From the Minister’s Study

August marks the beginning of my seventh year of service as your minister. The number 7 carries great significance in religious traditions. There are 7 wonders of the world, 7 virtues, and 7 deadly sins. The Buddha took 7 steps at his birth. A Hindu wedding includes 7 promises. Islam speaks of 7 heavens. The Bible says we are to forgive 70 times 7. There were 7 fishes and 7 loaves.

There’s much to look forward to in this auspicious year! – not the least of which is the welcoming of another ministerial intern. Christiane Heyde will be with us full-time beginning in mid-August. She has many gifts to offer our congregation. I know you will make her feel at home.

Our previous intern, Patty Willis, is settling into her new position as Developmental Minister with the South Valley UU Church in the suburbs of Salt Lake City, Utah. How blessed we were to have Patty with us last year. We wish her well as she begins this new ministry.

The number 7 also signifies a time of rest. The book of Genesis tells a story of the 6 days it took to create the world. On the 7th day, God rested. The book of Leviticus mandates that every 7th year, fields are to lie fallow. The concepts of Sabbath and Sabbatical have their roots in these foundational Hebrew scriptures.

It’s traditional for clergy to take sabbatical leave from time-to-time for rest, renewal, and reflection. My letter of agreement with the congregation grants one month of sabbatical leave per year of service. Last March, your Board of Trustees approved a sabbatical plan. Rather than being away for six months, the sabbatical will be broken into 2 segments – three months to be taken this church year and three months in the following year.

This year’s sabbatical time will be January thru March, 2013.

More information will be forthcoming about my sabbatical plans – from me, from the Board of Trustees, and from the Sabbatical Team we’re putting in place. I’m sure you will all have many questions. Rest assured that you will be in good hands while I’m away.

This will be a new experience for me – and -- it’s been a very long time since UUCT has had the experience of a minister on sabbatical. It will be a learning and growing time for all of us.

Faithfully yours,
Diane

Upcoming Services:
Sunday, August 19
Rev. Diane Dowgiert and Kathleen Hogue
From the Four Winds
On this day, we gather as an entire intergenerational community for Extended Family Worship, bringing blessings from our summer activities. In what ways was your summer blessed? What blessings do you want to share with our congregation? We’ll celebrate our coming together with a Water Communion. Bring a small amount of water to pour into the common bowl.
Music: Desert Chorale
Worship Associate: Terry Sheridan

Wednesday, August 22—7:00pm
Rev. Diane Dowgiert, Kathleen Hogue, Brian Moon, and Mary Wiese
Mid-week Alternative Worship
On the fourth Wednesday of every month, the UUCT staff offers this time of worship, bringing together music, poetry, meditation, and ritual in a more intimate setting.

Sunday, August 26
Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Accepting Gifts, Receiving Grace
Traditional wisdom says that it’s more blessed to give than receive. In truth, there are two sides to every giving transaction. Without a receiver, there can be no giver. Today we’ll look at the receiving end of the transaction.
Music: Family Singers
Worship Associate: Cyndi Clements
Meet UUCT’s new Intern Minister: Christiane Heyde

I was born and raised in Germany, where I began to study theology in 1977. I moved to California soon after, where I received my Bachelor’s degree in Ministry in 1980 and a Master’s in Counseling in 1982. My ministerial ambitions got detailed when I came out as a lesbian and found myself in an unaccepting Christian community. After I moved to Tucson in 1983, I found a liberal religious community at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church. I was hired as Minister of Children, Youth, and Family in 1987, and began the process of taking graduate courses to qualify for ministry in this denomination. After completing that process in 1990, I was denied ordination by the denomination due to my lesbian life style. I have focused on my work as a counselor in private practice, working only part-time in ministry off and on. I found Mountain Vista UU, the North West UU congregation near my home, where I have been very involved for the last 10 years. I have now finished the required UU ministry classes and am a candidate for the ministry. I plan on serving as a full-time intern at UUCT for the next 10 months, after which I am looking forward to my interview with the ministerial fellowship committee, and my ordination as a UU minister. I am the mother of 3 children, two of whom still live at home. I am grateful to have been with my partner Melva for over 20 years. I enjoy hiking, camping, photography, art, games, friends, and public speaking. I am excited to get to know this new congregation and become involved in its ministry. I have a portable office (i.e. travel trailer) on the West side of the church parking lot, where you can reach me most Tuesday afternoons as well as Wednesday and Thursday mornings. You can also contact me through the church office. See you in church!

2011 - 2012 Results
Grocery Rebate Program

The rebate from Albertsons (at 1%) is $145.20, Basha’s (at 6%) is $413.82, Fry’s (at 5%) is $3,786.08, Safeway (at less than 1/2 of 1%) is $570.99 and Sunflower (at 5%) is $582.50. Our total rebate for this year is $5,498.59.

Compare purchases of $95,045.26 at 1/2 of 1% giving a rebate of $570.99 to Sunflower purchases of $11,650.00 giving a rebate of $582.50 or Fry’s purchases of $75,721.56 with a rebate of $3,786.08. Since my involvement in this program in late 2007 Fry’s has given us over $17,000. The Fry’s rebate for the past 6 months (Feb. thru July) is $1,655.43 which will show in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

As those who shop there know, Sunflower has been purchased by Sprouts. Sunflower cards will be honored until used up.

Again, thank you all for your support of this program. It all adds up!

Marjorie Smith - Coordinator
Grocery Rebate Program

SAWUURA FAMILY CAMP
Labor Day Weekend

Aug. 31 - Sept. 3, 2012 (Friday Night - Monday Morning)
Head to the Sierra Ancha Wilderness Unitarian Universalist Religious Association (SAWUURA) in the Tonto National Forest for a relaxing weekend out of the heat & under the stars.

- Bird and Bug Watch
- Hike and explore the creek.
- Play games or relax in a hammock
- Read or Write
- Be in the talent show
- Sing around the campfire and eat S’mores
- Smell forest fresh air
- Stargaze or look for cloud shapes
- Worship in the Sacred Grove Of The Ancients
- Help with a Service Project
- Bring a shirt, scarf or cloth to tie dye

Food will be provided and expertly prepared with all of our help. The menu will be a mouth-watering, healthy assortment. Plan to arrive Friday night or Saturday morning, set up your tent or stay in one of the RUSTIC Summer Cabins. It will be chilly at night, so be prepared.

Fees are $30 per adult and $20 per child. Register by Sunday, August 26th at www.SAWUURA.org or by contacting Jan Hatunen at jhatunen@cox.net or at 520-245-4377. The road has been greatly improved, but it is steep & rocky in some places. Your car should have high clearance, like a Subaru. Pets are NOT invited for group events. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO www.SAWUURA.org.
**Lifespan Faith Development News**

Don’t miss out on our fabulous Religious Education Teacher Training Day - August 25th, 2012 from 9 AM – 1 PM. Come join us in the Awareness Room for information and instruction in an all new RE program sure to be an uplifting and fun experience as we embark on an exciting new year that you will help make a success. Contact khogue@uuctucson.org

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS ---** Volunteers are needed to help young people, who are eligible to participate in the DREAMer Program recently announced by President Obama, fill out application forms. On September 11, 2012 at 3:30pm in the 10th floor Conference Room of the Pima County Public Defenders, located at 33 North Stone Avenue, an orientation session will be held to review the required forms with persons who are willing to assist these young people. Volunteers should be able to attend the next community meeting at Pueblo High School on September 13 at 5pm. We hope to have forms ready for signature by students at the following meeting on September 20.

**Volunteer Opportunity—Grocery Rebate Program Coordinator**

A volunteer is needed to take over and continue the Grocery Rebate Program, which helps defray some of the expenses at UUCT. This is a program connected to seven grocery stores which give a rebate on purchases made by members and friends through UUCT. This can be done by purchasing gift cards at UUCT or in some circumstances by making a phone call. Rebates run from less that 1/2 of 1% to 6% and "how to" information is given concerning the store at which a person shops.

There is no additional cost to the participant over the cost of their actual purchases, yet offers some additional income for the church. It is a great way to meet church members and new arrivals.

I will be happy to give whatever information I have to get you started and run through the processes required by the different grocers. I do not plan to go anywhere soon so can be a resource with any questions you may have either now or in the future.

Marjorie Smith - Coordinator
Grocery Rebate Program

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**Newcomers Orientation:**

If you are new to the church and would like to learn more, please join us for a Newcomers Orientation on Sunday August 26 after service. Free lunch and childcare will be provided. Please contact Mary Wiese if you have questions: mwiese@uuctucson.org

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**Do you have a favorite hymn?**

The worship service on Sunday, September 2nd, will feature the favorite hymns of our congregation. Please e-mail me your suggestions or place them in my mailbox in the church office by Sunday, August 19th, at the latest.

Agnes Paulsen
Email address: agnespaulsen@cox.net

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**No More Deaths, a ministry of UUCT, has an ongoing need for donations of new white socks. A poly-cotton blend is preferred. Please bring sock donations to Goddard Hall and deposit them in the box labeled "No More Deaths Donations". Thank you in advance for responding to this need.**

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**From Our Sister Congregation:**

**New Minister at Northwest Tucson Congregation**

Mountain Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation welcomed its new minister—Ron D. Phares—on August 1st. He had previously served the West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, Glendale, and earlier, he served as intern minister at Unitarian Universalist Church of Ogden, Ogden, UT. Pastor Phares’ wife and twin daughters were also warmly welcomed by the congregants.

Pastor Phares received a master of divinity degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX. He earned a master’s degree in international management from Thunderbird, the Garvin School of International Management, Glendale. His bachelor’s degree (cum laude) in religious studies was from Barrett Honors College of Arizona State University, Tempe.

MVUU a member of the national Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations and is a Welcoming Congregation. For more information, access the website at mountainvistauu.org or phone 520-579-7094.
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 August 21st at 5 pm and the publication date is August 29th.

**UUCT Artist of the Month Gallery:**
**Portraits and Landscapes by Don Weber**

The opening reception for local artist and art teacher, Don Weber, will be on September 9th at 11:45 am in Holland Hall. Don is a full time artist and has taught art for 13 years in the Tucson area. He specializes in portraiture and landscape, using oils, acrylics and pastels. Come meet Don and enjoy the show. Refreshments will be served. The Gallery is also open during church office hours, 9-1 pm Wednesday through Friday and on Tuesday by appointment only. The show runs through Sunday, October 7th.