The Tucsonitarian
Monthly Newsletter

Where in the World is Rev. Bethany?

On a well deserved vacation and study break. She will return to the pulpit on August 5th.

In the meantime we have an opportunity to enjoy a varied Worship Schedule speakers for July with unique perspectives and interesting topics. See you at Church!

- July 7  Benjie Messer, Music Director, UU Church of Phoenix, Worship Associate Brian Moon "Why We Build the Wall." Intense and musical, examines contemporary racism.

- July 14  Pam Powers Hannley, member AZ House of Representatives, and UU and UUCT. Worship Associate, Celeste Rogers. "A public health model for social justice."

- July 21  Diane Everhart, Co-director, Inn2America project. Worship Associate, Steve Kraynak "Justicia para todos!" (Inn2America works with asylum seekers.)

- July 28  Rabbi Helen Cohn, Congregation M'Kor Hayim, Tucson. Worship Associate Gary Luce. "In What Do You Trust?"

Connect with Rev. Bethany!

Board of Trustees - Frank Valdes

No report this month, but as always, we welcome your feedback at BOT@uuctucson.org or President@uuctucson.org.

Gifts Of Love Backpack and School Supply Drive (ICS)

Help children in need get a good start to the school year! Donate backpacks and school supplies for students in grades K-12. Donations accepted through July 21.

Contact Marsha Newcomb marshanewcomb@gmail.com.

Social Justice Action

Sunday July 14
Prevention: A Public Health Model for Social Justice

Too often government delays action on societal problems and then reacts in haste to fix symptoms, rather than looking at root causes and crafting comprehensive plans. Short-sighted policies can repair one section of the Web of Life, while unraveling
Speaking of Finances...
Margot Garcia
VP of Finance

During the month of May, the church deposited $111,113.27 and withdrew $106,941.27 for a net of $4,172. The deposit was so large because we received $15,000 for UUSC that was immediately given to NMD, a $12,000 gift, and we had three payrolls this month, so there was a large check from NMD to cover that expense.

The ending checking balance was $35,693.59, a good cushion to carry us through the lean months of July, August and September. Money was transferred out of checking ($33,793.31) and deposited into the new 2.05% interest money market account, which earned $48.25 in interest for the month. The other money market fund holds $28,580.65 in restricted funds. The savings account (capital campaign) has $9,518.06 and the UUA Common Endowment had $57,339.66 for April. We haven't gotten the numbers for May yet.

The financial report shows that we are doing well. The pledges are coming in right on target and that is a big help with the cash flow. Thank you pledgers! Donations and the plate collection are running ahead of budget helping us with cash flow and carry forward for the next fiscal year. The income beyond what was projected is also helping keep us in the black as almost all the ministries have spent more than budgeted to date. Next month will be the final report for this fiscal year.

The Finance committee met and there were no big issues to discuss. Janet Moore will be the convener for the July meeting as I go off the Finance committee and board as of July 1. Thank other sections.

Rep. Pamela Powers Hannley will look upstream at prevention strategies to tackle broad societal issues such as affordable housing, immigration and maternal and child health.

Welcoming and Membership Team Report
Submitted by Alma Byrd

Please welcome into our church several new members who joined in June. Included are Dorothy Reynolds and Sally Reynolds, mother and daughter, who joined June 2nd. Those joining on June 16 include Barbara and Bob Allen. Please extend a warm welcome to all.

Subgroups of the W&M Team have been busy this summer studying current by-laws that affect the team as well as working on membership web pages and recommendations on a path to membership.

On August 3rd Steve Kraynak will provide a workshop for team members entitled "Exploring Welcoming and Radical Hospitality."

The next team meeting will be held on August 14.

The next formal opportunity to join the church will be August 17, 2019.

On Oct. 14, 2019 the UUtah Tuur will leave from UUCT and you can still be in the group!

Only three rooms are still available depending on whether you want a double or private room. So that you will not miss out on this fun trip, download a reservation form at: www.uuctucson.org
you for working with me as we moved from being almost $80,000 in debt three years ago, to having only $5,000 in debt to the bank and having paid back ourselves in both restricted funds and capital fund. The next VP for Finance has a good foundation on which to build as we move toward financial stability, maintaining our buildings, and preparing for the repairs and upgrades we know are ahead.

Next Finance Committee meeting is July 16 at 7pm in Servetus. Financial Reports are available in the office.

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**Sunday Morning Discussion Group**

Join us for

Conversation Among Friends, 9 a.m.
every Sunday in the Servetus Room,
UUCT Campus. Ronna James, facilitator.
All adults welcome.

For more information call
Gilbert Moore 520-790-7568 or email
gmoore579@aol.com.

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**SAZCUUPS**

**Julie Olson**

**What Is Waning**

We kicked off summer with a gorgeous
Midsummer ritual led by Hearth's Gate Kindred. There were
about 40 of us, gathered to send
offerings to all the deities, ancestors, and
spirits. Thank you so much to Hearth's
Gate Kindred for helping us welcome the
summer!

**What Is Waxing**

There are no events in July. However we
do have a request of our members!
Please collect some monsoon rainwater
for our Fall Equinox festival. Any amount
is good, just be sure to cap it tightly so it
doesn't evaporate or spill before
September. Bring it along to the ritual in
September. Thank you!

Our next ritual will be on August 1st,
2019. Join us for a gathering celebrating both the annual harvest and the

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**Tucson UU Younger Adults (TUUYA) Meet Ups**

Do you identify as a young adult (generations X, Y, or Z)? Would you like to meet up with other UU young adults? TUUYA regularly hosts events and meet ups.

To stay in the loop make sure that Janice (janicesignin@gmail.com) or Jamill (dre.uuct@gmail.com) has your email or join us on Facebook: by searching Tucson UU Younger Adults (TUUYA).

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**There is POWER in those Flowers!**

If you have been touched by or enjoyed the flowers on the dais each Sunday, consider being the hero and donating the next bouquet.

Arrangements can be as simple as flowers from your garden or the supermarket; in a church vase or a professional arrangement.

To volunteer for one or more Sundays please contact
Nancy at:
cottagegardens2911@gmail.com or call her at 301.802.4683

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**Summer in RE: Choose Your Own Adventure!**

This summer, we are "working the bugs out" of the Choose Your Own Adventure Model and
awesome power of storms. Ana Teresa Ortiz is an ordained Interfaith Minister (One Spirit Interfaith Seminary 2011), who blends Wiccan with Indigenous Taino perspectives and practices. Participants will have the opportunity to communally celebrate the accomplishments and bounties of the summer and to prayerfully contemplate the recent monsoon season and the start of the hurricane season. Set up starts at 5:30, ritual will begin at 6pm.

Childcare available upon request; email Jamili at DRE.uuct@gmail.com.

**Pagan tip of the month**
The monsoons can be a time full of highly charged natural energy. You can use the rain to cleanse your (water and lightning safe) tools, practice a meditation or ritual using the rain sounds to gather energy for your spell or channeling, and more.

In some traditions, water is the element of emotion and shadow, so a monsoon storm might be a great time to do some shadow work or divination around emotional growth/release.

Have a pagan tip to share for a future newsletter?

Email sazcuups@uuctucson.org. All traditions are welcome!

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**Hospitality Needed**
Steve Kraynak

Fellow UUs from the Edmonds UU Congregation in Edmonds, Washington are expressing interest in coming to Tucson this summer to volunteer with the immigrants in Inn2 America, and are asking about home hospitality for a week will roll out a full program in Fall 2019. In short, on Sunday when you arrive at church, children, youth, and adults will have the option to sign up for one of three experiences:

1. **Youth Focus** (Emerson; 12 – 19 years old, sorry adults, only advisors are allowed): designed for older youth who are ready to really dig deep into the themes and ideas. Discussion, service, leadership, art, and a good amount of laughter await our oldest youth.

2. **Art and Spirit** (Blackwell; all ages): in this space we'll tell another story that explores our theme for the day, offering additional avenues for deepening understanding. Following the story, we will wonder about the lessons we learn from our stories and engage in self-directed art-making in response to the themes, lessons, or feelings that emerge.

3. **Movement and Games** (Awareness; all ages): Ready to move your body? This is the place! We will live Unitarian Universalist values through games, movement, dance, and other forms of physical self-expression. Each week the activities will be different, but we’ll work on understanding what we can learn about our spirits from moving our bodies.

**Summer Activity Leader**
The best part of the Choose Your Own Adventure format is that ANYONE (yes, you!) can step into the classroom for a short time commitment (or a longer one if you’re so moved).

Jamili will be preparing all the curriculum and supplies, and inexperienced teachers will be paired with experienced folks! You'll have the day's activities in advance so you can be prepared, but there won't be any search for materials or books! Woohoo!

**Sign up to lead Summer RE here**
[by clicking here.](https://www.facebook.com/SAZCUUPS/)

And while you're there, tell me what you're interested in leading in fall!
**Complete the Fall RE interest form at:**
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/190164578242015](https://www.facebook.com/groups/190164578242015)
or two, or maybe just a few days.
If interested in considering such an offer
of home hospitality this summer, please
contact Steve Kraynak at:
sckraynak@gmail.com

Questions? Contact Jamili
at DRE.UUCT@gmail.com

### 2019 - 20 Share the Plate Recipients

In a paper and online vote in June, UUCT chose seven new Share the Plate (STP) recipients to go along with five “regulars.”

One Sunday a month a STP collection is held during the offering, with half going to a designated nonprofit organization and the other half going to UUCT.

This year there were 21 nominated organizations and groups, and 97 people cast paper ballots or voted online. This level of engagement surpassed our expectations, reflecting the seriousness of generosity and social justice at UUCT.

#### Our Share the Plate Regulars
- No More Deaths
- UU Justice Arizona Network
- Desert Voices choir
- Interfaith Community Services
- Community Food Bank

#### Seven New Recipients
- Youth On Their Own – supports homeless teenagers, helps them graduate.
- Sister Jose Women’s Center – provides beds, food and the CREATE program to homeless women within the community.
- Casa Alitas – gives food, shelter, advocacy and travel assistance to Central American families released from detention.
- Black Lives UU – expands the power and capacity of Black UUs within our faith, providing resources and support.
- Casa Maria Soup Kitchen – works for liberty, social justice and search for peace Volunteers feed and clothe the needy.
- Inn2America of St Francis – an asylum-seekers aid project at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church.
- Habitat for Humanity – It engages homeowners in building their own homes alongside volunteers and lets those homeowners pay an affordable mortgage.

Thanks to the STP Committee: Mary Holly Allison, Judy Dare, Jim Hannley, Rex Graham, and Kate Schleinkofer. The STP team will collaborate with Rev. Bethany and the Worship Ministry team to set the calendar for the collections. The STP Team also will be discussing with its board liaison new ideas to formalize a STP policy and other possible changes to this amazing generosity tradition.

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**Book Club Meeting - Carolyn Cooper**

The next UU Book Club meeting will be on July 11th at 9:30. We are reading *Waking up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. My address is 4050 E la Cadena. Closest cross streets are Pontatoc and River Rd. If you would like...
Open Mic
All Are Welcome!

Are you a musician, poet, storyteller, magician, dancer or other kind of entertainer? No? Well, do you enjoy live entertainment? Join us on the fourth Sunday of each month in Holland Sanctuary for Open Mic.

The next one is Sunday, July 28, at 12:00. All are welcome, along with anyone who loves live entertainment.

We will have a drumming circle at this same time at the monthly open mic. If you have a drum, please bring it. Otherwise, we will have some other percussion instruments to play.

Contact Bo or Sandy Ongley for details.

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LGBTQIA Group
PRIDE Tucson - Save the Date!

After the touching and celebratory worship service on Sunday June 30 celebrating 50 years since Stonewall Uprising we are looking ahead to PRIDE. (Great thanks to those who shared their stories and Bob Gordon as organizer and Worship Associate.)

The PRIDE Tucson march and after event are set for Saturday, September 28, 2019. Last year we marched with 28 UUCT folks in the nearly unbearable heat. But we DID it! Plan to join us. Our regular meetings are the second Sunday of each month, 12:15-1:15. All are welcome!

Pronoun stickers available at Welcome Table in Holland. For info contact Eve:

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In the "Last But Not Least" Column...

Former Tucsonitarian Editor, Craig Rock, is currently working on another newsletter specific to Social Justice issues called Borderlands Digest. Here is the link to the July issue.

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