Sunday Services
10:30 a.m.

Lisa Granted Ministerial Candidacy!

The Transition Team provides Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings with support, challenge, and reflection on her journey to ordained ministry, while educating the congregation about the process.

Two years ago the congregation voted to become a Teaching Church, and affirmed Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings’ call to become a Unitarian Universalist minister.

Recently, Lisa interviewed with the Western Regional Sub-Committee on Candidacy, one of the milestones on the path to professional ministry, and she received another resounding affirmation of that call! She is now a Ministerial Candidate, and a member of the UU Ministers Association.

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Saturday Salon Resumes

The first Saturday Salon of the season will be held on October 11 at Goddard Hall. Join us for a BYOB social hour, potluck, and program beginning at 6 p.m. Radio-TV personality, adman, and long-time Tucsonan Ray Lindstrom will be the guest speaker. He has made frequent appearances on the NBC Today Show, the CBS Evening News, and CBS Sunday Morning.

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Town Hall (By Any Other Name)

A new church year is upon us and we are organizing for the Town Halls which are held after services on the first Sunday of each month. These meetings are important elements in our communication with each other. A suggestion was made that “Family Meeting” is a better name than “Town Hall” for these events. (Thanks Jim Periale!) Barrning objections, the name is hereby changed!

Our first meeting on October 5 will focus on communicating our current physical, financial, and volunteer challenges. November 2 will be an official congregational meeting to consider by-law changes. In late spring we have our Annual Meeting to elect new leaders for next year.

The remaining meetings are open to discuss topics important to you: Policy Governance? Border Issues? Spirituality? Sunday Services? Your suggestions are solicited. You may contact me (Marion Leonard 326-1437) or Peggy Smith (623-7591). The Board of Trustees will make the official topic assignments.

While serving as one of your Trustees, I am also focusing effort on the Family Meetings and how we communicate with each other. This year, the Empowerment Team has added a fifth member, Peggy Smith, who will focus on Communication (both internal and external). This should aid us on the path of becoming what we wish to be.

In Faith, Marion Leonard
Lisa — continued from page 1

The committee experienced Lisa as “confident and well-grounded, articulate and deeply committed to Unitarian Universalism...we perceive you to be on your way to becoming a strong and able professional minister in our denomination.” (The letter is posted on the bulletin board in Goddard.)

We – this UU community – can be proud of ourselves for understanding the critical role of knowledgeable and thoughtful ministerial leadership in strengthening congregations and for participating in the important work of congregations in teaching, nurturing and supporting the formation of ministerial leaders in our liberal religious movement.

Congratulations, Lisa! Congratulations, UUCT!

The Transition Team: Randy Springer, Chair; Carol Evans, Michael D. Greenbaum, Kathy McDaniel, Rev. Rod Richards

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Lindstrom, a graduate of Catalina High School and the University of Arizona is credited with being the man who gave us the ubiquitous "infomercial." "When you change the channels on late night TV and see one long commercial after another, you can blame me," he says.

Now, he's back in Tucson, retired, and entertaining audiences with his lively talk “The Golden Age of Tucson Radio and TV and Other Stuff That Really Changed.” Ray is a friend of 50 years to our own Burt Schneider. They started out in radio together in high school and co-founded Tucson's first rock record label.

Please bring a dish in accordance with the following:

A to H Hors d'oeuvres
I to O Main dish
P to S Salad or Veggies
T to Z Dessert
Please bring your favorite beverage

Reservations can be made by calling Barbara at 749-2029 or by sending an email to barbararip@comcast.net.

Long-time member of our church, Betty Kerby, died recently at the age of 101.

Esther Henderson Abbott has just died in Santa Cruz, CA, at the age of 97. She was a member here fifty years ago and was renowned for her beautiful nature photographs in Arizona Highways magazine and calendars.

Membership/ Community Life Bulletin Board:

Mary Wiese, Membership and Community Life Administrator

Gracious Stewards (are there any out there) Please Apply: Recently, several of you received a letter from the President of the congregation asking for extra volunteers. We are short staffed due to budget cuts and medical issues; the Finance Committee has been dealing with lack of participation; and yet, not one person has responded to this article that is now in its third incarnation. How are these issues related? Well, if we would be willing to be a little more hospitable, especially after service in the massive cavern we call Goddard Hall; we just might get some new, committed members that are willing to volunteer. At a recent Newcomers’ Orientation, a participant said that although he had been coming for about six months, very few people spoke to him during coffee hour. Fortunately, he enjoyed the Newcomers’ Orientation and he and his wife are getting ‘plugged in’ to the congregation in various ways. If we want to grow, if we want more involvement, if we want to have a bigger budget to work with so that there will not be further staff cuts, we must step out of our comfort zones. If you are willing to greet visitors after church, please, speak with a Member of the Membership Team: Mary Wiese, Judy Dare, Jan Dowling, or Becky Keyes.

Growth Workshop Saturday, Oct. 4:

We need more participants! Some people have told me we are not ready to grow. Some of you may not want to grow. Well, this is your opportunity to make your voice heard! This workshop is laid out like a strategic plan that will guide us to a bigger, brighter future; if we decide that is what we want. Other churches have done it and some of them were much smaller than we were when they began. They are Breakthrough Congregations within our denomination. New members are encouraged to attend this workshop as well! We want to hear your voices because they give us a fresh perspective. Registration and surveys are available at the Adult Faith Development table in Goddard Hall after church. The workshop and childcare are free but an optional lunch will be provided for a fee. For those of you that already have a survey, please return them to me ASAP. Please feel free contact me if you have any questions: macbrude@cox.net or 349-4521.

Yours in community spirit, Mary
Who's Who at UU

by Helen O’Brien

It takes a lot of time and effort to plan, coordinate, facilitate and execute the many functions that take place at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson (UUCT) every week. Much of that work is either done or supervised by paid staff. However, many of us who belong to and regularly attend the UUCT do not have a clear idea of exactly what paid staff positions exist in our church and what responsibilities are entailed with each of the positions. We all know that Diane Dowgiert is the minister and that she presents a sermon or homily at most of our worship services, but after that things are a little less clear. As a regular feature of our bi-weekly newsletter over the next few months I will describe the various paid staff positions we have created at the UUCT and the duties and responsibilities of each of these positions. I will also introduce (or re-introduce) the people who make up our staff. For a start, here is a list of the positions at UUCT and the exceptional people who fill them:

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Lifespan Faith Development News

Religious Education (RE)

CPR/First Aid Class
CPR and First Aid classes will be held Saturday, September 27, at 10:00 am in Goddard Hall presented by the Desert Fire CPR and First Aid. Successful participants of the CPR class will receive an American Heart Association certification card valid for two years. You may take both CPR and first aid or CPR alone. The cost of each class is $20. Registration will close on September 22. Sign up at the Adult Faith Development table in Goddard Hall after the service or email Kathleen Hogue at Kathleen-hogue@qwestoffice.net.

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First Annual Fall Equinox Celebration
Fall is finally coming! All men, women and children: please come celebrate the end of summer and the Middle-aged Goddess with a joyful ritual (and lemonade). Brought to you by the new and exciting Women's Circle of UUCT. The celebration will be held at 6:30 pm on the patio between Holland and Goddard. Wednesday, September 24.

Sunday Speaker Series
On Sunday, September 21, at 12:15 in the Awareness Room, the youth from our congregation who spent ten days on a Service Project in San Jose de Cusmapa in Nicaragua will give a special presentation filling in many of the details they didn't have time to discuss at the worship service on August 31. They will elaborate on their experience, show photos of the trip, and answer any questions you may have. Since there has been some interest expressed in the possibility of an adult trip to Nicaragua, their presentation will give you the chance to learn more about the kinds of work they did in Cusmapa.

Exploring Spirituality as a Unitarian Universalist
This is a drop-in group which meets every Sunday from 9:00 to 10:00 am in the Servetus room before the service. Everyone is welcome for a stimulating hour of conversation. Sally Masteller facilitates the group, and the topic for September is Spiritual Practice. Different faiths have a wide variety of spiritual practices which support one’s spiritual development.

On September 21, the group will consider the following questions: Are such spiritual practices as spiritual ecstasy, Sufi whirling dervishes, running until one “gets a second breath,” or conversion experiences examples of spiritual awakening or self delusion or both?

On September 28, they will discuss the following: In what settings do you have or have you had deeply spiritual experiences (for example: in worship, listening to music, watching a sunset, reflection, seeing a baby born)? Have you developed or might you develop a spiritual practice that regularly puts you in these settings or in another setting that can recreate those experiences?

Music Notes by Brian Moon

Some of you have noticed that someone other than Agnes has accompanied the Desert Chorale these past few weeks. Agnes has decided to reduce her responsibilities at the church, and focus primarily upon the Family Singers. I’ll continue to sing in the Family Singers, but I’ll become the principle conductor of the Desert Chorale. Donna, our new musician, will be playing all the service music whenever Desert Chorale sings. Agnes will continue to plan the music for those Sundays when Desert Chorale isn’t singing. Donna will also be the pianist at our early services when they begin later this Fall. Anne Roberts will be arriving November 1 for her 6-month stay in Tucson, and she will again enhance some of our services with her beautiful music.

Agnes and I restructured our salaries to include a third person without increasing the music’s budget for the year. Donna was among many qualified applicants, but her life story and musicianship recommended her to me. I hope that you notice these qualities as well.

Donna arrived in Tucson in November, 1969, leaving her Rockland County, NY, home, in search of a cure for her daughter's asthma. Her musical history in Tucson includes former Music Director here at UUCT in the 70's with Rev. Dick Marshall and Rev. Dave Johnson, organist at Christ Methodist Church and Our Mother of Sorrows, and most recently, Organist at Rosemont Community (Dutch Reformed) Church. She was a founder and accompanist for the Tucson Opera Company, Music Director at Playbox Theatre, and accompanist for the Gilbert & Sullivan Society and U of A Opera and Musicals.

Donna attended Bennington College (Class of '60), The Juilliard School of Music, and U of A. She is the mother of four and grandmother of two . . . and she's working on her memoir, the Tin Cup Heiress.
Sunday Worship Services

Sunday, September 21: Diversity and the Interdependent Web of Existence
Extended Family Worship led by Rev. Diane Dowgiert and Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings — Drawing on Coyote wisdom, using lots of story and song, we’ll explore the challenges and rewards of welcoming people who are different from us.

Sunday, September 28: Ministry in the New Millennium

Covenant Circles Serve No More Deaths

A permanent collection bin for donated items to help economic refugees in the Sonoran desert has been completed, and the bin was formally dedicated on September 5. It's located at the University of Arizona in the Cesar Chavez Building on the second floor.

The bin is for collecting items No More Deaths needs in order to provide humanitarian aid to those crossing the border into the United States. Clothing items include socks, hats, single-strap sandals for bandaged feet, adult T-shirts, and tennis shoes. First-aid items include medical tape, moleskin, gauze rolls, large band-aids, and cotton balls. Other items also collected in the bin include baby wipes and diapers.

The collection bin was one of the social service projects planned at a meeting this past June by last year's Covenant Circle participants. Service projects are part of the Covenant Circle experience and help to fulfill the final Covenant Circle goal: to move from group intimacy to group service in the church community or the wider world.

Rosario Carrillo provided the leadership necessary to organize and guide the project. It is co-sponsored by UUCT, No More Deaths, the Global Health Alliance, the BiNational Migration Institute, and the Mexican-American Studies & Research Center (MASRC) at the University of Arizona.

Walt Staton built the bin, and other UUCT members who worked with Rosario and Walt in various capacities were Janet Moore, Jan Dowling, Sherry Mann, Mary McKinnon, and Chris Wallace. Hannah Hefter, a student at the MASRC, has coordinated the staffing of an information table in the hallway near the bin and has signed up many students to participate in No More Deaths activities.

This permanent collection bin serves as yet another example of the fulfillment of UUCT’s mission statement: “Envisioning a world where justice and compassion cross all borders, we pledge energy and resources to transform ourselves, this community, and the world around us.”

Rosario Carrillo (kneeling, second from left), Janet Moore (kneeling, far right), members of MASRC and No More Deaths, and UA students and staff at the collection bin.

Just A Reminder!
If you are a Fry’s participant and took advantage of their offer to put your Government Incentive into a separate Fry’s card, your original UUCT grocery card may no longer be active under the following circumstances: If your UUCT card was used up prior to or during the use of your incentive card (has had a $0 balance for 90 days), then it will have been deactivated and a new UUCT card is needed to have funds come to us. Sooo, please rejoin the flock if this has occurred.

Also, all Safeway participants who are not registered with escrip through us, remember to bring in your register receipts. They should be available from your next visit to the store starting September 11 with a redemption code at the bottom. Any from your friends and relatives will work as well. I can enter them for 10% credit.

This program now includes Albertson’s, AJ’s, Bash’a’s, Food City, Fry’s, Safeway and Sunflower. It costs you nothing extra and it helps UUCT. Anyone who eats is more than welcome and I will be glad to get you started. — Majorie Smith
Announcements

Each month UUCT “shares the plate,” giving away half the loose, non-pledge offering to a community agency. Nominations are solicited from our members and friends. The Empowerment Team then selects 12 recipient agencies for the year. This year we received more nominations than we have slots for. Selection criteria were: fit with one of our four social justice areas, and agencies with historic ties to UUCT. In the coming months, we will Share the Plate with the following:

September  Borderlinks  
October  Casa Maria  
November  Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection  
December  Community Food Bank  
January  No More Deaths  
February  Habitat for Humanity  
March  Primavera Foundation  
April  Pima County Meals on Wheels  
May  Interfaith Community Services  
June  Pima County Interfaith Council  
July  TIHAN  
August  Casa de los Ninos

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

No More Deaths to Share Abuse Report
Join the social justice groups for a brief meeting followed by a presentation after the service on Sunday, September 28. Volunteers from No More Deaths will talk about an abuse report they have just finished and taken to Washington, DC, to present to Congress. The presentation will be a re-cap of their journey to DC, an overview of the report, and strategizing about a campaign to push congress to create custody standards that Homeland Security must follow.

Details of the report and information about the campaign will be available at the No More Deaths table in Goddard Hall after Sunday services.

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