Sponsorship by UUCT

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

There are several requirements to become a UU minister, including earning a Master of Divinity degree and completing an internship in a UU congregation. Another requirement is sponsorship by a congregation. In the simplest sense, sponsoring a candidate means that the congregation has confidence in this person's potential and suitability for UU ministry. There is no financial commitment on the part of the congregation. The Unitarian Universalist Association and the Ministerial Fellowship Committee recognize this sponsorship as evidence that the person seeking fellowship is actively committed to Unitarian Universalism.

At the congregational meeting on November 2nd, the congregation will be asked to vote on sponsoring Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings as a candidate for fellowship in the Unitarian Universalist ministry.

For more information on the sponsorship process, please visit the UUA website, http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/ministerialcredentialing/16211.shtml, or pick up a copy of the information in the church foyer.

Randall Springer, Carol Evans, Michael D. Greenbaum, Kathy McDaniel, Rev. Rod Richards

Sunday Services in November

Sunday, November 2: Finding Hope in Troubled Times, Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Times of struggle and difficulty can lead to a spiritual crisis, or they can lead to a deepening of faith, commitment, and meaningful purpose. Daring to think theologially during troubled times may very well be the path from despair to hope.

Sunday, November 9: Out of Many, One, Rev. Diane Dowgiert
E Pluribus Unum: many people, one nation. Our nation’s founders struggled mightily with foundational questions as they forged a new government. One question was, “which should prevail, sacred order or sacred liberty?” The question is fundamentally a religious question. How do we honor individual rights and individual conscience while living in community together?

Sunday, November 16: Worship Committee


Sunday, November 30: Where Justice and Compassion Cross All Borders, Rev. Diane Dowgiert
**The Church and Politics**

Election season always raises questions about church involvement in politics. The rules are clear. Churches may not endorse or oppose particular candidates running for office. To do so would jeopardize status as a non-profit organization and the ability to accept tax-deductible donations.

Churches may, however, address issues before the voters, bringing a moral, ethical voice to the discourse. Many Unitarian Universalist churches here in Arizona and across the country are organizing to oppose legislation that defines marriage. Here in Arizona, Proposition 102 would amend the constitution to define marriage as being between one man and one woman. This amendment, if passed, inserts religious views into the affairs of the state.

Churches and religious organizations are allowed to disseminate information, organize, and use resources of money and people to promote or oppose legislation. Messages from the pulpit are also allowed. For a more thorough discussion of what is and isn’t allowable, check out www.uua.org/documents/washingtonoffice/real_rules.pdf.

Election season also raises anxiety, especially this year. As the election date approaches, the amount of election exposure increases. The use of fearful and negative campaign tactics increases. One antidote to anxiety is to get involved in the process, working for your candidate or your cause. Another antidote is to take a time out from media coverage. Turn off the television, the radio, and the internet. Be sure to engage in activities that bring joy to your life.

    In the spirit of democracy,
    Diane

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**Celebration!**

Here is one of the recommendations that we have accomplished from the Growth report and two that are well on their way:

Recommendation #12 – The Minister is now meeting with new members to become better acquainted, respond to specific questions, solicit a pledge, and have them commit gifts to one or two ministries.

Recommendation #8 - Committed leaders of the church pledge to attend the earlier service at least once a month: At the workshop, every participant agreed to do so!

Recommendation #9 - Sing at least one song every Sunday in both English and Spanish. This is now happening on a regular basis.

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**Membership/ Community Life Bulletin Board:**

Mary Wiese, Membership and Community Life Administrator

**News Flash:** As of Oct. 7 we have 281 "Active" Members and 99 "Active" Friends and Winter visitors. What does active mean? It means that these are folks that have either given more than $100 or time within the last 2 years. The Membership Team is actively working toward getting accurate records. If you know of someone that has drifted away from the church but would still like to be considered active, please have them contact me: at macbrude@cox.net.

**Growth Workshop:** I am pleased to share some of the positive results from the Growth Workshop that we had on October 4. We had almost 40 participants with representation from a diverse population within the church community. The participants agreed to work toward the goal of 5% growth, per year, for the next three years.

There were 7 different focus groups:

- **Institutional Change Through By-Laws and Policy**
- **Members for Growth**
- **Outreach for Growth**
- **Worship for Growth**
- **Religious Education for Growth**
- **Facilities Enhancement for Growth**
- **Finance for Growth**

The Membership Team will be presenting a brief synopsis of each group’s goals, according to the recommendations contained in the report, in upcoming newsletters. The Team will follow up with each group in January, again in May, and then again in September to get updates on their progress. Some of the goals are complex, others are relatively simple, and there are a few that we have already accomplished! Check out the Celebration box to the left of this article.

**Newcomers Orientation:** The next Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for Sunday, October 19 after church. If you are new to the church and would like to find out more, this is your opportunity. Free lunch and childcare are provided. Please RSVP to Mary Wiese, macbrude@cox.net or call the church office, 748-1551.

**Fun Fundraiser:** Queer On Their Feet is coming to UUCT, Friday, November 14. The troupe features Jennie McNulty, Jason Dudey, and Diana Yanez. Queer On Their Feet is a refreshing and hilarious show that has each comic doing about 15 minutes of fabulous stand up and then that is continues on page 3.
The day-to-day operation of an organization as large as the UUCT requires a great deal of ongoing, hands-on management. Much of that every day, every week work falls to the Membership and Community Life Administrator, Mary Wiese. Her job at UUCT is currently scheduled at 40 hours per week and includes these responsibilities:

- Coordinate and facilitate meetings, orientations & classes for Sunday visitors, Newcomers and new members.
- Facilitate Sunday welcoming and hospitality with greeters, rovers, ushers, and the welcoming team.
- Manage the church database, including visitors, new members, resigned members, deceased members, addresses, emails, phone numbers, newsletter and UU World mailing lists, weekly contributions, annual pledges, quarterly statements, class rosters and volunteer information. Produce a bi-annual directory generated from the church database.
- Be responsible for the Program portfolio on the Empowerment Team, and the Program Steering committee.
- Work with the Office Manager to train and supervise office volunteers.
- Be responsible for maintaining communication with the church’s current health insurance company and liability insurance company to make sure that all records, claims, and payments are up to date.
- Maintain the master calendar of congregational activities and room usage, including the scheduling of events, managing room usage requests, and collecting and keeping records of associated fees. Also, serve as a liaison to the Children’s Center that rents portions of our campus.
- Support and supervise the Sunday lunch ministry and coffee hour by doing regular inventories, shopping for needed items, helping to plan menus, communicating with the chair, budgeting for supplies, and monitoring annual income. Manage the kitchen in Goddard for efficient, safe, sanitary functioning, and work to put environmentally sound practices into action.
- Work collaboratively with the Worship Committee to provide flowers for Sunday services.
- Support special events, such as the annual Service Auction.
- Support, as requested and when available, services of life transition, such as memorial services.

Whew! It seems amazing that any one person can fulfill all of these roles well in only 40 hours each week. Maintaining communication with any insurance company can easily become a full-time job at least in some weeks. Most of the other responsibilities involve not only planning and organizing, but meeting, shopping and arranging.

The breadth of these duties mean that Mary is involved in virtually every aspect of church life much to our benefit. I asked Mary what her favorite part of the job was, and she replied that it was working with newcomers and new members and helping them to find a home in this church and this faith. We are lucky to have her serving in this and so many other roles in our church home.

Membership/Community Life, continued from page 2

followed by the 3 together onstage playing improv games with suggestions from the audience. Every show is unique, fun, and totally hysterical. This will be a combined fundraiser for the church and Wingspan. Tickets will be on sale beginning Sunday, October 19, and cost $15 each. Speak to Mary Wiese if you are interested in helping.

New Directory to Be Printed Soon: A draft church directory is available for review in the church foyer. Please check to make sure that all of your information is correct. If you do not want your information to appear in the directory, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Also, we are in need of people to help organize and schedule appointments for our upcoming photo directory in the New Year. If you are available to assist with this, please contact me: 349-4521 or macbrude@cox.net.

Attention All Groups and Committees: I am in the process of updating our Church Ministries brochure for this year. If the contact information has changed from last year, or if you have new information to add, please let me know.

Yours in community spirit,
Mary
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Alliance Group

Our first meeting of the fall season was held on Tuesday, Oct. 14. Sorry if you were not able to join us. Our next meeting will be in December. Watch for future announcements. For more information stop by the Alliance table in Goddard Hall after the Sunday Service.

We will continue our on-going projects to collect aluminum cans for recycling and we collect copies of recent magazines to be re-sold in Goddard Hall every Sunday. All members are urged to bring these items to donate every week.

We will also continue to sell jewelry and craft items made by members of our church. Look for these in Goddard Hall every Sunday.

Tom Warburton, President

Saturday Salon

Did you know there are two different stories in the Bible about how the earth and sky were created? Written by different people at different times? The next Saturday Salon visits this topic on November 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of JD and Margot Garcia at 3100 E. Calle Portal. Tom Lindell, professor emeritus in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology will lead the discussion. Tom is an ordained Episcopal deacon and has taught a class in science and theology.

You'll want to attend this lively evening in a lovely home in one of Tucson's most architecturally interesting neighborhoods.

A to H Dessert  
I to O Appetizers  
P to S Main Course  
T to Z Veggies or Salad  
Bring Your Own Beverage

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

UU CT Coffee House

A coffee house type of event is being started in Goddard Hall or on the patio next to it on Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. It will offer music (initially 60's and 70's rock and folk music, and possibly some new "spiritual" songs) and a chance for people to socialize. For now people are encouraged to bring snacks and beverages to share. All musicians interested in performing should contact Rick Meyer at 748-2886 or at meyrbundy@peoplepc.com. Opening night is Oct 19.

B-I-N-G-O!

Fun for all ages! Prizes! Bring a pot-luck dish to share. Oct. 17 at 6:00pm in Goddard Hall. For questions, call Becky Keyes at 881-7227.

Wear Your Costume,  
Donate Your Clothes!

When you arrive at church on October 26, don’t be surprised or frightened by the strange creatures there to greet you. Our kids, as well as a good many kids at heart, will be wearing their costumes and bringing a bag of clothes. You’re welcome to join them.

The clothes we collect that Sunday will be donated to Borderlinks for use at Casa de la Misericordia just across the border. Warm clothing is most important this time of year: sweaters, jackets and socks as well as other clothing and blankets too. Gently used items are appreciated, but if you want to bring along a package of new socks, we’re told they’re always needed. Our children will sort and fold everything and we will deliver them to the good people at Borderlinks.

Margo Newhouse, R.E. Council

Thanksgiving Dinner at UUCT

Social hour 11:30 Dinner 12:30 Nov. 27, 2008. Guests are welcome. There will be a sign up sheet at the Welcoming table after church. Sign up to bring a side dish and pay $5.00 to cover the cost of the turkey and ham. Call Barbara Tegethoff 749-2029 with questions.
Family Meetings
(formerly Town Halls)

The first Sunday of each month is reserved for use by the Board of Trustees as needed to keep the congregation informed. These meetings traditionally take place at 12:15 in the sanctuary and every attempt is made to keep them under two hours in length. The Annual Congregational Meeting for election of UUCT offices this year is the last Sunday in April to avoid competing with the District meeting. Due to vacations, etc. we may not meet in June, July, and August. Other meetings between the Board and the Congregation are now being called "Family Meetings" and may concern any topic deemed appropriate. No binding votes may be taken at Family Meetings but the Board values your feedback.

This year we did not hold meetings in September or October. The November meeting will be a special congregational meeting to update our bylaws and any other items that will be announced in advance. Since the first Sunday in December has been allocated to the Gallery Committee for the Artist of the Month, we could have a December meeting on the second Sunday. The first Sunday in May can be used this year. This means we potentially have December, January, February, March, April, and May available for a variety of topics.

While the Board of Trustees makes the final topic selections, we welcome input on topics important to you. Please contact any Board member with your suggestions. Ideally, suggestions should be made before the next Board meeting on October 28.

A bit of history: In the bad old days, the Board had to struggle to find time on the church calendar for congregational meetings. Finally, we decreed that the first Sunday of each month was reserved unless released by the Board. That helped! Later, we decided it would improve communication if we tried to have a meeting every month since there were many areas that would benefit from more Board/Congregation communication.

Hoping to hear many ideas,
Marion Leonard, Trustee

Music Notes

Three of the hymns in our hymnal “Singing the Living Tradition” were composed by William Billings who lived from October 7, 1746 to September 26, 1800. The hymns are #261, 263, and 279.

To honor William Billings and note the anniversary of his death, the King’s Chapel in Boston celebrated with a daylong festival of music on September 26, 2000.

As stated in the King’s Chapel’s records of 1786, Billings had taught singing at King’s Chapel “to such persons of both sexes as were inclined to sing psalm-tunes” The pay was 12 shillings per session. They must have liked him, since when Billings was in financial trouble in 1790, the Chapel held a benefit concert for him, with tickets selling at 2 shillings a head. The last record we have of him as a composer dates from 1799, when he wrote music for a memorial concert for George Washington, the first President of the United States, who died in December of that year.

America was still a British colony when Billings was born in 1746. Today he is regarded as America’s first truly original, native composer. Billings’ contemporaries agreed. The Reverend William Bentley of Salem moved to write these lines in his diary:

“Many who have imitated him have excelled him, but none of them had better original powers . . . He was a singular man, of moderate size, short of one leg, with one eye, without any address and with an uncommon negligence of person. Still, he spake and sung and thought as a man above the common abilities.”

Credit for this article goes to Composers Datebook, produced by American Composers Forum.

Agnes Paulsen
Minister of Music

Interfaith Worship Service

First Christian Church - Speedway and Euclid
Thursday, October 23, 7:00-8:00 pm

This service will focus on how and why people of faith are called to take a stand against spiritual violence against LGBT people and imposition of exclusionary religious beliefs upon society. This service is organized by clergy opposed to Proposition 102.
**LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

**Religious Education (RE)**

Primary through high school groups continue their engagement with *The Lessons of Loss* curriculum which was designed to help children more openly discuss the difficult issues of loss, death, and dying within the supportive context of a religious community. The curriculum offers age-appropriate lessons for children from grades 1-12, and each one is designed to address issues of particular relevance and importance to that age group.

On October 19 there will be an extended family worship on *Seasons of Life, Seasons of Loss*. By teaching *The Lessons of Loss* as a lifespan curriculum, and joining together as a community of all ages to worship around this topic, we hope to foster conversations within our entire church family around loss, death, and dying.

**Adult Faith Development (AFD)**

For further information about any of the Adult Faith Development programs below, please email mike-greenbaum@qwestoffice.net or phone him at 326-8831. Information is also available at the AFD table in Goddard Hall after the service each Sunday.

**Adult Lessons of Loss**

As a companion to the work the children will be doing in their RE classes on Lessons of Loss, a four-week adult component will be offered to members of the congregation on Wednesdays from October 22 through November 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, in the alcove in Holland Sanctuary.

Losses come in many ways, big and small: our home is damaged, our marriage crumbles, a loved one is diagnosed with a crippling or a terminal disease, our youngest leaves for college, a friend or relative dies. All are losses. This is not a grief support group. It's an opportunity to identify and examine various kinds of losses in our lives, consider what our Unitarian Universalist faith offers us in times of loss, and learn how to offer support to others when a loss occurs. Sign up in Goddard Hall after the service.

**Sunday Speaker Series - Buddhism: An Introduction**

The Sunday Speaker Series will continue on Sunday, October 19, at 12:15 with our own Ed Savard presenting a brief overview of Buddhism. It will include the meaning of basic terms one may hear when people speak about Buddhism as well as a brief history of Buddhism and the basic beliefs common to all schools of Buddhism.

**Buddhism: An In-Depth Look**

Ed Savard is a convert from Christianity to Buddhism, and now practices it as a Unitarian Universalist. Following up on his general introduction to Buddhism (see above), he'll present a more in-depth examination in four sessions which will meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Servetus Room. The fee is $12 and scholarships are always available. Ed will go into more detail in discussing Buddhist history, theology, cosmology, and iconography. It is not necessary to have attended the introductory talk to participate in this group.

**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. During October, the group will be discussing the "exploring" aspect of Exploring Spirituality.

Spiritual exploration is one aspect of the free and responsible search for truth and meaning that we Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote. It involves seeking one's own answers to larger spiritual questions, such as who are we, why are we here, and what happens after we die.

On October 19, the group will consider the following: In what ways can participation in or appreciation of the arts (literature, music, drama, dance) affect one's exploration for answers to those larger spiritual questions?

On October 26, the group will consider: In what ways can participation in or appreciation of sports, physical activities, and exercise affect one's exploration for answers to those larger spiritual questions?
"Lost,\" a pop chamber opera written by former Tucsonan Jessica Grace Wing and Kirk Wood Bromley, is a fairy tale of Hansel and Gretel meeting the even grimmer and more fantastical imagination of Kirk Wood Bromley.

Winner of numerous awards, Lost was a hit at the New York Fringe Festival, winning the coveted “Best Musical” award. Note that Lost contains certain language and references that might be considered scary to some children. This production features life-size puppets, a cast of 13 performers, and a full musical orchestra.

Lost will play five performances only, opening on Halloween. Only 20 tickets at the special price of $20 each (a $5 discount) are available for the 2:00 p.m. performance on Sunday, November 2. For each ticket sold, $5.00 will be donated to our church music program. Jessica was the step-daughter of church member Burt Schneider. She died of colon cancer at age 31, three weeks before the premiere of Lost. For tickets to the November 2 matinee, call Burt at 747-2284 or email him at burtstar@gmail.com. Tickets for other dates and times are available from Arizona Onstage Productions. Performances will be at Zuzi’s Theater, 738 N. Fifth Avenue.

2008 Association Sunday Set for October 12

The date for the UUA’s second annual Association Sunday is October 12. The UUA is asking congregations to use that day to recognize and support the work of the Association. Our congregation will celebrate Association Sunday on October 26.

The first Association Sunday events were held last fall and raised more than $1.4 million, with funds going for a national advertising campaign, to support ministers of color and their congregations, and to provide growth grants for individual congregations.

The 2008 campaign is titled "Growing Our Spirit." Funds raised this year will be used for lay theological education and for continuing education for ministers, as well as grants for seminary students and support for ministers of color.

Our congregation received a $3000 grant from last year’s Association Sunday funds. Please consider giving generously again this year.