Upcoming Services:
Sunday, November 18—10:30 a.m.  
How We Love: On Growing a Soul  
Stephen C. Kraynak  
How I lost religion and found my soul – my personal journey to Unitarian Universalism. All are invited to wear brightly colored clothing and hats to celebrate de colores.  
Worship Associate: Christiane Heyde  
Music: Desert Chorale

Sunday, November 25—10:30 a.m.  
Transcending Individuality  
Christiane Heyde  
In a time of extreme materialism and busyness, it is easy to focus on our long lists of unmanageable tasks and get overwhelmed by holiday stress. This is a good time to look at our connectedness and focus on our beloved community. Maybe we are not as separate as we think?  
Worship Associate: Celeste Rogers  
Music: Leeza Beriyeva

Wednesday, November 28 – 7:00 pm  
Mid-week Alternative Worship  
Gratitude  
Join us for ritual and guided meditation as we give thanks for all our blessings.
**Intern Contemplations**

Who are we at UUCT?

Last month, when I marched in the Tucson Pride Parade, proudly carrying the UUCT banner, and when I sat at the UU booth at Pride, many people asked about us and who we are. Most of the time, people from Mountain Vista UU in Northwest Tucson answered, because they were represented in large numbers, having paid for the parade and booth fees with special fundraisers they had put on over the last few months. (I am so grateful that they let us sneak in under their registration! Thanks, Mountain Vista UU!)

At the same time, it is good to contemplate who we are and why we are here. We are a welcoming community who accepts and welcomes everyone – at least that is our goal. As I get to know the congregation, I find that this is true for many. Others seem quite attached to the status quo, to their special friends and groups, and do not welcome either newcomers or changes easily. If their own goal was to talk to a minister or staff person after the service, they will do so, even if this means interrupting a newcomer or keeping others from connecting. So I am wondering, how friendly and welcoming are we and do we really want to be?

I have been a member at Mountain Vista UU, in Northwest Tucson, for about a decade. That congregation would not exist without UUCT, who intentionally supported the formation of a new UU church over 20 years ago. That meant that some of the UUCT members left, and most likely these were some of the most welcoming members who are comfortable with change and newness. Mountain Vista started out with a clear intention of being friendly and welcoming, and I am grateful for this. There is a culture of treasuring newcomers in that congregation. At the same time, have we depleted our pool of friendly folks here at UUCT? Or is it just a matter of remembering our goal and purpose? I hope that we can act as kind and caring as we would like to be, to be true to our values and principles, and give this amazing congregation a chance to grow and thrive.

With much love and respect for this awesome church,

Christiane Heyde, Ministerial Intern

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**Great Things Are Happening at UUCT!!**

During the Sunday November 4th service we had an Emergency Share the Plate to raise money for storm relief efforts in response to Hurricane Sandy. Thanks to our generous congregation we were able to send $491 to the UUA’s Central East Regional Group Disaster Relief Fund. If you missed that Sunday and would like to contribute directly to the Disaster Relief Fund, please contact Ashley in the church office (office@uuctucson.org or call 748-1551).

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You to the many volunteers who made the UUCT Yard/Book Sale a success! With their hard work and long hours, they were able to raise an amazing $3,100 after paying expenses.

A special thank you to Julia Mehrer and Carolyn Saunders, who arranged the Arizona Centennial Tour. We are still waiting for the final numbers, but so far the Tour earned over $6,000 for UUCT!!

**Help bring Holiday cheer to a Tucson family in need!**

UUCT is participating in Interfaith Community Service’s Gift of Love program in which we’ve adopted a family for the holidays that would not otherwise be able to afford gifts or clothes. UUCT is sponsoring a family with four children (two boys ages 2 and 10 and two girls ages 5 and 7) and a single mom. You can help by purchasing gifts, clothes, or gift cards. We’ve already had one person commit to donating gift wrapping supplies and another family will help deliver the gifts. Contact Ashley at office@uuctucson.org if you would like to help.

**November 18th is Share the Plate Sunday**

Half of all non-pledge income will be shared with National Alliance on Mental Illness Southern Arizona (NAMI-SA). NAMI is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

NAMI advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raising awareness and building a community of hope for all of those in need. On Sunday, H. Clarke Romans, Executive Director of NAMI-SA will give a brief talk about how NAMI contributes to our community. For more information about NAMI-SA, including volunteer opportunities, visit their website [http://www.namisa.org/](http://www.namisa.org/). Thank you for your generous support!


Let’s Make Wonderful Holiday Music Together
Holiday Sing-Along
Friday November 30th at 6:30 PM

Wear your favorite ugly holiday sweater that you never wanted. We will be having pizza, cookies, hot chocolate and other beverages for a $5 donation to cover the cost. Come ready to sing, decorate, and do crafts and fellowship together. This will be a fun event for all!

Holiday Pageant Participants Wanted!
The pageant “The Spirit of the Christmas Tree” takes place on December 16th during the worship service. With the exception of the narrator, all parts are non-speaking. Here are the parts. Please let Kathleen know what you would like to do. Rehearsal will be just an hour and a half on Friday night December 14th.

Narrator: (Adult) Star: (Younger)
Mary: Wise Ones: (3)
Joseph: Friendly Beast: (4 or more)
Shepherds: (2 or more) Angels: (3 or more)
Chalice Lighting Family:

Please send questions or sign up for all

LFD events by emailing khogue@uuctucson.org or calling 520-312-0441

Just A Reminder!

Don’t forget to use your grocery cards for those special holidays coming up. Also keep in mind that Sprouts cards make a great gift for those who are in need or have helped you out throughout the year. When you don’t quite know what to get they may be just the thing.

To Our Winter Visitors: Remember that if your Fry’s card has had a zero balance for 90 days, it has been taken out of their computer system. Please be sure and stop by Goddard after services and pick up another card from us. Also Basha’s card, when not used for 12 months, there is a $2 per month maintenance fee deducted from any remaining balance on the card. If your balance was low it may be worth getting another card from us.

Please stop by the Grocery Rebate Table after services if you have not already joined this program or have any questions. It costs you nothing extra for your purchases but does help the church.

Marjorie Smith – Coordinator
Grocery Rebate Program

The State of the Church Buildings and Grounds
Submitted by Mary Wiese, Administrator

At the Congregational Meeting on October 28, a presentation was put together that was designed to show the history of the buildings and grounds, the current campus needs, and future potential. In the interest of time, it was condensed and left a lot of questions. So in response to some of those questions about the current needs, here are some answers:

* We have been without one cooling unit on Goddard Hall for over a year now. It takes two to sufficiently cool the fellowship hall. We replaced one HVAC unit on Thoreau in August. The estimate I received to replace the unit on Goddard at that time was approximately $5,800. Because we could not properly cool Goddard over the summer, we lost room rental income from outside groups and will continue to lose potential room rental income next summer.

* The sliding glass doors need to be replaced in Goddard. It is not just an aesthetic issue. We had them looked at and they can no longer be repaired. One no longer opens and the other one is becoming increasingly difficult to open. They do not have safety glass in them and one is already cracked because someone walked into one of them. The estimate for replacement is around $4,500.

* The mineral build-up inside of the chiller in Holland is extreme. Having the chiller drained and cleaned of build-up may add years to its life. The estimate for this is $1,800.

* The fascia on Lincoln is rotting and there is wiring behind it that is faulty. There is no lighting outside of Awareness and many people have complained about this as a safety issue. An estimate we received about two years ago was around $5,000.

* The wiring in Goddard will need to be updated eventually. It has led to several phone and computer interruptions. When the Solar Panels were installed and TEP came out to do the final inspection, one of their technicians said that one of the electrical boxes on Goddard would need to be replaced the next time we blew a fuse. Our best guesstimate for this electrical update is $10,000.

These are just the issues we are aware of. When we had to replace a urinal in the Thoreau building in August, we discovered how eroded the plumbing had become and needed to replace that as well ($1,800). We have an aging campus that has had maintenance issues deferred for years. We have replaced two HVAC units in the last year due to age and Health Department requirements ($3,300 and $5,600) and we have another one that needs to be replaced. We had a water leak in the Holland kitchen, which caused $6,000 worth of damage. We have received an insurance payment that covers some of the damages, but doesn’t include depreciation or the deductible. The repairs for this are ongoing. This is our church home. Let’s work together to make it safe, comfortable and welcoming for all.
JOIN US FOR The United States of ALEC
Sunday, Nov. 18th at 12:30

The United States of ALEC is a special report by Bill Moyers on how the secretive American Legislative Exchange Council has helped corporate America propose and draft legislation for states across the country. This includes “Stand Your Ground” gun laws, voter suppression bills and Arizona’s SB1070. Please join us in Holland for the 42 minute report and brief discussion to follow. This event is co-sponsored by UUCT RE, WILPF and Move To Amend.

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 November 20th at 5 pm and the publication date is November 28th.

UUCT November Artist of the Month Gallery Show presents: UU Quilters

The UU Quilters is a group of twelve women who have been meeting weekly since 1993. The church displays their beautiful quilts in several areas in the church. Check out the chalice quilt in Holland Sanctuary and the banner quilt that hangs in Goddard Hall. This is an extremely popular show. The Gallery is open during church office hours, 9-1 pm Wednesday through Friday, on Tuesday, by appointment only, and Sunday, 11:30-1 pm. The show runs through Sunday, December 2nd.