From the Minister’s Study

Nothing says “green” quite like solar panels. It does my heart good to see the installation of solar panels on the roofs of our church buildings. It’s been a long time coming. There are many people to thank for making this dream a reality.

Thanks go to Chris Wallace for her faithfulness to the Green Group through ups and downs, to Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings for researching solar options and for making community connections that facilitated an energy audit, to Ron Zebal for successfully negotiating a contract with H20 Solar, and to Margot Garcia for continually urging us in the direction of solar energy.

Nothing says “stewardship” quite like solar panels. Not only will they save us thousands of dollars in the cost of electricity, they help to save some of the earth’s precious energy resources.

Stewardship is more than the financial gifts each of us makes to our congregation. It is also the ways in which we live out our Unitarian Universalist faith values. Going greener is one way of making a tangible expression of those values. Making a financial pledge is another.

Consider the values that you support when you make a financial contribution to UUCT. Consider giving generously.

Yours,
Diane
A dream, a foundation, a spark

“We should have” or “we need” or “we should do”...do you hear conversations start out like this? I often hear so many great ideas start with such fervor by people who have a keen eye on how to improve our UU experience. I usually see many heads nod in agreement. Can you imagine what our UUCT would be like if all our dreams gathered this month by the Canvass Dream Team came to fruition? Would it be a place where you want to volunteer your cherished free time on a weekly basis? How about the first place to bring your visiting family and friends? Or a place you brag about when you socialize or go home for the Summer?

Dreaming starts the process of creating a UU Church ‘We should have’ for the next generation of UU’s, our pledges are the foundation of what 'we need' now to welcome our community, but it's our generous commitment of time, resources and treasures that create the spark for what 'we should do' to carry out our Mission.

Thanks to everyone for dreaming big in March, attending our town hall meeting, and for all the little sparks that keep UUCT moving forward.

Chaz,
Pres. B.O.T.

Greetings from the Canvass.

We have good news. At the close of the first full week we had 51 responses that have brought us one quarter of the way to our goal of $310K. Keep those pledges coming in. We shouldn't have any trouble meeting our goal with this much momentum. The results of our appreciative listing are still being tabulated. Remember, you have the power to determine what direction this church goes in by sharing your dreams and making your pledge.
Feel free to share any joys or concerns with your Canvass chair, call or email.

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Annual Report

It's that time of the year again! Please submit your FINAL DRAFT for the annual report to the church office (office@uuctucson.org) by the deadline - April 9th at 5pm. Any submissions received after the deadline WILL NOT be published in the Annual Report. Please contact Ashley in the office if you have any questions. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their information!

Volunteer Recognition Nominations- Here at UUCT we are so fortunate to have dozens of wonderful volunteers! Every May we recognize volunteers who have shared their time and energy again and again. Please submit your nominations in the box located in the church foyer. The deadline is April 15th.

“What good is sitting alone in your room,
Come, hear the music play.”

The annual Cabaret Fundraiser will be on Saturday, April 7th!

Come hear the musical (and occasionally comedic, or dramatic) talents of your fellow church members. Finger foods, deserts and beverages (including wine/beer for extra cost) will be served, during the show. Live entertainment starts at 7:00PM! Tickets will be available for only $10 per person.

If you are interested in participating in the show, please contact Brian Moon by April 1st. If you need help to present something (e.g., musical accompaniment), please ask for help ASAP, and before April 1st. The show’s length will be kept reasonable, which could limit the number of people that can perform.

If you’d like to volunteer to help sell tickets, coordinate the food, sell glasses of wine, or publicize the event, please send me an email soon.
Thank you,
Brian Moon
bmoon@email.arizona.edu
Pacific Southwest District Assembly

The annual meeting of the congregations of the PSWD will be held April 27-28 at First Unitarian Church in Los Angeles, CA.

You can read and print or download (if desired) the registration brochure containing information on the District Assembly 2012 schedule, workshops, home hospitality, display tables, scholarships and more--plus a registration form.

This is found at http://www.pswduua.org/pages/district-assembly.php. Also a copy of the program booklet and registration forms are available in the church office.

Since the District Assembly is at a congregation again this year, there is no "conference hotel," but PSWD has made arrangements with the Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown hotel for a special reduced rate of $129 per night. The deadline for this special rate is April 4.

There is also some home hospitality available on a first-come, first-served basis (deadline is April 9). For information on Home Hospitality contact Rev. Mike Young of UU Church of Studio City to make a reservation: 2 0 7 - 3 1 3 - 7 2 3 2 or revmike@uustudiocity.org.

UUCT needs up to 7 people to serve as delegates to represent our congregation at this District Annual Meeting. If you are unable to attend General Assembly in June, consider attending District Assembly which is a "mini-GA."

Arizona Centennial TUUR

Have you been to the Ancient Puebloan village of Casa Malpais? How about in the depths of Canyon de Chelly? Have you taken a Navajo guided tour through Monument Valley? Our space is selling out, so sign up now! Registrations forms are in the office, on our website or available by e-mail from Julia (after March 17th) at perujourney@gainbroadband.com.

Margaret Regan, author of The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona Borderlands, will be our featured speaker after the service on Sunday, April 22. From Beacon Press, “…Margaret Regan tells the stories of the escalating chaos along the U.S.-Mexico border… Regan explores a host of urgent issues: the border militarization that threatens the rights of U.S. citizens, the environmental damage wrought by the new border wall, the desperation that compels migrants to come north, and the human tragedy of the unidentified dead in Arizona's morgues.” Come and discuss the issues which will be the focus at General Assembly in Phoenix.
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 April 3rd at 5 pm and the publication date is April 11th.

Book Club’s next meeting is Thursday, April 19th at 7pm in the Awareness Room. We will be discussing Charles C. Mann’s “1491(Second Edition): New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus.” Challenging and surprising, this a transformative new look at a rich and fascinating world we only thought we knew. For questions and childcare (call ahead to reserve childcare), 991-5350.

**Recycle Your Cans and Cartridges!**

Did you know that you can help earn money for UUCT by recycling?! Save the planet AND raise money by bringing in your aluminum cans and used ink cartridges. Please rinse, dry, and bag your cans before dropping them off in Goddard Hall. Place your used ink cartridges in the Cartridge World box, which is located in the Holland alcove. Contact the office (748-1551 or office@uuctucson.org) if you have any questions. Thank you!!!

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