From the Minister’s Study

There is nothing more glorious than the Tucson sky at sunrise and sunset. For me, these daily events are sources of faith, reassurance that even in times of uncertainty, there are some things that never fail. Here is my tribute to the steadfast cycle of night and day, day and night.

I am the east
and morning becomes me
filling the sky with promise
floating free of darkness
renewed each day
in shades of pink and amber.
I am the east
and I am unfailing.

I am the west
and evening becomes me
holding forth the day
while gently sinking
into night’s psychic balm
darkness and dreams.
I am the west
and I am unfailing.

Springtime blessings,
Diane

Sunday Services

Sunday, April 17
Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Thoughts on the Afterlife
What happens to us when we die? It’s a religious question with far-ranging answers. Which answer resonate with you?
Worship Associate: Carolyn Saunders
Music: Donna DeHaan

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Passover
The celebration of Passover has endured throughout centuries of Jewish tradition. We’ll explore meanings Passover holds for us today.

Sunday, April 24
Extended Family Worship
Rev. Diane Dowgiert and Kathleen Hogue
Who Are You at Easter?
There are many stories within the traditional Easter narrative – human stories. Every character in the Easter story has something to teach us. Who are you this Easter?
Worship Associate: Cyndi Clements
Music: Holiday Choir

Grocery Shopping

Many of our enjoyable and satisfying congregation activities, if you think about it, have a food component. Consider the following: Sundays Together Lunch and coffee hour, homeless hospitality, pot lucks, dinners for Cabaret, Thanksgiving and our annual UUCT auction, Church Food Bank (food bags), snacks for Sunday morning RE. Of course many folks in our congregation come together to make these activities happen. But they could not happen without grocery shopping! For a REAL shopping experience, go with Mary Wiese as she fills two large carts with $450 worth of groceries, stacks them in her car (or my van), lugs them into Goddard and puts them away. WHEW! A huge job! And that is why we enjoy food-related events in our Church! Extra helping hands are always welcome!

Judy Dare, Kitchen Ministry

Its Budget Time!

Mark your calendars for April 17 at 12 noon in Holland Sanctuary. There will be a presentation of the budget with time for discussion in preparation for the Annual Meeting on May 1. There are critical decisions to be made due to a drop in pledges and the loss of many pledging units. How should we deal with this? What are our priorities? Be part of the discussion and decision. Materials will be provided at the meeting.

Margot Garcia
Congregationally Elected Finance Committee Chair
Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson Surveys
Chris Wallace, Empowerment Team

In March the Empowerment Team approved guidelines for committees of the church to conduct surveys of congregants through our communications program, Constant Contact. Here are the guidelines:
Purpose: Survey should further in some way the our church’s mission and vision.
Language and Tone: Surveys should keep in mind our Covenant of Right Relations.
Frequency: no more than two surveys in any given month
Content:
1. Must be approved by Empowerment Team in the form it will be published.
2. Must ask for information, not decisions.
3. Must be sanctioned from a committee, not an individual.
Access: Contact any Empowerment Team member about how to access surveys on Constant Contact and advice on getting started.

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April’s Share-the-Plate recipient is HOPE Animal Shelter.

HOPE Animal Shelter provides a no-kill haven for abandoned dogs and cats while they await adoption. It is built on the foundation of Ahimsa, a Sanskrit word whose literal meaning is “non-violence.” Mahatma Gandhi used Ahimsa to describe the way humans should behave toward all animals – with kindness, gentleness, respect, and active non-violence. HOPE Animal Shelter proudly embraces the values of Ahimsa and operates on its principles:
* To foster respect for all animal life by providing a safe haven for unwanted animals in a no-cage shelter.
* To provide an environment that allows optimal physical and emotional enrichment for animals during their stay at the shelter.
* To end euthanasia of unwanted animals by encouraging responsible adoptions, forming spay/neuter programs, and educating the public.

To learn more about HOPE Animal Shelter check out their website at http://hopeanimalshelter.net.

Water as a Social Justice Issue

WILPF Tucson will present a forum and potluck: "Water, Pepsi, and the People" on Thursday, April 21, from 6:00-8:30 in Goddard Hall.
The potluck will begin at 6PM. Bring a dish to share, if you want to enjoy the potluck. At 6:45 Professor Michael Bradley, Department of Hydrology and Water Resources at the U of A will speak about corporate encroachment on water. Professor Bradley's talk will be followed by a Q/A session. You may call Margo Newhouse at 745-2990 with questions.

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The ordination of Karla Brockie
Sunday, April 17, 2011 at 5:30pm

To take place at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson
In the Sanctuary 4831 East 22nd St., Tucson, AZ  85711
Reception immediately following in Goddard Hall
Childcare and Home Hospitality are available.
Please RSVP to BrockieOrdinatn@cs.com if you are:
1) Attending  2) Processing  or 3) Need Child Care

Voluntary Contributions are being accepted by Unitarian Universalist Congregation of NW TucsonMake checks payable to UUCNWT with "Ordination" in the memo line.

ALLIANCE DOINGS

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Trying to keep your New Year’s Resolution of increasing your writing practice?
Thinking about developing the discipline to write regularly?
Why not join the Thursday Writers for writing practice?

We will meet in Awareness at our church on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, March 24, April 14 and April 28 3:30-4:30 for writing practice.

We will start with sharing our commitment to writing our own home Morning Pages. Then we will select several writing prompts Judy Reeves’ A Writers’ Book of Days and write a ten minute times write. Sharing is optional.

Come join us! There is no FEE. Register by emailing sherrill216@q.com or calling 425-922-1178
Green Tips

**Household Hazardous Waste**  
*by Anu Pundari*

Common household and automotive products become a hazard to the environment when disposed of improperly. Leftover quantities of these products should never be poured down the drain, put in trash, or stored for excessive periods of time. Bring them to the household waste collection sites for safe disposal at **no charge**.

Common items include Automotive Fluids, Rechargeable Batteries (Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, Li-ion, Pb), Small Button Batteries, Lithium Batteries, Cleaning Products, Drain Openers, Cooking Oil, Mercury Containing Products, Fluorescent Lamps, Paint Products, Solvents, Hobby Chemicals, Pesticides, Lawn and Garden Products, Pool Chemicals, Propane Cylinders, Computer Equipment, Printer Cartridges, Items Labeled: Acid, Flammable, Caustic, Poison, Caution, Toxic, Danger or Warning.

Pima County has a Main Site at 2440 West Sweetwater Drive that is open every Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Outreach Sites are open on the first Saturday of each month from 8 am - 12 noon. 1) Eastside City Hall: 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.  2) Tucson Water Plant 2: 1102 W. Irvington Rd.  3) Pusch Ridge Christian Church: 440 W. Calle Concordia, Oro Valley For more information, call 888-6927 or check out the website: [http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es/content/household-hazardous-waste](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es/content/household-hazardous-waste)

Five Steps You Can Take are:
1) Buy only what you need.
2) Read and follow labels.
3) Store properly and in labeled containers.
4) Take leftover quantities to a drop-off site.
5) Use safe alternative products when possible.

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**CASH FLOW CONCERNS AND IMPLICATIONS**

The Board of Trustees would like to thank members who are current in their pledges and encourage those who may be behind to bring their pledges up to date or pay them in full. Our revenue, particularly pledge revenue, is behind where it should be by this time in our fiscal year. Staff has done their part by holding expenses to below budgeted levels. But keeping expenses in check is not enough. We are experiencing cash flow problems and have drawn down $13,000 on our $15,000 line of credit. As a result, we are having difficulty meeting payroll and paying other critical expenses. Given the line of credit is a loan and the prospect of reduced pledge revenue, we face ending the year with a significant shortfall. The Board of Trustees and Finance Committee are monitoring our financial situation closely so as to determine if adjustments are needed for this fiscal year and to assess the impact on the budget for next fiscal year. If you have questions, please check in with a member of the board, the Finance Committee Chair, Margot Garcia, or our treasurer Larry Newhouse.

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**CAST YOUR VOTE NOW FOR OUR ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION.**

Every May we recognize some people in the congregation who have shared their time and energy again and again. There is a ballot box in the foyer and a form to fill out. The deadline for nominations is April 24.

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**SPRING GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION**

A grounds beautification project is scheduled for **April 23** from 8 am 'til noon so bring your favorite tools and join the crowd to help spruce up our UUCT grounds. Many hands make light work and things are looking rather sad and in need of a little of of your time. We need your help so please join us. Lemonade and coffee will help keep you going.
**Calling all artists.**
The Artist of the Month Gallery is inviting all artists in the congregation to share some of your artwork with us during the month of May. Photographers, please wait until June for your exhibit time. We welcome acrylics, collage, oil paintings, water color, fiber arts, and anything else you can hang (except photographs). Please bring your artwork to the church on Tuesday, May 3 at 10:00 am. If you can't bring it then, contact Margot Garcia at 327-3946 and make arrangements to bring it ahead of time. The show will be up until June 7. Please put a label on the back of the artwork with the title, medium, your name, and price if it is for sale. We welcome those showing for the first time.

_Margot Garcia for the Gallery_

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**ARTIST OF THE MONTH GALLERY:** Be sure to see this month's show of composites by photographer Ed Warner, "Like a Tree Planted by Waters."

These poignant reflections juxtapose pre-Holocaust Jewish life with the Nazi "final solution." The exhibit may be viewed in Holland Sanctuary, Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 1 pm, through April 29.