Sunday Services

Wednesday, February 23  7:00 p.m.
Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Beginnings
On this, the very first of our monthly, mid-week worship services, we’ll consider what it means to make a good beginning.
Worship Associate: Cyndi Clements

Sunday, February 27
Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings and Chris Wallace

Earth Justice
Learn more about environmental justice and how we can put our faith into action, both as a congregation and individually, by becoming a Green Sanctuary.
Worship Associate: Carolyn Saunders
Music: Donna DeHaan

Sunday, March 6
Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Hope and Resilience
Hope is intricately entwined with memory. Memory is a conversation with the past. Hope is a conversation with the future. In the meeting, there is resilience.
Worship Associate: Bid Romans
Music: Desert Chorale

Sunday, March 13
Guest Speaker: Cesar Lopez
Worship Associate: Leila Pine

Sunday, March 20
Rev. Diane Dowgiert, Randall Springer, and Anne Springer

Wanderings, Conflict, and Exile
On the Jewish calendar of religious festivals, this weekend marks Purim. Our own Randy Springer has written a musical exposition of some of the major themes found in the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), culminating in the traditional Purim story of how Esther saves the Jews from King Haman’s plot to have them destroyed. Randy’s musical, narrated by Anne Springer, takes us on a fun romp through pre-Christian history, as found in the Bible. You may be surprised at how relevant these ancient stories are for us today.
Worship Associate: Randall Springer
Music: Desert Chorale, Family Singers and other surprise vocalists

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The Rite of Spring
With the equinox just passed, days now grow longer and nights shorter. We’ll gather on the patio for a celebration of Spring.

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Dreams, Dreaming, and Dreamers
Using the work of Jeremy Taylor, an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister who has devoted more than 40 years of his life to dream-work, we’ll look at dreams and their possible meanings.
Worship Associate: Gilbert Moore
Music: Donna DeHaan
ALLIANCE NEWS

In March, the Alliance Group is going to visit the MINI TIME MACHINE, MUSEUM OF MINIATURES. On March 8th, starting at 11:00 AM, we will receive a guided tour of “Collection Highlights.” There will be 2 wheel chairs available and other accommodations for handicapped. The admission charge will be at the special group rate of $5.00 ea.

The museum is located at 4455 E. Camp Lowell Drive, about a block west of Swan Rd. For a map and other information, stop by the Alliance table in Goddard Hall after the service.

After the museum, we will have lunch at the New China Super Buffet at 1160 N. Wilmot Rd. This is located near Speedway and Wilmot, just north of the upside-down pyramid bank.

If anyone would like to carpool, please meet at the church at 10:30 AM.

Everyone is welcome to come along for some fun. Watch for further information about our next meeting in May.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!

Thank you all for your contributions to our Grocery Rebate Program! The rebate from Frys for the period Aug. 2010 thru Jan. 2011 is $1,728.01 which brings the total rebate from Frys for the church year to $3,415.43.

Please note and think about the following 6 month comparisons:

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You do the math!

Safeway is now asking (requiring) that I prove that 20% of our earnings go toward Fitness and Nutrition Activities (a fill in the blanks report each month no less). Anyone want to tackle that? An outline of purchases with their rebates is available in Goddard each Sunday should anyone be interested and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Marjorie Smith - Coordinator
Grocery Rebate Program

Celebrations Near!
by Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings

I’m reporting in as your student minister to let you know I survived another winter in Chicago, my eighth and LAST! I have now completed all of my coursework at Meadville Lombard Theological School, and have one last online course through Starr King that will wrap up in May. In May I’ll have finished all my classes!

However coursework and the Masters of Divinity is only half the picture for those wishing to be Unitarian Universalist ministers. Apart from the degree, we must also work through a fellowshipping process with the Unitarian Universalist Association. I have already completed many of those steps: career assessment (assured that I’m psychologically fit to be a minister), assessment by the Regional Sub-Committee on Candidacy (passed that without contingencies), Clinical Pastoral Education (when I went on sabbatical to CA as a hospital chaplain intern—successfully completed). In the fall I’ll start my internships at UU Church of Surprise and Interfaith Power & Light. Finally in December I’ll meet with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee, who will decide whether I receive preliminary fellowship as a UU minister.

With academics completed I’ll graduate in May 2012, and with preliminary fellowship, I would be eligible for ordination!

Concert for No More Deaths

Cellist Tom Clowes, a former Tucson Symphony and UUCT member, will present "Musica Latina," a program of Latin music, with pianist Ji-Young Kim on Friday, March 11, at 4PM. The concert will include Spanish songs, Argentine tango, and Brazilian-classical fusion by Manuel De Falla, Astor Piazzolla, and Heitor Villa-Lobos. Donations, which will be split with No More Deaths, are encouraged.

Hooray for UUCT!

Your contributions to Guest at Your Table that were collected through the boxes alone amounted to $634.

Once again you have shown just how generous Unitarian Universalist members can be.
Community Life:

Alternative Mid-week Service and Pizza! On Wednesday February 23, at 7:00, we will hold our first once a month alternative service. The theme of the service will be “Beginnings”. We will have pizza available in Goddard beginning at 5:30 p.m. for $1 a slice. Please join us!

New Directories: New church directories are now available. Please pick them up in the foyer or at the Welcoming Table in Goddard Hall.

Membership News:

New Member Classes: If you have completed the Pathway to Membership and are ready to become a committed member of our church community, you are welcomed to come to a New Member class. These classes are held with the Minister on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. or on the second Sunday of the month, after services. You must RSVP to attend. Please contact Mary to RSVP or if you have questions.

New UU Class: The New UU Class will be held again this spring beginning on Monday March 28. The class will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run until approximately 8:30 p.m. The class will run for 5 consecutive weeks. Childcare is available. Please contact Mary Wiese to sign up or for more details.

Free Lunch for Kitchen Helpers!!!

Right now our lunch crew’s greatest need is for help with clean-up. After planning, shopping, preparing and serving a meal, our cooks would like to have some help with clean-up. You can help keep our cooks from burning out and get a free lunch at the same time. If you’d like to prepare a dish or help with preparation, your help will also be welcomed. If you’re willing to volunteer in any way, speak to the chef in charge any Sunday at lunch or call Judy Dare (624-9272), Becky Keyes (881-7227), Paul McIlrath (321-1838) Margo Newhouse (745-2990) or Rhonda Walker (310-1442).

Empowerment Team Membership Portfolio:

Currently there are five portfolios on the Empowerment Team (ET). The Membership Portfolio is one of them. As the Membership portfolio holder on the ET, I am responsible for the Membership reports twice a month.

I meet with the Membership Team once a month. Current members of the Membership Team include me, Judy Dare, Rhonda Walker, and Cynthia McDaniel. The Membership Team uses the congregation's adopted strategic plan (SP) to set its goals. A membership report was presented at the November Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting in relation to the benchmarks outlined in the Community Building (Within our Congregation) section of the current SP. In response to this report, the Membership Team recently discussed what benchmarks we are reaching successfully and which continue to be a struggle. The Membership Team is working on strategies to accomplish the goals as they are outlined within the SP.

On January 29, the ET attended the Leadership Workshop that was presented by the Pacific Southwest District of the UUA. In the afternoon, there were two break-out sessions and one of those included a presentation on Membership. During the discussion, there was a lot of agreement that successful growth within congregations cannot be the sole responsibility of a small group of people. It must be the entire community that welcomes newcomers and continues to support long time members and friends.

How can you help? Talk to someone you don’t know on Sunday. Don’t discuss church business on Sundays or during social events, keep that for meetings. If someone you meet is interested in finding out more about the church, make sure they fill out a yellow information card! Too often someone will say to me, “How come my name is not in the directory? I have been coming for a while now and I am friends with ‘Sue’.” Well, unfortunately, we are not mind readers so in order to get that information into the database, we need the information cards to be completed and handed in. One other way that you can help is by letting us know if someone you know is having difficulties and has stopped coming to the church for one reason or another. Finally, support church events, attend and participate as you are able.

Remember, it takes a village!

In community spirit,

Mary
The **Book Club** will meet on **March 17** at 7:00 P.M., in Awareness. Our book selection will have been made at the February meeting. Watch for the title in the upcoming Order of Service. Everyone is welcome and babysitting is available upon request.

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All **deadlines** for the Tucsonitarian are now on the **first and third Tuesday of every month**.

The next deadline for the Tucsonitarian will be Tuesday, March 1 at 5 p.m.