May 25, 2012
Upcoming Services:

Sunday, June 3
Born and Re-born Again
Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Life is a process of change, a continual progression of rebirths. We’ll look at some traditional religious concepts of being born again as metaphors for understanding the process of growing and changing over a lifetime.
Worship Associate: Terence Sheridan
Music: Leeza Beriyeva, Agnes Paulsen, and Michelle Maliniak

Sunday, June 10
Spirituality and Health
Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Health and healing involve body, mind, and spirit. For centuries, faith communities were places of healing; where people went for medical care. What role can our faith community play in the health of our members today? What role can our faith community play in advocating for access to health care for everyone?
Worship Associate: Cyndi Clements
Music: Leeza Beriyeva

Sunday, June 17
Guest Minister
Rev. Patrick Price
Worship Associate: Walker Smith
Music: Leeza Beriyeva
During the summer, the Tucsonitarian is published once per month. The next deadline is June 15th and the print date is June 23rd. For a subscription, send $25 to the UUCT office.

LOW-COST UU BORDER TRIP OFFERED
JUNE 18-19

The UU Pacific South West District is sponsoring an inexpensive ($75) two-day Border Trip (Operation Streamline and day trip to Nogales, Sonora) on June 18-19, that is open to UUCT congregation members and UU's from around the country on a first-come, first-served basis. current U.S. Passport is required. is perfect for those who can't afford the Borderlinks border trips and have not taken the "Immigration as a Moral Issue" class at UUCT, or who missed these trips before.

The deadline for registration and payment is June 10. The cost includes dinner at UUCT both nights. is a $25 discount for those who drive and take two or more UU riders each day, or who can offer housing to visiting UUs going to GA. Leila at sabinosanctuary@gmail.com or 299-6281 to register.

Home Hospitality--If you are willing to house one or more Unitarian Universalists coming to Tucson for a two-day No More Deaths tour of the Borderlands on June 17, 18 or 19 (or all three nights) and offer them a light breakfast, please contact Leila Pine as soon as possible.

No More Deaths Wins Wilton Peace Prize

Our UUCT humanitarian aid and human rights ministry, No More Deaths, has been awarded the 2012 Wilton Peace Prize by the Unitarian Universalist Association! prize includes a $1,500 award, which will help to keep us somewhat afloat during these financially difficult times, now that our $10,000 UUA grant has expired.

Past awards given to No More Deaths include the 2007 Oscar Romero Award, the 2008 Humanitarian Award from the Guatemalan Consulate General, and the 2011 "Courageous Love" Award from Standing on the Side of Love.

Those of you able to make a tax-deductible donation to No More Deaths for our summer humanitarian aid work in the Sonoran Desert can either donate securely online at www.nomoredeaths.org by mail (checks written to UUCT/No More Deaths) sent to UUCT/No More Deaths, P.O. Box 40782, Tucson, AZ 85717.

Thank you so much for whatever you can give to save human lives in the desert this summer!
From the Minister’s Study

Justice GA 2012 in Phoenix is just around the corner. It promises to be an historic event. On the agenda is a resolution that came at the request of indigenous tribes to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery and to call upon the United States to fully implement the standards of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in U.S. law and policy without qualifications. The full text of the resolution is below.

The Doctrine of Discovery (DOD) dates back to 15th century Papal bulls, decrees stating that if a Christian entered a land where there were no other Christians, it was in effect “discovered” land that could be lawfully taken and inhabited, its people enslaved or killed. To this day, the DOD is the basis for US policies regarding native peoples.

A leading American Indian legal scholar, Steve Newcomb will be speaking at the opening ceremony on Wednesday, June 20. I will have the honor of welcoming people to that opening ceremony.

I hope to see many of you at General Assembly!

Diane
Artist of the Month Gallery: June Show
UUCT Members and Friends Photography Show

The opening reception for UUCT Members and Friends Photography show will be on Sunday, June 10th at 11:45 am in Holland Hall. Come support the talented photographers from our own community. Refreshments will be served. The gallery is also open during church office hours, 9-1 pm Tuesday through Friday. The show runs through Sunday, September 2nd.

Book Club’s next meeting is Thursday, June 21st at 7PM in the Awareness room. We will be discussing Jeffrey Toobin’s book “The Nine Inside: The Secret World of the Supreme Court.” Learn about the Supreme Court, which rules on important issues such as abortion, civil rights, and church-state relations. For questions or to request free childcare in advance, call Lois at 991-5350.

Book Club List

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Book Club meets the third Thursday at 7pm in the Awareness room.

Lifespan Faith Development
Kathleen Hogue, Lifespan Faith Development Director
khogue@uuctucson.org
LFD Happenings

Coming in September:  Awareness Theatre- An exciting new program for children, youth and adults.  Our entire year of Religious Education programming will be based on a play that will be performed in May of 2013. Each Sunday children and their guides will work together on some aspect of the play such as lines, music, dance, costumes, sets etc.  At that same time they will be learning about:

- UU History
- Immigration
- World religions
- Civil rights
- Culture
- Music
- Art
- UU Principles

To find out more about this exciting plan, come to one of three more orientations that will take place in August. You can also become a part of this important work through volunteering your time and talents with our children. Contact Kathleen khogue@uuctucson.org. More details coming soon.

Just A Reminder!

Summer is here and July 4th is just around the corner so be sure and use your UUCT grocery cards for all those goodies.

Newcomers: If you have not joined our Grocery Rebate Program yet we are hoping that you will. It
costs you nothing extra for your grocery purchases. Let's face it, we all eat so why not help the church out as well. Stores involved in the program are AJ's, Albertsons, Basha's, Edies, Food City, Fry's (& all Kroger stores), Safeway, Sportsman's Fine Wines, and Sunflower. Purchases from these stores give the church a rebate of 5% or 6% except for Albertsons which offers 1% and Safeway with 1/2 of 1%. Any questions or to join, please stop by the Grocery Rebate table just inside of Goddard after services.

If all of our members and friends were to support this program we would receive around $10,000 annually in rebate. How helpful could that be and it costs you nothing more than you normally pay for your groceries.

Marjorie Smith - Grocery Rebate Program Coordinator

From the Board of Trustees

Annual Meeting Recap

We would like to thank everyone who attended the annual meeting on May 6. The agenda was full and much was accomplished. It was unanimously decided that next year this congregation will joyfully and lovingly ordain our very own Lisa McDaniel Hutchings. The amendment to the bylaws and the new slate of leadership were overwhelmingly supported, moving the church into full policy style governance. And, after much discussion, the final item on the agenda, the proposed 2012-13 budget was approved. The current board is diligently overseeing the close out of this year's finances, and the new board has committed to closely monitor the income and expenses against projected budget figures for next year. To keep the congregation informed, the new board will provide detailed reports to the congregation on a quarterly basis. Thank you all for your vote of confidence.

In Faith,
UUCT Board of Trustees
Chaz McBride, President
Peg Smith, President-elect

FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

In April, UUCT took in $30,655 and spent $31,842 ending the month with a shortfall of $1,187. Year to date the cumulative shortfall is $5,867. Total pledges through April are $219,538--$7,119 shy of budget projections. Fund raising (the auction and efforts such as the book and yard sales) have raised $16,591 against a combined budget of $34,500. On the other hand, room rental, plate donations and gallery income have already exceeded our projected budget numbers. Income from the Grocery Scrip program is on target to exceed the budget by year end as well. Unfortunately, these will not cover the pledge and fund raising shortfalls. Over $11,000 in expense savings year to date has helped offset the revenue shortfall.

In order to meet the last payroll in May, we had to draw down on our line of credit. We have a remaining available balance of only $1,269. Without congregational authorization,
we have nowhere else to borrow funds if weekly income doesn’t cover expenses. The Board of Trustees has authorized an increase in the line of credit from $15,000 to $25,000. We are currently in negotiations with the bank. Assuming we are successful, we should be able to pay off the current line of credit at the higher interest rate and negotiate a much more favorable interest rate on the new business line of credit.

Financial Status Continued…

But, that would leave us with only $10,000 available to borrow to get us through what are typically our most problematic months from a cash flow standpoint.

You can help by bringing pledges up to date, making additional donations or putting more in the plate. Thanks to all of you who’ve been paying faithfully on your pledges—it really helps.

Linda Selsor, VP Finance

General Assembly 2012 Resolution

WHEREAS the delegates of the 2010 General Assembly instructed the UUA Board to create a “Justice General Assembly” in 2012, whose business is accountable to partner organizations doing human rights work in Arizona; and

WHEREAS the Unitarian Universalist Association has been asked by partner organizations working with the Arizona Immigration Ministry to educate our member congregations about the Doctrine of Discovery and to pass a resolution repudiating it; and

WHEREAS the UUA Board of Trustees has submitted to the member congregations a report explaining the Doctrine of Discovery and why the Board believes it to be contrary to Unitarian Universalist principles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates of the 2012 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association, repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery as a relic of colonialism, feudalism, and of religious, cultural, and racial biases having no place in the modern day treatment of indigenous peoples globally, and American Indians nationally; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on the leadership of the Unitarian Universalist Association to make a clear and concise statement repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery and its current use in U.S. laws and regulations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage other religious bodies to reject the use of the Doctrine of Discovery to dominate indigenous peoples, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we call upon the United States to fully implement the standards of the U.N. Declaration
on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in U.S. law and policy without qualifications. In doing so, we support the establishment of commissions that include accountable representatives of American Indian nations.