From the Minister’s Study

Come Dream a Dream With Me

In January, UUCT made a bold step in bringing Stewardship Consultant, Kay Crider, to do an assessment of our congregation. She spent three days with us, talking with congregational leaders, the professional staff, and various groups and committees. She led a congregation-wide workshop and gave a preliminary summary of her recommendations to the congregation after church on Sunday. She collected confidential surveys about people’s hopes and dreams for the future of UUCT. She compiled it all in a comprehensive report. You can find a copy of her report on the church website, www.uuctucson.org. Hard copies are available in the foyer of the sanctuary.

Most inspiring were the stories Kay brought to us – stories of how UU congregations across the country have moved forward with their dreams and plans – even in these tough economic times. From building projects to starting new programs and initiatives, congregations just like ours have funded their dreams.

But first, they had to dream! As the classic Disney character Cinderella said, “A dream is a wish your heart makes.”

We need your dreams! Plan to attend one or all of the following “Dream-catcher” events:

- Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.
  Mid-week Alternative Worship
  Dream Incubation
  Using contemplative and meditative tools, we’ll incubate dreams for what our congregation can be, now and in the future. Led by Rev. Diane Dowgiert, Mary Wiese, Kathleen Hogue, and Brian Moon

- Saturday, February 25, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
  Dream-catcher Workshop: an interactive time for sharing dreams and visions for UUCT’s future.
  Led by Rev. Diane Dowgiert and Peggy Smith, Board of Trustees member

Upcoming Services:

- Sunday, March 4, 10:30 a.m.
  Come Dream a Dream With Me
  Sunday’s worship will be devoted to dreaming together, catching those dreams, and planning to turn them into reality.

  No dream too small. No dream too tall. We need them all. We need you. We need your dreams.

  Dream on,
  Diane

- Sunday, February 19, 10:30 a.m.
  Cowboys, Conmen and Conservatives
  Guest Speaker: Terry Goddard
  We’re honored to welcome Terry Goddard, former Attorney General of Arizona, and yes, he’s from the same Goddard family for whom UUCT’s Goddard Hall is named.
  Worship Associate: Rev. Diane Dowgiert
  Music: Family Singers

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- Sunday, February 26, 10:30 a.m.
  All Music Sunday
  “Music in our lives” is the theme chosen for this once-a-year All Music Sunday. Join us as we explore this theme through poetry, readings, instruments and song. The Desert Chorale and Family Singers will be singing several anthems to help us experience this journey of music in our lives. Also featured will be a special arrangement of “Spirit of Life” involving both choirs and the congregation with flute, violin, and piano accompaniment. Trumpet sounds will echo throughout the sanctuary during the service.
**BOARD UPDATE**

UUCT’s financial position remains stable thanks to the influx of Miracle Sunday donations and members that are keeping pledges up to date. The VP of Finance is working closely with the Church Administrator, Bookkeeper and Treasurer to identify needed adjustments so our balance sheet accurately reflects our current financial picture. Our goal is to have this accomplished by the end of the fiscal year so that we are in good shape for an internal or independent audit. Tom Macon has agreed to serve as the annual canvas (formerly known as stewardship) chair. The shift in committee name reflects a broader use of the term stewardship which is more inclusive of UUCT’s entire ministry. It isn’t just about pledging. We will be implementing preliminary pledge drive recommendations from the UUA consultant and checking out resources available from the UUA to assist congregations in implementing successful canvases. The board will be reviewing the full report from Kay Crider, the UUA consultant at a special meeting and determining a plan of action for implementing recommendations—one of which includes taking stock of our goals and doing a mid-point reality check on our strategic plan. We want to make sure we are all on the same page as we move forward.

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**Caring for Ourselves and Each Other**

A Leadership/Volunteer Workshop

You are invited to attend a workshop on Saturday, March 10 from 9-12 pm in Holland Sanctuary facilitated by the Leadership Development Team. The morning will feature activities for the body and the spirit. These activities are designed to help us reflect on what causes personal stress and burnout, recognize our strengths and “not-so-strengths” and practice asking for what we need to participate with a full heart. A game, guided meditation, discussion, reading and creative activity are planned.

To help us better plan, we ask that you sign up at the Life-span Faith Development table after Sunday services. All are welcome. Come even if you cannot sign up in advance. Drinks and snacks will be provided and childcare is available upon request. If you have any questions, email Chris Wallace at lemmonhiker@gmail.com

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**General Assembly/District Assembly Reminders**

By Carolyn Saunders, District Board VP and District Coordinator for GA

Important Dates:

Registration and Volunteer applications will be available on the website on March 1. Full adult early registration is $320; late registration (after April 30) is $365.

The main GA hotels are the Hyatt and the Renaissance where 1000 rooms have been blocked for UUs at $125 a night. But registration at these hotels must also be done online through the UUA housing office after March 1.

As we get nearer to General Assembly, I want to remind you that our own PSWD web site has a section on Migration and Border Issues which keeps getting bigger. This section is a resource for individuals and congregations in the PSWD and across the nation. Most of the material is there because in some way the issue or report may be part of events or education at GA and maybe our own District Assembly.

The link to the site follows:


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**TIS THE LATEST!**

Frys rebate for the last 6 month period, from Aug. 2011 thru Jan. 2012, is $1,998.86 with a total rebate for their year being $3,786.08. We have received a rebate from them totaling $14,506.88 over the past 4 years (Feb. 2008 thru Jan. 2012).

The last 6 months rebate for Safeway, even though $8,403.02 were spent there than at Frys, was $313.21. If those purchases had been made at a 5% rebate store it would be $2,419.11 rather than $313.21. Please keep this in mind. 5% rebate stores are Frys and Sunflower with 6% at Bashas, JJs and Food City.

For those who have not yet participated, this is a program where you pay nothing additional for your groceries, you can still use discount cards, etc. and stores will give a rebate to the church. Do join us! I am in Goddard each Sunday to answer any questions and/or get you started. Hope to see you there.

Marjorie Smith - Coordinator
Grocery Rebate Program
Membership/Community Life Bulletin Board:
Submitted by Mary Wiese, 
Membership and Community Life Administrator: mwiese@uuctucson.org

New Member Class – If you have completed the Pathway to Membership and you are ready to become a member, you are welcomed and encouraged to attend a New Member meeting with Reverend Diane. The meetings are held in the Ministers office on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., or second Sunday of the month, after service. You must RSVP ahead of time to Mary Wiese: mwiese@uuctucson.org

Newcomer Orientations – the next Newcomer Orientation will be Sunday, March 4th after church. Free lunch and childcare are provided. Please contact Mary Wiese for more information.

New UU Class: The next New UU Class of the year will be held beginning on Monday, March 12. The class will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run until approximately 8:30 p.m. The class will run for 5 weeks. Childcare is available. Please contact Mary Wiese to sign up or for more details.

All Church Rummage Sale—Mark your calendars for our annual rummage sale April 27 and 28. Please read upcoming newsletters for more information.

The Spring Picnic Auction Needs YOU!!
Here are some ways YOU can help make the auction the most successful ever:

- Contribute something with a $5.00 value (or more) to go in the grab basket like a movie pass or gift card
- Buy some 50/50 raffle tickets (need not be present to win!) at $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00
- Donate a service, dinner, gift basket, or other item to be bid on
- Volunteer to help with set up, clean up, preparing the food, checking folks in or taking payments at the end of the evening

Contact Jan 748-950 or rubytues98@hotmail.com or see us at the auction table in Goddard Hall.

Play and Film Series on Corporate Power
Feb. 26 through April 1, 2012 12:30 PM
No pre-registration required/No admission fee
Childcare available for a small donation

Sunday, Feb. 26 in Holland
The Prosecution of Judge Waite
By James Allison, Professor Emeritus, University of Indiana who will come from Indiana to see our production.
In a short, moving play, Professor Allison describes the birth of the concept that corporations are people with constitutional rights, as a made up idea which was set into our law by a corrupt court reporter.
Featuring Judge Andrew Somers, Professor Carole Edelsky and Stephanie Keenan.

FILMS in Awareness:

March 4 – Tapped – takes a comprehensive look at water rights, bottled water problems, related health issues and the corporate power involved.

March 11 – Why We Fight – is an unflinching look at the anatomy of the American war-making machine.

March 18 – Orwell Rolls in His Grave – shows how a handful of transnational media corporations manage rather than report the news.

March 25 – Inside Job – traces the rise of a rogue industry through research and interviews with major financial insiders, exposing the truth behind the economic crisis of 2008.

April 1 – Thrive – is an unconventional documentary that lifts the veil on what’s really going on in our world by following the money upstream to uncover the global consolidation of power in nearly every aspect of our lives.

Join us for any or all of the films and the discussions to follow.

The AZ Centennial TUUR is now open and accepting reservations! We will visit MONUMENT VALLEY, CANYON DE CHELLY the PETRIFIED FOREST and more!
This is a UUCT fund-raiser and at least $25 from each person will go to UUCT. The exact amount will be calculated after the tour costs are paid and a receipt for the donation will be sent to all participants.
The complete itinerary and registration forms are on our website, in the office and available by e-mail from Julia Mehrer.
Sign up now and avoid the rush!
IT'S TIME FOR A SPRING PICNIC!

Spring is just around the corner, and so is the annual UUCT fundraising auction. Spring Picnic is the theme, and who doesn’t love the deviled eggs, the potato salad, the ants?? No ants are invited to this picnic, but YOU are! There’ll be picnic foods, exciting things to bid on*, a 50-50 raffle, and a grab basket of $5.00 mystery goodies. It all happens Saturday, March 3rd starting at 5:30 pm. Childcare will be available. Look for the auction table in Goddard after church to purchase your ticket ($10) to attend!

*We will be accepting checks or cash ONLY. We are no longer accepting credit card payments.

Planting Time

We have empty garden pots to fill. If you have extra plants, bring them to the church. They will help beautify our campus. Contact Judy Dare, 624-9272.

Next Girls’ Night Out will be on Tuesday, February 28, from 6:15 – 8 pm at El Sur Restaurant, 5602 E. 22nd Street. Please RSVP to Radka Hart, radka75@earthlink.net Child Care will be available upon request at the church, 6- 8 pm). Please contact Heather Reed, hreed@uuctucson.org, if you need child care.

The deadline for the Tucsonitarian is the first and third Tuesday of each month with publication on the second and fourth Wednesday. The next deadline is February 21st at 5 pm and the publication date is February 29th.