From the Minister’s Study

I’m descended from light keepers. My great-great grandparents kept the lighthouse on the tiny island of Ona off the coast of Norway. For as long as I can remember, the image of that lighthouse has been present in my life: in photographs, paintings, and even on a piece of pottery that now sits on a shelf in my living room.

Lighthouses are beacons of protection and guidance. They give warning of rocky shores ahead. They act as navigational signals thru dark and stormy seas. Traditionally, lighthouse keepers thought of their position as a calling instead of a job: a sacred calling to keep sailors safe and guide their journeys home.

I’ve never been to Ona Island, but I have listened to stories of those in my family who’ve made the pilgrimage and returned. Still, for me, it exists in my mind as in Henry Longfellow’s poem:

Steadfast, serene, immovable, the same,
Year after year, through all the silent night
Burns on forevermore that quenchless flame,
Shines on that inextinguishable light!

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson is often described as a liberal religious light in the desert. To be a part of this congregation is to be a light keeper. This house of light is a beacon of hope in troubled times and a steadfast presence that guides our journeys thru life. It is a sacred calling to be keepers of light. May we keep it shining!

Yours,
Diane

Photo by Kjell Jøran Hansen courtesy of Wikipedia
**Rev. Diane’s summer schedule:**

June 17 - 25: Ministry Days and General Assembly in North Carolina
June 26 - July 2: Vacation in New Jersey
July 3 - July 31: Vacation in Colorado and Arizona
August 1 - August 15: Study and planning leave in Arizona
August 16: Return to UUCT

In case of an emergency during this time, Rev. Diane can be contacted through the church office or at her home phone number, which is listed in the church directory.

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**Share the Plate**

June 11th is Share-the-Plate Sunday. June’s recipient is the Primavera Foundation. Primavera provides pathways out of poverty through safe, affordable housing, workforce development and neighborhood revitalization. The organization is dedicated to addressing poverty and homelessness by acknowledging the intrinsic worth of every individual. Primavera provides four areas of support from short to long-term support: survival, stability, security, and sustainability.

For more information go to their website at [www.primavera.org](http://www.primavera.org). Half of all non-pledge donations in Sunday’s collection will go to the Primavera Foundation. If you will be writing a check, put “Share-the-Plate” in the memo line.

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**Here's the Scoop!**

Our Grocery Rebate Program income thru March could be $8,032.04 rather than only the $4,635.69 which it now is. That is a huge difference. The difference being that groceries are purchased at a store which gives 66% (less than 1%) rather than stores offering 5%. Our poorest rebate is from Safeway. The figures above are based on if purchases were made at either Frys or Sunflower. Should those purchases be made at Bashas the income would be even higher. Please consider making even a partial change to shop at one of these stores (while utilizing the rebate program), as it would help bring our contributions up. As you can see, the difference is considerable. Think about it.

Marjorie Smith - Coordinator
Grocery Rebate Program

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP IN OUR PARKING LOT.**

At car-parking time, our younger and more able-bodied members and friends can be of great help to our older and less spry colleagues. Just park your car in the far western and most distant part of the lot. That way, you'll leave more spaces available near the church for those who need them most.

Even in summer, this will be of great help to our oldest congregants.

Thank you,
Gilbert Moore

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**Buy your UUCT bumper sticker today!** Make sure everyone in Tucson knows UUCT is alive and well on 22nd Street. See Tom and Rita Watkins in the vicinity of Goddard Hall.

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We would like to express our deep gratitude for the generosity of Chuck Lundstrom. Chuck donated six gifts of silver jewelry for our six volunteers who were honored for their time this year. More importantly, he donated his time and awesome talent in creating the gifts. If you see Chuck around, please thank him!

Thank you everyone who donated aluminum cans so far. We have donated $45 to the Buildings and Grounds fund in order to help make our church more beautiful. Keep the cans coming in.
Join Us for our LFD Summer Film Series

This Film Series will focus on many social action topics and be presented with a Unitarian Universalist perspective. All films will be showing in the Sanctuary following Sunday Services. Please check the website for details on each film. ($1 suggested donation for room use)

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Green Tips

Shred-A-Thon Document Shredding

by Anu Pandari

Do you wonder what to do with all that paper in your house? Are you concerned about identity theft? Would you prefer to send all that shredded paper to a facility that will use it to make recycled paper rather than discarding it in our landfills?

The Pima County Sheriff’s Department sponsors free-of-charge document shredding as a drive-thru service. An attendant will come to your vehicle and transfer all documents for shredding to a bin. Shredding will be completed on-site before you leave.

Acceptable items for shredding are any personal documents that are loose, folded, stapled or in envelopes.

Shred-A-Thons are scheduled on Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Upcoming dates and locations include:

- **May 28th** at the Pima County Fairgrounds – 11300 S. Houghton Rd.
- **August 13th** at Desert Winds Elementary School – 12675 W. Radasill Rd.

Check out their website for more information: [http://pimasheriff.org/department-services/other-services/shred-a-thon/](http://pimasheriff.org/department-services/other-services/shred-a-thon/)

Alliance Doings

At our recent Annual Meeting we were entertained again by our own Gilbert Moore, as he led us in a FUN Sing-along of many of the Golden Oldies of the yesteryear, that brought back oh-so-many memories. The election of Board members for 2011-2012 followed: Chairman- Janet Boice, Vice Chair- Marcia Schenck, Treasurer- Tom Warburton, Hospitality – Janet Boice, Ways and Means – Ann Schroeder and Marcia Schenck, Arrangements for Outings – Elaine Knights, and Pickup of old magazines for recycling – Marsha White. Finally, we enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Golden Corral. We hope all of you can join us next Fall and Winter for fun get-togethers.

Marcia Schenck
Publicity

Get Involved!

Our religious education programs for children and youth require the commitment of our entire community, and this means that we need volunteer RE teachers. Teachers work in teams of four, with two teachers on and two teachers off each week. Thus your time commitment is only one or two Sundays a month, and you can volunteer to teach for one unit, one semester, or the whole year. Teaching can be a valuable faith development process for students and teachers as they explore their beliefs together. Interested parties may sign up at the table back of Goddard Hall.
SWEET DEAL AT SWEET TOMATOES

Put June 27th on your calendar and get out of the kitchen! UUCT is hosting a fun-raiser at the Broadway location of Sweet Tomatoes from 5-8 PM. Come and enjoy salads, soups, pastas and desserts. Present the flyer, available at church or on the website, when you pay and UUCT will receive 20% of the total spent. Invite friends to join you, and UUCT will earn even more!

Book Club’s next meeting is June 15 at 7 PM in the Awareness room. Call ahead for free sitters. We will be reviewing “The Women” by T.C. Boyle. The novel tells of the women who fell in love with, lived with, or married the renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Contact Lois Atkins (991-5350) for information.

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, June 21st at 5 p.m.

Calling all Photographers!

The Artist of the Month Gallery invites all photographers who are members and friends of UUCT to share some of their photographs with the Gallery for the summer. Please bring your work to the church, June 7 at 10 am. If that is not convenient, contact Margot Garcia 327-3946 and make special arrangements.
Margot Garcia for the Gallery