From the Minister’s Study

September’s theme is Vision. Open your eyes! Look around you. Right now. What do you see? What do you see that excites you? Comforts you? Disturbs you? What do you see that you hope stays exactly the way it is . . . forever? What do you wish you could change?

Now, turn your vision inward. How do you see yourself? Try seeing yourself in the most positive light possible. Are you handsome? Beautiful? Powerful? Thoughtful? Loving? A person worthy of love and respect? What do you like about yourself? What would you like to change? What is within your power to change about yourself?

Now, turn your inner vision toward the world. How do you see the world? Is it a safe place? Or is it filled with fear? What do you cherish about the world? What would you change? What would break your heart if it was changed or gone?

Now, imagine opening your eyes five or ten years from now. What do you see around you? What’s your environment like? Is it filled with beauty? Comfort? Challenge? Excitement? Serenity? What people are there? Old friends? People you’ve yet to meet?


How do you see the world five or ten years from now? Do you see the world divided? War-torn? Or do you see the world as peaceful? Harmonious? United? Sustainable?

We create the future through actions taken today. A clear vision of where we want to be makes it possible to arrive there.

See you in church,
Diane

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, September 15, 10:30am
Rev. Diane Dowgiert
A Religion for One World
Is it possible that religion could unite rather than divide our world? We’ll explore the visionary work of Kenneth Patton for inspiration. Patton was a Universalist minister during the latter part of the twentieth century. His ministry changed the meaning of “Universalism,” by bringing the arts of all religions and cultures into what he believed could truly be a religion for one world.
Worship Associate: Terence Sheridan

Sunday, September 22, 10:30am
Changing Lives Through Music: Reveille Men’s Chorus,
Tucson's internationally recognized men’s chorus now in its 19th season, will be our guests. Reveille is dedicated to musical excellence and performs worldwide to promote human rights, diversity and a world free of AIDS. Reveille continues to change lives through music via its community outreach, volunteer work and musical productions filled with humor and heart. Come hear Reveille sing to us; come sing to Reveille.
Pulpit Host: Stephen Kraynak

Wednesday, September 25, 7:00pm
Mid-week Alternative Worship

Sunday, September 29, 10:30am
Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Unitarian Universalism is Dead. Long Live Unitarian Universalism
We know that our faith tradition looks and feels different than in times past. We have the ability to shape what it will be for the future. We’ll look at the transient and permanent in Unitarian Universalism.
What passes and fades with the times? What endures through the ages?
Worship Associate: Celeste Rogers
Music: LeezaBeriyeva
From The Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees is committed to providing a brief financial status article once a month in the Tucsonitarian. Here are the final figures from the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Actual Income $432,439
Actual Expenses $447,933
Shortfall $15,494
Expected Pledge Income $265,000
Actual Pledge Income $227,305
Pledge Shortfall $37,695

We were helped with a bequest from Jean Hansen of $57,000 which the Board of Trustees decided to spend to pay down our $15,000 line of credit at Bank of the West, as well as for several capital improvements including new HVAC units for Goddard Hall and the religious education buildings, new sliding glass doors, curtains and paint for Goddard Hall. There is still approximately $8,000 remaining in the bequest account.

How will we address this past year’s shortfall? Contact Mary Wiese, church administrator and Executive Team member for finances, at mwiese@uuctucson.org.

Annual Yard Sale

Please volunteer in Goddard after church to help with the yard sale preparation, the selling and clean-up. Set-up will be October 1, 2, and 3, from 9 -12 and 1-4. A family night is planned for Wednesday October 2 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. So bring the family for pizza, help sort and buy, while having a fun night away from your little ones, as child care will be provided.

Sale dates will be:
   Friday Oct. 4: 7:00 am – 3:00 pm
   Saturday Oct. 5: 7:00 am -12:00 noon
   Sunday Oct. 6: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please donate jewelry, collectibles/antiques, small appliances in working order, kitchen/bathroom items, garden tools, camping supplies, clean clothing and especially, books. Large ticket donations, such as furniture for inside and outdoors sell well.

Annual Yard Sale, continued…

You may bring boxes, marked “Yard Sale,” to the church on Sundays and place them in Goddard Hall. Or, kindly store items until the week of the sale. You may note suggested prices on some items, however, clothing and books will have established prices. Judy Dare will coordinate the sale of plants and is requesting pots, clippings, cactus and soil, for example.

A truck and/or car will be available to help with picking up items for the sale. To ensure you are on the schedule, call Margi Magruder, at 628-9911.

New Discussion Course: Menu for the Future

The way we grow, harvest, transport and consume food today has changed significantly and has had an impact on our environment. In this six week discussion course we read materials from the Northwest Earth Institute which will spark shared learning, stories and actions. Mondays at 6:30 pm starting September 23. Cost $30 per person or $35 per couple sharing the book. Childcare is available upon request.

Questions: contact course organizers Chris Wallace, lemmonhiker@gmail.com or Jessica Erickson, justjessiee@yahoo.com. Pick up a flyer and sign up at the Lifespan Faith Development table in the back of Goddard Hall on Sunday.

Neighboring Faiths for Adults

There are only 5 slots left!
Have you ever wondered what a Hindu service is like? Would you like to visit an African Methodist Episcopal church? Now is your chance. The Lifespan Faith Development Program would like to offer an opportunity for adults to participate in the popular Neighboring Faiths curriculum, which involves visiting religious services of many other religions.

Contact khogue@uuctucson.org to sign up.

Online Payments Now Accepted!

Did you know that you may now donate or pledge through our website? It is an easy, convenient, private and reliable way to process your payments. Just go to our website and click the Online Giving button on the right hand side. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions: mwiese@uuctucson.org
**Important Grocery Scrip Update**

**Fry's:** The church no longer gets supported by reloading your gift card. We have signed up most of you who provided your Fry's information at the Grocery Scrip station for the new program. You will receive information about your account soon. If you have not done this and/or don't come to Church you can follow the instructions below. Note that anyone who shops at Fry's can be a UUCT supporter.

Go to [frysfood.com](http://frysfood.com).

If you do not already have an account select "Create Account" and enter your email and the requested information. After creating the account you will have to confirm your email using a link sent to the email you specified. So check your email before proceeding further.

Login to your Fry's account and go to your account settings. There you associate your VIP card with the account.

Once your VIP card is associated with your account, the last step is associating your account with UUCT in the Community Rewards section. When you get to selecting an organization you can just enter "Unitarian", select, and then chose UUCT.

Now whenever you shop at Fry's and use your VIP during check-out, UUCT will get credit for your purchases which will translate into money for the Church! If you are not an internet user, don't have an email, or find the sign up process confusing call on Frank Valdes for assistance.

**Safeway:** Register your Safeway Club card and whichever payment card you choose on [eScrip.com](http://escrip.com). If you are already registered, it is time to do your yearly renewal, before 11-1-13.

**Sprouts:** Continue to buy your $25 and $50 gift cards from our table in Goddard after the service.

**Bashas:** Continue to use your reloadable gift card that you purchase from our table.

**Albertsons:** Continue to use your loyalty card. If you don't have one, get it from our table in Goddard. There is no charge.

*Thank you for your support! Carolyn and Frank Valdes*

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**From the Pit Crew: Chicken Soup for the UU Soul**

By Carolyn Saunders

Last Sunday I overheard two comments that told me the wonderful volunteers of the **Kitchen Ministry** needed some recognition. First, someone wondered where all that good food came from that was set out for Coffee Hour. Then someone remarked how great it would be to have our Sundays Together lunches again.

Well the people we have to thank for making both things happen in such a delicious manner are:

Margo Newhouse  Judy Dare  Becky Keyes  Rhonda Walker  Mike Epperson  Mary Wiese

Judy, Margo, Becky and Rhonda take turns preparing and planning simple meals. Margo and Mary do the bulk of the shopping at Costco and Restaurant Depot, but all of them shop from time to time. Mike sets up, serves, cleans up and is the general all-purpose kitchen helper on Sunday morning.

How can you get involved? They ALWAYS need help with clean-up! Just pitch in! If you are interested in joining the team, contact Judy Dare or Margo Newhouse. You'll find them in the kitchen every Sunday morning, and they would love to have more people involved. In fact, they NEED more people involved! Don’t forget to leave a generous donation in the basket if you are just having coffee, and donations of tasty packaged treats are welcome too.

Do you come to church to nourish your spiritual needs, but always find the Sundays Together lunch nourishing your hunger for family and community as well? Perhaps the shortest path to spiritual enlightenment is through the stomach! Perhaps the Kitchen Ministry can nourish your spiritual needs too.

“Cooking is at once child's play and adult joy. And cooking done with care is an act of love.” — **Craig Claiborne** The UUCT Kitchen Ministry is standing on the side of love!

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**Newsletter Deadline**

The Tucsonitarian deadlines are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month and the print dates are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The next deadline is Tuesday, September 17th, with a print date of Wednesday, September 25th.