular Adult Faith Development offerings here at UUCT. Everyone is welcome, with no previous musical or drumming experience required. Come drum, play percussion instruments, sing, exercise, and laugh. All ages and abilities are welcome. Feel energized and relaxed, express your creativity, improve your health, and have fun!

A few changes have occurred to make the drum circle even more welcoming and affordable. The group will meet weekly on Monday evenings for one hour, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in Awareness. Each session will be \$10 with four sessions for \$35. As always, drums and percussion instruments are provided by the drum professionals who facilitate the group. You may sign up at the class or for more information, call Mike Greenbaum at 326-8831 or email him at mgreenbaum@uuctucson.org.



UUCT Book Club 3, 18, 2010

The Book Club will meet on March 18, 2010 in the Awareness Room at 7pm.

We will be reviewing "God's Middle Finger" by Richard Grant. (The title speaks for its self)

All are welcome.

Any questions? Call Barbara at 749-2029 or Barbararip@comast.net

ARTIST OF THE MONTH GALLERY

Martha Lee McKiernan's watercolors of the Southwest will reflect our landscape through April 4. The Gallery's next exhibit opens with a reception for artists Lyn Johnson and Susan Day on April 11.

Reminder for UU artists: May is on the way! Get your artwork ready for hanging, bring it to the Sanctuary May 4, and we will celebrate your creativity with our annual Members and Friends show. UU photographers, do not despair. Your turn comes in June.

HELP! The Gallery Committee needs a new publicist! In return for a few minutes at your computer and a once a month meeting you have a chance to be a part of the art community in Tucson. Call Margot Garcia for more information.

Abby Root, for the Gallery Committee

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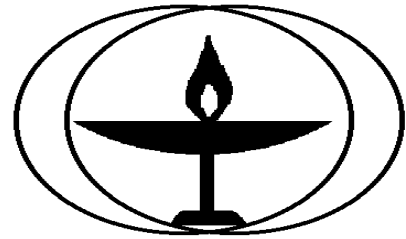
May 2, 2010: 11:45 – 1:45 Annual Meeting

The deadline for the next Tucsonitarian and Transforming Times is March 23 by 5 p.m.



Cast your vote now for our Annual Volunteer Recognition.

Every May we recognize some people in the congregation who have shared their time and energy again and again. There is a ballot box in the foyer and a form to fill out. The deadline for nominations is April 11.



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