Sunday Services

Mark your calendars now. Two services begin on Sunday, December 5 – 9:15 and 11:00.

November 28
If Not Now, When? (A Look at the Election)
Rabbi Weizenbaum is a very well-known and well-liked guest speaker. He served two Jewish congregations in Tucson before his retirement.
Rabbi Joseph Weizenbaum

Sunday, December 5 Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Diane Dowgiert
The Honest and Open Question: An Invitation to Grace
We’ve probably all had the experience of insight or clarity because someone asked us just the right question at just the right time, a moment of grace. Asking honest and open questions is a skill that can be learned, one that opens the way for people to be together authentically, creating a space for grace to appear.
Worship Associate: Bid Romans
Music: Desert Chorale (9:15) Donna DeHaan (11:00)

Sunday, December 12 Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Diane Dowgiert and Kathleen Hogue
Extended Family Worship
Would You Like to Hold the Baby?
At 9:15, we’ll tell the traditional Christmas story from a Unitarian Universalist point of view.
Worship Associate: Kathleen Hogue
Music: Donna DeHaan
At 11:00, we’ll present the annual holiday pageant. This year will be Joyce Poley’s much beloved musical “Would You Like to Hold the Baby?” This UUCT holiday tradition is one that is loved by people of all ages.
Worship Associate: Kathleen Hogue
Music: Family Singers

Sunday, December 19 Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Within the Dark, A Star of Hope
The stars in the sky are always present, even in the daylight. Only the darkness makes them visible. The Winter Solstice takes us deep into the magic of night and the wonder of stars.
Worship Associate: Walker Smith
Music: Donna DeHaan (9:15) Desert Chorale (11:00)

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve Services at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Christmas Won’t Be Christmas Without Any Presents
So said Unitarian author, Louisa May Alcott in her timeless classic, Little Women. The semi-autobiographical novel includes a Christmas celebration in times of deep hardship. We’ll tell the story of Alcott’s “little women,” listening for the values of love, hope, and joy that permeate our holiday celebrations today. The 5:30 service will feature a Holiday Choir, directed by Agnes Paulsen for people of all ages – guests are welcome, too! The 7:00 service will feature Brian Moon and other acoustic musicians. Both services will end with the traditional lighting of candles and the singing of Silent Night.
Green is go! And we're going...we're moving...toward a Green Sanctuary!

On November 8 seven of us met with Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings to revive our former Green Group and get the whole congregation excited about going green because the whole world must go green and in particular the US, of which we are a part.

The UUA has set up the framework for the Green Sanctuary Program. Our committee hopes to grow so that we can easily conduct an environmental assessment of our programs and campus. Then we can create an action plan to address the ways we can qualify to become a Green Sanctuary.

We seven invite you who are interested in creating an action plan to join us December 6th in Holland Sanctuary to learn more and to help start the transformation of our congregation...and the whole world!

Water Works! Update
Great News for the Future of Camp de Benneville Pines!

Dear Camp Supporters,
Did you know that the very existence of Camp de Benneville Pines is threatened by the imminent failure of its underground water delivery system? This could potentially cause the loss of our irreplaceable mountain retreat, so important to the future of our Unitarian Universalist faith. The good news is that one of our own, who chooses to remain anonymous, has offered a $100,000 challenge matching donation to help us save our camp. All donations received between October 1, 2010 and January 31, 2011, up to a total of $100,000 will be matched by this generous donor. In addition, if we do not meet our goal of direct donations during this period, all pledges received before January 31st will be matched dollar for dollar as the revenue from these pledges is received (until the total from this challenge reaches $100,000). If we collectively meet this challenge, we will be more than halfway to our overall three-year Water Works! water system replacement campaign goal of $450,000.

You can go to http://www.debenneville.org to donate using your credit card or personal PayPal account or to make a pledge to our $100,000 challenge campaign online. Please be sure to fill in your church or other group affiliation on this form, so that if your church or organization is participating in this campaign (and we hope that all churches and other supporters in the District will participate), your pledge or donation will be counted toward your organization’s goal.

Tom Thorward. President
Camp de Benneville Pines Board of Directors

SUCH A DEAL!

Enjoy a meal at the Broadway location of Sweet Tomatoes on Monday, December 13th, and UUCT will receive 20% of the earnings, rather than the usual 15%.

Too good a deal to pass up! Just give them your flyer (available on UUCT’s website and at church on Dec. 12th) and purchase a beverage in addition to your meal, and UUCT will benefit!

Bring family and friends and UUCT will gain even more!

I had many requests for the veggie stew recipe served at the Auction. Here it is!

Enjoy…Mary Wiese

Vegetarian Autumn Stew Recipe
Feeds a crowd, with leftovers

Ingredients:
1/2 medium sweet onion diced
2 medium sized carrots, chopped
1 stalk of celery, chopped
1 small butternut squash
2 small sweet potatoes
32 ounces vegetable broth
1/2 dried red lentils
14.5 ounce can of crushed tomatoes
1 cup of white wine
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
1/2 cup apple cider (or, alternately, orange juice)
1 tablespoon of salt
½ T freshly ground pepper
1 T pumpkin pie Spice
1 T cumin
½ T curry powder
Pinch crushed red pepper

Excellent served over rice and with a side of good hearty bread.

Preparation Instructions:
1. Sauté the onion, carrots, and celery in 1T butter and 1/4C olive oil in a large stew pot. Cut the squash and sweet potatoes into bite-sized chunks. Add the squash and potato to the sauté and cover with the broth.
2. Add to the pot all of the rest of the ingredients. Mix well. Bring it all to a boil, then cover and reduce heat to low. Simmer on low heat for several hours (at least two), stirring occasionally.
This article is the third in a series of articles by and about the Empowerment Team (ET). In some congregations it is called the Executive Team or the Organizational Management Team. The ET, is responsible for the daily management of the church.

The ET is divided into six different portfolios. One of those is Membership Portfolio, (more about that in a later article), and the other is the Facilities Portfolio. The Facilities Portfolio is one that deals with our buildings and grounds.

I am on staff, and I am responsible for all room usage including outside room rentals. I am also the supervisor for our fulltime custodian. Therefore, issues regarding maintenance and repair usually come to my attention first. I attend the B&G committee meetings once a month and ET meetings twice a month. I communicate between both groups about the ongoing needs and ideas related to our church campus.

The B&G committee is responsible for carrying out the benchmarks set forth by our current strategic plan as they relate to our facilities. The Strategic Plan states: “We will continue to maintain and repair our current buildings and grounds. We will address future space needs and plan for expansion as appropriate. We will consider Green Sanctuary guidelines as we make improvements or additions to our facility.”

I review monthly financial reports so I can monitor the facilities and physical plant expenditures. Our campus is aging, used daily, and has the same needs as any facility: heating/cooling, plumbing, landscaping, electrical, etc. Also, since we rent a portion of our church campus to a nationally accredited and licensed childcare program, we need to be very vigilant about meeting local health and fire codes.

The B&G committee is a hard working, fun group to be around. We have meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. Want to know more? Join us!

Mary Wiese
Membership and Community Life Administrator

First Friday Parent’s Night Out (FFPNO)

Parents: Don’t forget about this valuable resource. Where else can your children spend time with friends, watching movies, playing games and being cared for all for $12 for four hours? If you have holiday shopping to do, this is the perfect time to try it out. The next FFPNO is December 3rd in the Blackwell Room beginning at 6:00. Sign up by contacting Heather Reed hreed@uuctucson.org.

Holiday Pageant: Would You Like to Hold the Baby?

Your help is still needed. We need Coordinators, Wise People, little animals, and other characters to make this pageant a success. The play will take place during the second service on December 12 with a rehearsal on December 11. Please contact Kathleen khogue@uuctucson.org.

How Are You Doing?

Sounds like simple enough of a question doesn't it? It has taken a whole new meaning for me because “doing” is the essence of being a UU.

Since I have been on the Board I have had the opportunity to interact with staff and volunteers behind the scenes of so many activities and events. I am now learning names to faces that I recognize but never got past the superficial phrase “How ya doin’?” I appreciate what is done here at the UUCT with reduced staff hours and the same few volunteers willing to dedicate their time to more than one activity. I now know how some people are doing.

I personally wonder how we are ALL doing together. Most importantly is asking yourself how you are doing as a UU. If you want to know what you can do here to enrich your UU spirit then feel free to contact me anytime or anyway you are willing and able. I would love to know how you are doing!

Chaz
President of UUCT
All deadlines for the Tucsonitarian are now on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Every print date for the Tucsonitarian will be the second and fourth Wednesday of every month.

The next deadline for the Tucsonitarian will be Tuesday, December 7 at 5 p.m.

On Dec. 16 the Book Club will meet in Awareness at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome and babysitting is available upon request.

We will discuss "Out Stealing Horses" by Per Petterson, a winner of the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize and the Norwegian Booksellers' Prize. After a chance encounter with a neighbor, sixty-seven year old Trond is forced to reflect on a long ago incident that marked the beginning of a series of losses.

UUCT Hikers are planning a hike on Black Friday, November 26 on Mt. Lemmon. We'll start at the Prison Camp and hike to Sycamore Reservoir and possibly meander up Bear Canyon away. The fall colors should be nice. Bring a lunch and drink.

We'll carpool from the church parking lot at 9:30 am then proceed to pick up eastsiders at 9:55 am at McDonalds at Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway. If any questions, call Chris Wallace at 326-6043 or email lemmonhiker@gmail.com