The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson
Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.
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Upcoming Services:

Sunday, January 27, 10:30 a.m.
Beyond Duality to Sanity
Christiane Heyde
We are often torn between goodness and evil, between sane and healthy choices and those which can be destructive, to our selves, our relationships, our values, or our community. How do we define evil, and how does it show up in our lives and our daily choices? Join us as we explore these challenging questions in our Sunday morning service.
Worship Associate: Gilbert Moore

Sunday, February 3, 10:30 a.m.
Love as a Spiritual Practice
Christiane Heyde
We will revisit the Golden Rule and explore its implications, not just for our society and community, but for the very way we see and treat ourselves. Come and join us to find ways to love!
Worship Associate: Walker Smith

Sunday, February 10, 10:30 a.m.
Standing on the Side of Love!
Christiane Heyde
In this month where love is celebrated and the greeting card industry is pushing Valentine’s Day, let us look at our real challenge: How can we have our love speak loudly in light in injustice and suffering in our World. How can we truly make a difference, on a global scale, as well as in our individual lives. Come and join us and share the Love!
Worship Associate: Stephen Kraynak

From the Minister’s Study:
Christiane’s Contemplations

As of January 7, I am serving as sabbatical minister at UUCT. It is a challenge and an honor, and it was with eager anticipation that I looked forward to this new role. I had long to-do lists for my first week, and was hoping to live up to the tasks and the expectations of both staff and congregation. And after Rev. Diane and I exchanged the sabbatical covenant in the January 6 service, I went home and was sick in bed for the next 6 days.
Each day I hoped to wake up well, only to make more calls to cancel the day’s appointments and meetings, and postpone my obligations. It was quite challenging, to get the flu just when I felt my usual strength, health, and vitality was needed most. But I found that all was well. I showed up on Sunday, though far from 100% yet, but able to give my sermon. And even though two other key staff members had been out sick as well, the order of service was done, the power point was set up, the newsletter had been published, and church life had continued just fine without me.
We are a religious community that is not reliant on just one person. At no time does this become more apparent than during a ministerial sabbatical. And even if the sabbatical minister does not show up for a week, the church community continues, with staff and volunteers, and a full house on Sunday morning. This was a great reminder for me. No, I am not able to fill Rev. Diane’s foot prints in her absence. I will complete many of the tasks she would usually do, but do not have the knowledge and experience she does, nor do I need to. I will continue to work and do my best, show up when I can, and honor my personal limits. And I know and trust that this amazing church will continue to thrive and do well, as it did this last week.
With much love and gratitude for this amazing community,
Christiane Heyde
Sabbatical Minister
(January through March)
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Reproductive Justice Class

The General Assembly chooses a study issue every 2 years, and in 2012 the chosen topic was Reproductive Justice. As soon as the UUA published its curriculum for a 6 week course earlier this month, our sabbatical minister Christiane Heyde scheduled the course for our congregation. We will meet on Monday evenings in the Awareness Room from 6 to 8 PM for 6 weeks, starting this coming Monday, January 28.

The issue is much more complex than one might expect. The course explores women’s rights, sexual attitudes, history, theological concerns, issues of racism, immigration, GLBTQ concerns, and the overall “sexual health” of a congregation. It empowers every aspect of social action and can revitalize the congregation’s passion for justice and fairness. At the same time it explores the theological and ethical views about human life in an accepting and delicate manner, so all will feel accepted and welcome in this interactive course, while broadening everyone’s perspective and compassion.

Please come to all 6 classes, and – if you can – let us know you will be there so we can prepare the right amount of materials for the course. The fee for all 6 classes is just $30, and we are one of the first congregations to offer it. See you on Monday Nights!

Reproductive Justice Course
UU Church of Tucson, 4831 E. 22nd Street,
Christiane Heyde
Mondays, 6 – 8 PM, Awareness Room
Fee: $30 for all 6 classes. Please plan on attending all 6 classes.

Session 1 (Jan.28) What is reproductive justice?
What are Unitarian Universalism’s theology and values about reproduction, justice, and individual right? In our first class we will develop a covenant of all participating and lay the ground work for the following classes.

Session 2 (Feb. 4) Sacred Theology
Contrast sex-negative theology and sex-positive theology and their impact on our lives and faith communities. Reflect on what it would take to be a sexually healthy congregation, and were our congregation stands in this regard.

Session 3 (Feb. 11) Inherent worth and dignity
Understand reproductive oppression and identify personal theological grounding for anti-racist justice work. Explore LGBT reproductive issues

Note: No session on Feb. 18 due to UU Day at Legislature

Reproductive Justice Course continued

Session 4 (Feb. 25) Reverence for life
Engage with various religious perspectives on life, pregnancy, and each perspective’s claim to modern religious persecution and reflect on sources of Unitarian Universalist and personal theologicals of reverence for life.

Session 5 (March 4) Right of Conscience
Understand gendered/sexist aspects of current political dialogue on reproductive justice issues, and Unitarian Universalist theological and political responses.

Session 6 (March 11) Moving Forward
Identify goals, methods, and strategies for reproductive justice advocacy, in our congregation and our community.

Hospitality for the Homeless 2013

Our church, along with countless other churches, partner with the Salvation Army to provide hospitality for homeless men, women and children during the coldest months of the year. We are a part of Operation Deep Freeze. I coordinate a cadre of dedicated volunteers to provide and serve meals and chaperone overnight stay-sin Goddard Hall.
We are fortunate that a loyal core of folks step up year after year. However, the most difficult job is that of overnight chaperones (man and woman).

Here are the dates & details:
Evening of Jan. 27th & morning of Jan. 28th
Evening of Feb. 27th and morning of Feb. 28th

How can you help? Volunteer to serve and/or provide one of the following for one or more of the dates above:
Overnight Chaperone: spend the night (7:30pm – 5:30am) one man/one woman
Dinner: main dish, side dish, dessert, fruit, beverages
Sack lunch: lunchmeat, bread, cheese, chips, cookies, fruit
Breakfast: main dish, side dish, breakfast meat, fruit, beverages
What to Donate: package of new socks, travel size soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes

Contact: Erin Deely at edeely@cox.net or at 520-320-7688

February’s Share the Plate Recipient –

Half of all non-pledge income on the third Sunday in February will be shared with Interfaith Community Services (ICS). ICS’s mission is to help Pima County seniors, individuals with disabilities, and people in financial crisis achieve stable and independent lives through programs and services supported by staff, diverse faith communities, and the community at large. For more information about ICS, including volunteer opportunities, visit their website http://www.icstucson.org/ or come to service on Feb 17th to hear a brief talk on ICS.
Our Whole Lives (OWL)

Do you have a child or grandchild in jr. high or high school? This is the year for him or her to attend Our Whole Lives (OWL) at UUCT. OWL is an internationally recognized sex and sexuality education program that helps youth to make healthy decisions in their relationships. Past participants have said that OWL improved their self-confidence and communication skills. They were relieved to learn facts and dispell rumors. The program starts the first week in February. Contact Melissa Brosanders (mbrosanders@live.com) or the LFD office for information.

Ushers Needed!

Due to injuries, retirements, and people moving, we are down 4 ushers!!! This really is an easy job that only requires one Sunday a month. Please, please contact Mary Wiese if you are able to help. mwiese@uuctucson.org

Radical Hospitality Event

Mark your calendar for January 26th, the date of an exciting new presentation/discussion on creating a welcoming and inclusive congregation. The family gathering will include a potluck, childcare and a lively dialogue about avoiding a revolving door for newcomers, from initial greeting to facilitation of church guests into engagement and participation that leads to eventual membership. Bring a dish, thoughts and experiences at 4:30 p.m., ending by 7:00 p.m., to this Saturday evening event which is being hosted by the Leadership and Membership Committees.

BUY THE NEW "BORDER SONGS" CD's, HELP SAVE LIVES!

The new "Border Songs" 2-CD set, with 30 border songs by Sweet Honey in the Rock, Pete Seeger and many others, is available for $20 at the No More Deaths table in Goddard Hall after the Sunday service. All funds will go to buy bottled water, food and medical supplies to save human lives in the desert.

The UUCT Immigrant Rights Working Group will meet at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, January 27th in the Awareness Room. Newcomers are welcome to help us plan projects and presentations by guest speakers, as well as organize a UUCT contingent at the annual Cesar Chavez march and picnic and other immigrant rights rallies and marches in the Tucson community.
Italian Holiday March 2!

The annual UUCT Auction, our largest single fundraiser, is coming soon. Given our financial situation, the auction is especially important this year. You can help in a number of ways:

- **Volunteer** to help before, during, or after the auction.
- **Attend** the auction. $10 admission includes an Italian dinner. Child care available, and activities for kids.
- **Donate** something to be auctioned.

To volunteer, buy a ticket, or donate, come to the auction table in Goddard Hall after the Sunday service. Or contact Bob Gordon (bobgordonrg66@gmail.com, or 329-8242) or Jan Dowling (rubytues98@hotmail.com, or 748-9503.)

Book Club

The Book Club meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Awareness Room. On Feb. 21st we will discuss Sherman Alexie's award-winning book "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian." Young adults might consider attending. Junior's life is illustrated with cartoons and text. Questions or to request free childcare in advance, call Lois at 991-5350.

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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 5th at 5 pm and the publication date is February 13th.

**UUCT January Artist of the Month Gallery presents:** Local Artists: Rand Carlson, Barbara Brandel and Sara Spanjers

The Gallery is also open during church office hours, 9-1 pm Wednesday through Friday, on Tuesday, by appointment only, and Sunday, 11:30-1pm. The show runs through Sunday, February 3rd.