Sunday Service
10:30 am

The Bi-weekly Newsletter of
Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson

Look At Us!

Association Sunday on October 14, 2007 raised $1.1 million dollars.

A volunteer has stepped forward to help with tape duplication.

Workers in our Stewardship Campaign are being honored at a Breakfast.

Mary Wiese and the children in our RE program recently created a compost bin for the church.

AFD Upcoming Events

Exploring Spirituality as a Unitarian Universalist continues during April from 9-10 am in the Servetus room. On April 20, the topic will be Spirituality and Everyday Life: Do you acknowledge something greater than yourself in your everyday life? Why? Is it a spiritual experience? Is it religious? Is it sacrilegious? Is it sacred? On April 27, we will discuss Spirituality as a Church Member: Do you acknowledge anything greater than yourself as a member or friend of UUCT? Is that why you come to church? Are you a giver or a taker of spirituality as a UUCT member?

The Sunday Speaker Series originally scheduled for April 19 has been cancelled to allow as many people as possible to attend the special Town Hall meeting on the possibility of UUCT partnering with No More Deaths. Ed Savard's talk on Buddhism will be re-scheduled as the opening program in the fall. Watch for details.

Town Hall Meeting-- Partnering with No More Deaths, Fulfilling our strategic plan:
“...where justice and compassion cross all borders...”
12:15 p.m. Sunday, April 20

In the Holland Sanctuary
Speakers from No More Deaths:
Rick Ufford-Chase, founding member
Atty. Margo Cowan, legal counsel
Walt Staton, No More Deaths camp coordinator (and YRUU youth advisor)

The Immigrant Rights Action Group and the Social Justice Committee have voted unanimously to endorse a proposal that the church become a sponsor and fiscal agent for No More Deaths, an interfaith humanitarian aid group in Tucson that won the prestigious Oscar Romero Human Rights Award in April, 2007. Our Board of Trustees has authorized the ET to explore this proposal.

UUCT was one of the founding faith bodies that created No More Deaths, and one of the Outreach Goals of our UUCT Strategic Plan is for our church to sponsor one or more community organizations to help make our congregation’s social justice work more visible in greater Tucson.

Before this issue comes before the congregation for a vote, we urge all members to attend April 20 at 12:15 p.m. to meet with No More Deaths volunteers, to learn more about this proposal and to ask any questions you may have about what it means to be the fiscal agent and sponsoring church for No More Deaths. Please send any questions you would like to have addressed at the April 20 meeting to Leila Pine, Immigrant Rights Action Group chairperson, at Lpine@tds.net or 299-6281.
First Friday

First Friday Parents Night Out is scheduled for the first Friday evening of the month. The next one is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2008. It is held in the Blackwell room from 6pm until 10pm and provided for a nominal fee. If you would like to reserve a space for your child, you must RSVP to Kathleen Hogue, 312-0441, by Thursday, May 1.

New Blood Needed for the Very Important Ministry of Membership!

The Membership Committee is a broad umbrella that includes ushers, greeters, scribes, and welcoming stewards. With the summer months and a new fiscal year soon upon us, membership is experiencing a drought of volunteers in the upcoming months. Although being a part of the Membership Committee may not be as fun as being in the choir or creative as serving on Religious Education, it is very important!

In order for us to meet the needs of our Strategic Plan concerning growth, we must have welcoming, enthusiastic, and informed representatives on this committee. These positions require a small amount of time and anyone with a positive and willing attitude is encouraged to apply! There will be a meeting of the Membership Committee on Wednesday May 7, in Goddard Hall at 6:30 pm. We will have sign ups for summer shifts and also discuss some of the recommendations from the Membership Assessment. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry or if you have questions, please email me, macbrude@cox.net, or call me, Mary: 349-4521.

Compost Happens!

The Green Group, in collaboration with RE, and the Kitchen Crew, are pleased to announce that we are now composting. On Sunday April 6, the 1-5 grade classes, their teachers and representatives from the Green Group, put together a compost bin and learned about composting in the desert. The compost bin is located behind Goddard Hall, where the recycling bins are. It was a fun way to participate in something we all want to promote, less waste, which is more sustainable for our earth. Now plans are underway in collaboration with the Gardening Committee to start a vegetable bed next fall. Who knew that dirt could bring so many groups together in a positive fashion!

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:
1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:
1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:
1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:
1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:
1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

** WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.

Featuring You As the Artist!
by Abby Root

May is on the way, and with it comes our annual Members and Friends exhibit where YOU are the featured artists. Gather up your creations, paintings, drawings, and collages (no photographs) ready for hanging, and bring them to the Sanctuary on Tuesday, May 6, at 9:30 a.m. with a signed release form, available in the church office. On Sunday, May 11, we'll have a reception for YOU, the artists.

Photographers: Summer is your time to shine, when the Gallery features your photographic creations. Bring your best, ready to hang, on Tuesday, June 3. You too will have a reception and our thanks for glimpses of the way you see the world.
Sunday, April 20
“The Ever and Ever Story”
Extended Family Worship with Rev. Dowgiert and Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings

Celebrate Earth Day at UUCT with our whole multi-generational family. Through interfaith readings, song, and ritual we will connect to the forever and ever story of our universe and the beautiful blue planet we call home.

Sunday, April 27
Singing Our Peace: A Musical Contemplation Of Living Peace in Our Lives
Jennifer Friedman, Guest
Gilbert Moore, Pulpit Host

Singer-songwriter Jennifer Friedman presents a service featuring four original songs: “Right Here, Right Now” “Choices” “Blood and Bone” and “We’re All One Family”.

Sunday, May 4
Celebrations of Coming of Age: Bonding, Friendship and Fun
Leaders: Rev. Dowgiert & Coming of Age Sojourners
Music: Desert Chorale

Join us as we honor our junior youth who have completed an epic year of developing and articulating their faith. The service will include credos and reflections from each of the youth as well as an opportunity for the congregation to support our sojourners and their new place within our religious community, through a Ritual of Coming of Age.

Upcoming in Religious Education

Sunday April 20
With the return to one service, a light snack will be served for children from 10:00 to 10:30 during supervised play.

Wednesday April 23 thru Sunday April 27
Rebecca Froom, DRE, will be out of town attending District Assembly and the preceding professional days of the Liberal Religious Educators Association

Sunday May 4
Join us for a May Pole dance before the service. Details to follow. Contact Cynthia McDaniel for more information.

Children in 1st thru 5th grade will participate in a Spiritual Practice Sampler for their May Project Day. Our junior youth sojourners present their credos during the Coming of Age worship service, which they will lead with Rev. Diane. Make sure to attend!

Transforming ourselves and our community:
Volunteer with Religious Education

In the upcoming program year we are looking at having a serious shift in religious education staffing, with the creation of a Lifespan Faith Development Director and Religious Education Coordinator. In order for us to continue to offer a comprehensive, high quality religious education program during this time of transition, we need committed volunteers!

Stop by the Religious Education table in Goddard Hall, or email Rebecca at Rebecca-froom@qwestoffice.net to learn more about how you can be involved. Opportunities include serving on the RE Council, team teaching during Sunday religious education, being a youth advisor, organizing social justice projects, welcoming new families, and more. Volunteering for RE is guaranteed to be a transformative process for you, our community, and very possibly our world.

Have You Been to Camp deBenneville Pines?

If you go every year, or if this would be your first time, consider spending a week of your summer at the Unitarian Universalist Camp deBenneville Pines in the San Bernardino National Forest. Some of this summer’s camp offerings include: Elementary Summer Camp / CIT Training, July 6 - 12, Jr High Summer Camp, July 13 - 19, 2008 YRUU/Sr High Summer Camp, July 20 - 26, 2008 UU Family Camp, July 27 - August 2. For more information go to www.uucamp.org/ or pick up a Camp deBenneville Pines newsletter from the foyer.
MEDIA SAVVY: How to Work More Effectively with the Mainstream News Media

A two-hour workshop for social justice/community activists:

10 a.m. to Noon, Saturday, April 19 in the Awareness Room.

Speakers:
- Cara René, Senior Editor, The Tucson Citizen
- KGUN-9 (invited)
- KUAT/KUAZ Radio (invited)

Cost: $10 to cover materials and refreshments.

Registration: Seating is limited and this event is open to the public, so please sign up by April 13 at the back of Goddard Hall, or by contacting Leila at Lpine@tds.net or 299-6281 so we will have enough handouts and refreshments.

Professionals from local broadcast and print media will discuss how to promote the social justice issues and community organizations you are passionate about and to get more than just a listing in a weekly calendar.

There's a lot more to learn than simply how to write a good news release! It's about building relationships, developing talking points, media kits, and making follow-up phone calls.

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Chalice Lighters

A request was recently received for Chalice Lighters, to benefit the Sepulveda UU Society of North Hills, CA. This will assist them in hiring a professional for their RE program.

We currently have about 40-45 members of our church as “Chalice Lighters” and we need more to reach the 20% of membership to qualify for a grant from this district organization. The last grant raised $15,700 for the UU Church in Surprise, AZ.

Think what we could do with that amount of money. At the Town Hall on the budget, it was clear we need to increase our income. Such a grant could help fund our membership program consultant and our Membership Coordinator.

Please take the opportunity to learn more about Chalice Lighters and to join it on one of the next Sundays in Goddard Hall after church. Or ask me, Susan Call, or Byron Skinner about this worthy organization.

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Does This Surprise You?

Just think, if the 150 people who have not yet joined our grocery program joined Frys, Bashas or Food City (includes AJs as well) and purchased, say, $100 worth of food each month, this would equal $15,000 more per month in purchases. Now that, times 6 months = $90,000 in purchases. This times 6% = $5400 added to the present amounts each 6 months (over $10,000 per year more) to help with UUCT costs.

Stop by the table in Goddard after services and make your food purchases count in this effort. We all eat, it costs nothing additional, it will benefit UUCT and I won't mind the stampede.

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Sign Up Today!

You can still sign up for this fun auction event --join some Crafty UU Ladies for “Make 'n Take” Craft Day! Try your hand at any or all of these crafts: Beading (led by Margot, Janet & Susan), Scrapbooking/Paper Crafts (led by Becky) and/or Flower Arranging (led by Mary & Kathleen). We'll provide all the supplies and tools, tips on getting started, AND a tasty lunch.

Share the craft-making with your favorite child/youth, and plan to take home your beautiful creations (sign ups necessary for supplies).

Date: May 3rd
Time: 10am-2pm
Location: UU Church, Awareness Room
Cost: $25 (children free with paying adult)

Sponsors: Kathy McDaniel, Becky Keyes, Mary Wiese, Margo Newhouse, Janet Moore, Susan Call, Kathleen Hogue, Cynthia McDaniel
Please contact Kathy McDaniel by phone or email: 323-6356, kmcdaniel@dakotacom.net
Music Notes
Agnes Paulsen, Minister of Music

On Sunday, April 20th, Mary Kay Carlson and family are dedicating violin music in loving memory of their husband and father, Charles E. Carlson, who died on April 19, 07. Carol Brubaker, a long time member of UUCT and of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, will be the violinist. Family Singers will be singing the anthem “Come in from the Firefly Darkness” and Brian Moon and Bill Reiners will sing a duet “My Life Flows On in Endless Song.”

Benefit Concert

Save the Date - Benefit Concert with TSO musicians at UUCT on Saturday, April 26, at 7:30 pm.

UUCT will present a benefit concert with musicians of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, who will perform an evening of chamber music in support of a school lunch program for a school in Haiti. The musicians, including concertmaster Steven Moeckel, principal flutist Alexander Lipay, and others, will perform works by Piazzolla and Villa-Lobos, as well as giving the US premieres of works by Haitian composers.

The concert will raise money to provide lunches of beans and rice for children at the Ecole de la Grace of Caneille, Haiti. The school, which serves the elementary grades and occasionally also offers vocational classes for parents, was founded in 2006 by Oliver Zornow. Zornow was moved to action after a trip to the community, where, he says, he saw not only poverty, but people who had to walk for miles for unclean water and who knew they might die if they were ill and couldn't walk the nine miles to the nearest hospital. In response, he created the Caneille Regional Development Fund, which not only started the school, but has brought emergency transportation, clean drinking water, and economic development programs to the region.

The concert will feature a trio by pre-eminent Haitian composer Werner Jaegerhuber and the US premieres of two string quartets by Haitian composer Julio Racine. Jaegerhuber wove melodies from the music associated with ceremonies of “voudoun”, or voodoo, into the textures of his compositions.

The concert program will also include tangos by Italo-Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla, who is known as “The Father of New Tango.” Two Brazilian works round out the program: “The Jet Whistle” for flute and cello by Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos, and the seldom-heard “Brazilian Fantasia” by Jose Ursicino da Silva, which will feature members of the TSO trumpet section. Suggested donation is $12.

Bake Sale
Sunday, April 20
Radka Hart

There will be a Bake Sale on Sunday, April 20 in Goddard Hall after the worship service (approved by the ET). Proceeds will be split equally between the YRUU Group for their Nicaragua Trip and the “Take the Money and Run” campaign I will be involved in.

I am currently training for my first marathon with Team in Training to raise money for “The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society”. I will be running in memory of my mother-in-law, Jeannette Ann Hart, who died of lymphoma in 1993. As the Team Arizona, we are also running in memory of a local Tucson girl, Alex Stuetze, who died of lymphoma in October, 2006, after fighting for seven years. She was 13.

I could go on and on why I have decided to do this but let me sum it up in two words: Cancer Sucks!

There will be plenty of baked goods and we will also gladly accept donations. Please come to support our efforts.

Joys & Sorrows

Ken Asch - Ken and his family are happy to hear from Marine Sgt Nathan Asch who has returned to Iraq for this third tour. He reports that he is “okay.”

Vicki Behm - Please send positive thoughts to her sister, Jill, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Jim Logan - had brain surgery in January for a blood clot, was on a ventilator but is now breathing on his own. He does not recognize people. Support his wife, Margaret Steele-Logan with cards and notes.

Mary Schantz - Mary’s daughter died of cancer on April 1st in Vermont. Her church helped the family with expenses for this single mother with 7 children. If you would like to help out you may send donations to the Benevolence Fund, Bridport Congregational Church, P.O. Box 55, Bridport, VT 05734.
Change of Worship Schedule for Summer

April 13 was the last early worship service to take place until next December when winter visitors begin returning to the church. This was our first year to offer two services and it was a transforming time for all who attended. Estimated average attendance was about 20 persons, freeing up chairs during the 10:30 service for visitors.

Some comments heard by those who attended the 8:30 service were:

_We are so glad you offer this service. It is our only chance on Sunday to worship because of work._

_I enjoy worshipping in a smaller, intimate setting._

We will again offer two services beginning with Sunday, December 7, 2008 through April, 2009.

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2008 PSWIRL Week
August 17-August 22, 2008

The UU-oriented nonprofit Pacific SouthWest Institute of Religious Liberals (PSWIRL) welcomes you to their annual adult event at beautiful Camp deBenneville Pines in Angelus Oaks, California. Relax, swim, or take part in a wide variety of workshops and activities -- it's up to you! The 2008 PSWIRL Week is from Sunday, August 17 through Friday, August 22.

UU Rev. Jim Grant is our Theme Speaker. Information about his theme "The Struggle to Become Human" is available at http://pswirl.org/Themes/PSWIRL2008Theme.htm.

DeBenneville is owned and operated by the Unitarian Universalist Pacific Southwest District. It is at 6800 feet altitude in the San Bernardino National Forest among towering pines, oaks and cedars with a creek nearby, and Jenks Lake within walking distance. It has an Olympic-size swimming pool and a large hot tub. A field trip to Big Bear Lake Solar Observatory is offered.

In 2008, per person costs range from $335 to $440 depending on the type of accommodation you select, and include all meals and workshops for the week. Please ask about partial scholarships.

The rich program (including a list of workshops and their facilitators) as well as photos from past years is available at The UU-oriented nonprofit Pacific SouthWest Institute of Religious Liberals (PSWIRL) welcomes you to their annual adult event at beautiful Camp deBenneville Pines in Angelus Oaks, California. Relax, swim, or take part in a wide variety of workshops and activities -- it's up to you!

Camp deBenneville Pines is available at http://www.uucamp.org. Alternatively, for registration information, contact Registrar Marcia Taylor at marsha@pngusa.net or 909-597-1037. For program information contact Manon at Washburn at 310-544-1943, or write to Come2PSWIRL@yahoo.com.

Join us in our beautiful mountain camp as we welcome newcomers and greet old friends! Experience for yourself the varied offerings of PSWIRL week, with an associated registration form. Information about Camp deBenneville Pines is available at www.uucamp.org. Alternatively, for registration information, contact Registrar Marcia Taylor at marsha@pngusa.net or 909-597-1037. For program information contact Manon at Washburn at 310-544-1943, or write to Come2PSWIRL@yahoo.com.
Life at Southern Arizona Wilderness UU Religious Association (SAWUURA) continues to move along at its own pace. The rains in the mountains have brought the water in the well to its highest level in years. The trees seem to be enjoying the respite from the drought and the life in the forest is more active than ever. And with the upcoming summer activities, the timing couldn't be better.

Ramada Donation

Lifetime member Terry Robinson has offered a donation for us to build a ramada on the property. The vision is to have a place where we can cook and eat under a fixed roof and, during the rainy time, we'll have a place to hang out and stay dry. We'll need your help to decide what we want and where we want it, so let us know your thoughts. This is an exciting opportunity for SAWUURA and we're looking forward to seeing this come to fruition as the next step in SAWUURA's evolution.

Membership Renewal

All SAWUURA Memberships expire on May 1st and we're counting on all of you to renew your memberships and encourage others in your congregations to join up. The membership renewal packets will be coming out soon. The past year's activities of Memorial Day, Labor Day and the Writer's Workshop, combined with the winter cabin upgrades and fire prevention/fuel reduction have only been possible with your membership participation. Let's make '08 - '09 a membership year to remember!

Memorial Day Event Registration

The Memorial Day event is May 24, 25 & 26, 2008 and the registration is due by Friday, May 20th, but please, don't delay. We have had waiting lists that resulted in disappointed campers for several of our events as we do have a limit to the number of people who can be on site at one time. So, please, if you want to go, register today! You can get registration forms and liability waivers at: http://sawuura.org/forms.html. While you're there, grab a copy of the membership form, sign up for membership, and save on the cost of the Memorial Day camp. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to spend time with nature and your fellow Unitarian Universalists.

Anniversary Picnic

Thanks to all of those who turned out to celebrate 30 years of SAWUURA at Usery Park. Special thanks to Erin Mullarky and John Matthews for organizing and providing the staple of SAWUURA: sun burgers. It was a perfect day of chatting and hiking that ended with a visit from a native desert tortoise who apparently wanted to see if we'd left any tasty morsels (we hadn't). Stories were told of where SAWUURA came from and where it has been. And we took some time to talk about where it might go and to reflect on what it means to be stewards of 100 acres of wilderness. We look forward to the next 30 years and beyond.
Thursday, April 17
  1:00 p.m.   Listening for the Spirit, Awareness
  7:00 p.m.   Book Club, Awareness

Saturday, April 19
  10:00 a.m.  Media Savvy Workshop, Awareness
  12:15 p.m.  Economic Group, Servetus
  7:00 p.m.   Norgaard Concert, Holland

Sunday, April 20
  9:00 a.m.   Stewardship Breakfast, Goddard
  Exploring Spirituality, Servetus
  Family Singers, Awareness
  10:30 a.m.  Worship, Holland
  12:15 p.m.  Social Justice Town Hall, Holland

Monday, April 21—Church Office Closed
  6:30 p.m.   Sleuthing In Supermarket, Awareness

Tuesday, April 22
  8:00 a.m.   Empowerment Team, Minister’s Office
  6:30 p.m.   Cov. Circle Facilitators, Awareness

Wednesday, April 23
  2:00 p.m.   QUUilting, Awareness
  5:30 p.m.   Desert Chorale, Holland

Thursday, April 24
  7:00 p.m.   Men’s Group, Awareness

Thursday, April 24
  1:00 p.m.   Listening for the Spirit, Awareness

Saturday, April 26
  7:30 p.m.   Clowes Benefit Concert, Holland

Sunday, April 27
  9:00 a.m.   Exploring Spirituality, Servetus
  Family Singers, Awareness
  10:30 a.m.  Worship, Holland
  12:15 p.m.  Economic Group, Servetus
  Immigration Group, Awareness

Monday, April 28
  6:30 p.m.   Sleuthing In Supermarket, Awareness

Tuesday, April 29
  7:00 p.m.   Finance Council, Awareness

Wednesday, April 30
  2:00 p.m.   QUUilting, Awareness
  5:30 p.m.   Desert Chorale, Holland

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