

**ONLY ONE SERVICE NEXT WEEK, DECEMBER 23 @ 10:30AM
DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S PAGEANT**

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is where
COURAGE
resides.

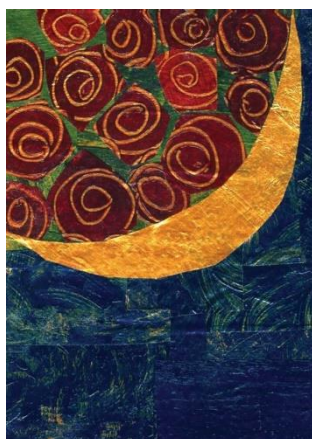
WAR
is a shelter for
COWARDICE.

TODAY!!!

BLOOD DRIVE JUST
1 DONATION
SAVES
3 LIVES

**Even if you do not have an appointment,
stop in at the Blood Mobile and give the
Gift of Life!**

On December 21st @ 7 p.m. VUU will host a **Solstice Service**. You won't want to miss this service that is sure to become an annual solstice tradition! Please do bring a canvas chair and dress warm, since the service may be outdoors. We will meet in the grassy area between the classrooms in the education building. Rooms 1 & 2



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or text your donation from your phone: (480) 725-4522.

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9AM – 5PM; closed Fridays

A Welcoming Community

Sunday, December 16

The Cowardice of War and the Problems of Peace
with Rev. Andy

8:30a – 1:30p Holiday Blood Drive – VUU Parking Lot

8:30a – 9:00a Dalai Lama & Friends Meditation – Room 5

9:15a – 10:15a Service – Sanctuary

10:30a – 11:15a – Children, Youth, Adult Faith Formation

11:30a – 12:30p Service – Sanctuary

12:30p – 1:45p VUU LGBTQ+ SPECTRUM Meeting – Rm 5

1:30p – 3:00p Voices Lifted Singers – Room 1

4:00p – 6:00p Desert Lotus Zen – Room 2

Monday, December 17

5:30p – 7:30a I-HELP Shelter – VUU Sanctuary; Meal:

American Muslim Women's Association

6:00p – 7:30p Leadership Development Committee – Board Room and ZOOM

Tuesday, December 18

2:00p – 2:30p Staff Huddle – Minister's Office

6:00p – 7:30p Chalice Ringers, Handbell Choir – Sanctuary

6:15p – 7:00p Chalice Singers, Children's Choir – Sanctuary Library

7:30p – 9:00p Adult Choir – Sanctuary

6:30p – 8:00p Tai Chi – Room 2

Wednesday, December 19

6:30p – 7:30p Scott Bruhnsen Memorial Service - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 20

5:30p – 7:00p Finance Committee Meeting – ZOOM

6:00p – 8:00p Unity Initiative Group Meeting – Room 5

7:15p – 9:00p The N.S.G (Not So Great) Book Club - Offsite

Friday, December 21 -- Office Closed

4:30p – 7:30p Wayfarers Happy HoUUr – Offsite

5:30p – 6:15p Homeless Persons' Memorial Service – Offsite

7:00p – 8:00p Solstice Service – Rooms 1 & 2 & Grass Area

Saturday, December 22

9:30a – 2:30p SEMA Foundation School – Rooms 3, 4, 6, 7, 8

Sunday, December 23

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The Pageant

brought to you by the awesome Faith Formation Folks

8:30a – 10:00a Dalai Lama & Friends Meditation – Room 5

10:30a – 11:30a – The Pageant - Sanctuary

2019 FUUNd Together has begun

Would you like to support VUU by getting together with friends and having **FUUN**? Then why not consider donating your time and talents to this year's **FUUNd Together** auction? Here's how it works.

VUU members and friends like you will sign up to host events such as dinners, movie nights, hikes, arts & crafts, pool parties, etc. and/or to offer lessons, legal services, home repair, baked goods, vacation rentals, etc. A catalog of these donations will be created, and the donations will be sold by silent auction on Sunday mornings in February.

Absolutely everyone is invited to join the **FUUNd**!! Visit us at the **FUUNd** table after services **FUUNd** volunteers will joyfully accept your donation(s), answer questions about the auction, and even help you brainstorm ideas.

ALSO, if you would like to join the **FUUNd Together** auction committee, we would L♥VE to have your help. Volunteers are needed to take donations on Sunday mornings, assist with the silent auction in February, and/or share their computer programming (ACCESS) and data entry skills. Please email fuundtogether@vuu.org or contact Debbe at 480-244-6570 if you are interested.

*In 2018, **FUUNd** raised more than \$19,000 to support VUU's mission and programs!
Just imagine what we can do with **your** help in 2019!!*

Wayfarers: Happy Hour Friday, December 21, 4:30, Thirsty Lion, 2000 E. Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe
480-968-2920.



Come join us for discounted appetizers of Caesar Salad, Edamame, Pulled Pork Sliders, crab & seafood cakes, calamari, chicken tenderloins, etc., and \$4 featured wines and pints, and house margaritas, and best of all, CONVERSATION! RSVPs have been made in the name VUU so if you want to come, please contact Susan Lacy at lacynoe@yahoo.com (that's lacy no e!) **Wayfarers** are 'travelers' who meet at a different location each month throughout the valley. **Anyone is welcome to join us, just let me know.** I try to make actual reservations for the number I've heard from so the restaurant will be waiting for us, and hopefully staffed appropriately! Hope to see you there! And stay tuned for upcoming Happy Hours!

VUU SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

Promoting Social, Economic and Environmental Justice



will meet in Room 5 TODAY after the 11:30AM Service. Won't you join us!?

December Donation for Paz de Cristo

The December donation of the month is a contribution check to Paz de Cristo, our focus charity. Your donation qualifies you for an Arizona tax credit, which reduces your state income taxes by the entire amount contributed. The annual maximum is \$400 (Individual Taxpayers) or \$800 (Married Filing Jointly). The deadline for contributions is **April 15, 2019**. For more information visit the Arizona website www.azdor.gov or Paz de Cristo's www.pazdecristo.org



In addition, VUU is continuing to collect gas and grocery gift cards for Paz, which helps them maximize their buying power. Fry's are especially appreciated because they can go toward gas or groceries. Gift cards can be placed in the lock box in the foyer. Thanks for your generosity! You make a difference!

Paz de Cristo needs YOU

Are you a UU looking for another way to help others who are less fortunate? Make a commitment to help feed the hungry at Paz de Cristo on a second Friday in January, February, etc. Each month, VUU needs 20 volunteers to satisfy our long running commitment to this wonderful charity. Please check [here](#) for availability and sign up – we'd love to serve with you! Send questions to pazdecristo@vuu.org



I-HELP (Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program) Through our work with the Chandler **I-HELP** program, VUU provides dinner and over-night shelter for 20 - 25 individuals three - four Monday nights a month. I-HELP questions? Contact Sue office@vuu.org

Arizona Legislative Alert – Keep Up with the latest Legislative News

Want to keep up on what's happening to social justice legislation in Arizona? Sign up for your own copy of the Arizona Legislative Alert by emailing legislativeadvocacy@vuu.org. The Arizona Legislative Alert is an e-mail newsletter covering social justice and public policy issues in Arizona edited by Anne Schneider.

Thank you for Supporting the VUU Social Action Ministry

If you have ideas, comments or questions about our Social Action Ministry, please contact Willa Cree socialaction@vuu.org

**NATIONAL HOMELESS
PERSONS MEMORIAL DAY**
DECEMBER 21ST, 2018



The National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

Friday, December 21, 2018

– The shortest day of the year but the **LONGEST NIGHT**

We remember and name all who have died on our streets this past year.

Our Service of Remembrance will be on

Dec. 21 at 5:30 PM

**at University Presbyterian Church, 139 E Alameda Dr,
Tempe 85282**

After our Service everyone is invited to share
a meal and memories together at the church.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcDdTDhZnmw>



Every Sunday **Dalai Lama** - 9:00am - Rm 5
Contact: David Black DavidBlackDLF@gmail.com

1st Sunday **Share the Plate** with our focus charity (Paz de Cristo)
(alternating monthly with Compassion in Action)
Green Sanctuary
Contact: greensanctuary@vuu.org

2nd Sunday **Stewardship Committee**, (varies/see calendar)
Contact: DeeAnne McClenahan

3rd Sunday **Newsletter Deadline**
Contact: Gilda Czerwonka penguin1@cox.net

3rd Sunday **Leadership Development Committee**, 12:15pm

4th Sunday **VUU Women's Group**, lunch/meet after Service, Rms 1&2
Contact: Margaret Stewart mjs.ontheroad@gmail.com

1st/2nd/3rd/5th Mon **I-HELP** Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program
Contact office@vuu.org

1st Tuesday **Facilities Team**, 9:30am - 11:00am Conference Rm
Contact: Debbie Dinyes facilities@vuu.org

Every Tuesday **Chalice Singers** 6:15pm Sanctuary

Every Tuesday **Choir** - 7:30pm Sanctuary music@vuu.org

Every Tuesday **Bell Choir** - 6:00pm Sanctuary bells@vuu.org

2nd Thursday **EastVUU** - 6:00pm - 8:30pm; location varies; Info:
Sharon Kopina, 1004slk1950@gmail.com

3rd Thursday **Finance Committee**, 5:30pm Board Rm or Video Call
Contact: David Sheh finance@vuu.org

4th Thursday **VUU Board**, 6:30pm - 8:30pm Board Rm or Video Call
Contact: DeeAnne McClenahan board_president@vuu.org

3rd Friday **Wayfarers Happy HoUUr**
Contact: Susan Lacy lacynoe@yahoo.com

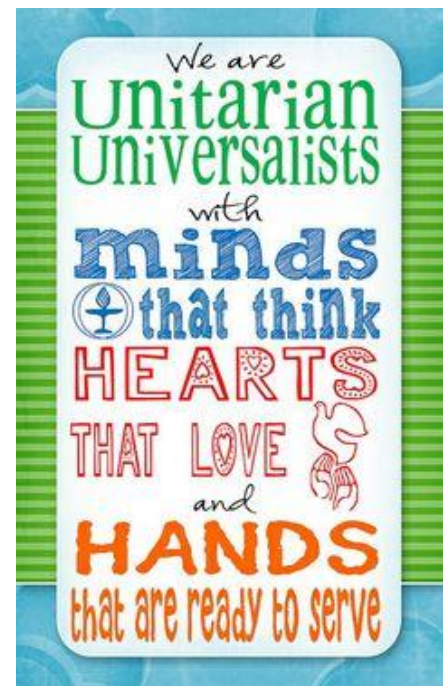
4th Friday **Singles VUU**: Monthly dinner.
Contact: Claudette Wassil (973-768-6047)

1st Saturday **Social Suppers**
Contact: Nick Carr circlesuppers@vuu.org

(as needed) **Publicity** available for your good works and events!
Contact: Laurie Fagan lauriefagen@gmail.com or Beverly McCormick tempebev1@gmail.com

(see calendar) **Worship Ministry**, 7:00pm - 9:00pm Sanctuary

(varies) Contact: Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette revandy@vuu.org



Membership at VUU: Contact Lauree Perry, lperry98@earthlink.net or Rev. Kellie Walker Hart, music@vuu.org, if you are interested in membership.

Sanctuary Flowers: Remember someone special or a special occasion by sponsoring altar flowers. Sign up at the Altar Flowers table located at the back of the sanctuary and follow the instructions to leave your \$20 by cash or check and remember to take the flowers with you after the service (but leave the vase! 😊)

Thank you for making the Sanctuary more beautiful!

Caring, Concerns, and Joys Email: Send your joys and sorrows to caring@vuu.org. We'll include them in our monthly newsletter, unless you wish to keep it private. You may also include a request to be contacted by the minister, a pastoral care associate, or your neighborhood contact.

Announcements: Call the office [480.899.4249](tel:480.899.4249) or send an email to office@vuu.org by 4 p.m. on Tuesdays to have an announcement about a VUU event/meeting included in the next Sunday's Bulletin.

Room Rentals Available: There are classrooms in our RE facility available for either short-term or long-term rental by members and non-members alike. The Sanctuary is also available to rent. Contact the office to reserve.

Use of tables on the Sanctuary Patio/back of the Sanctuary: *The Congregation Administrator coordinates the use of the space at the rear of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. If you need to table information for a VUU ministry or event, or for an outside ministry or event, please notify the office at least three weeks in advance by e-mailing office@vuu.org. Except for a Faith Formation check-in table, there will be no permanent displays or tables inside either the sanctuary or the foyer.*



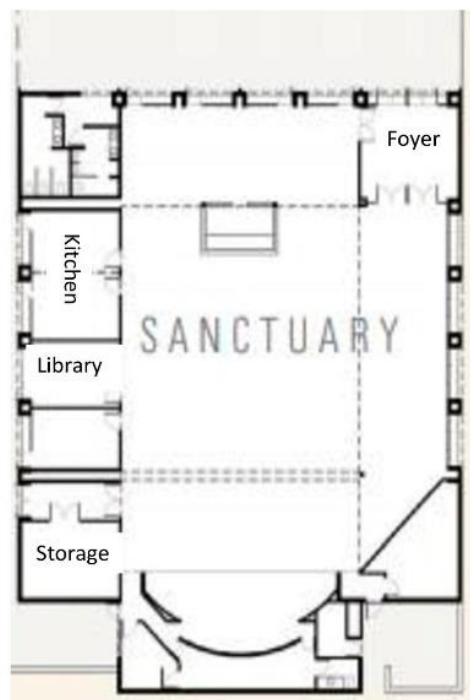
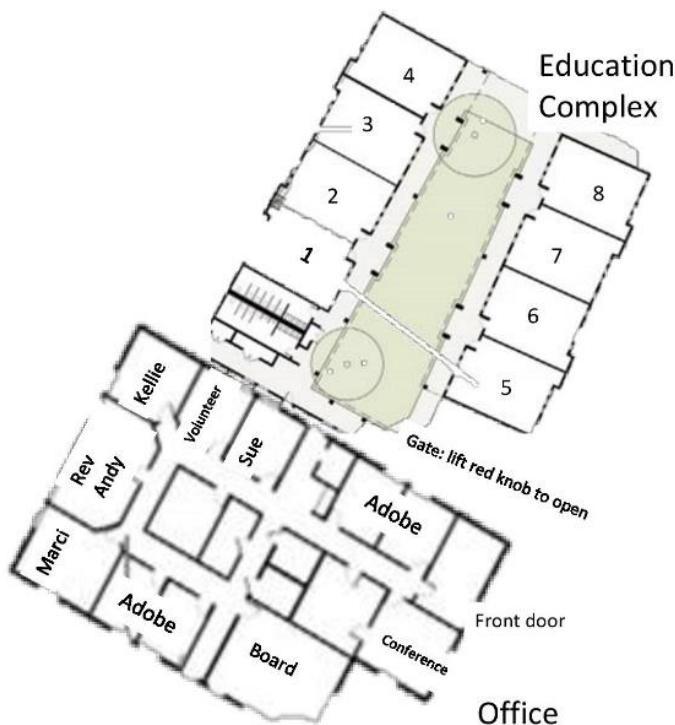
CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION ROOMS:

NURSERY-RM 6; PRESCHOOL-RM 4; KINDER/1ST GRADE-RM 3; 2ND/3RD GRADE-RM 7;
4TH/5TH GRADE-RM 8; 6TH – 8TH GRADE-RM 2; HIGH SCHOOL-RM 5

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

Note: faith formation classes will not meet on Dec. 23rd but may meet on Easter, April 21st

	<u>1st Sunday</u>	<u>2nd Sunday</u>	<u>3rd Sunday</u>	<u>4th Sunday</u>
	12/2, 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7	12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14	11/18, 12/16 , 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, **4/21	11/25, **12/30 , 1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 4/28
Worship Theme discussions	Sanctuary	Sanctuary	canceled	canceled
Dalai Lama and Friends	Room 1	Room 1	Room 1	Room 1
VUUJAZ Conversations		Board Room		
7th Principle and My Impact			Volunteer Office	
Owning Your Religious Past (Oct 14 – Dec 16) *FULL	Conference Room	Conference Room	Conference Room	Conference Room
A Room with a VUU: Using Contemporary Latinx Art to Explore our Values (Nov. 11-April 21) Max 8 participants *FULL		Sanctuary Library	Sanctuary Library	
Cakes for the Queen of Heaven (Nov 4 – April 7) *FULL	Board Room		Board Room	



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**REHEARSAL TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 IN THE SANCTUARY
AFTER THE 9:15 AM SERVICE**

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF LOCATION OF
PAGEANT REHEARSAL THIS SUNDAY!!



All children and youth who are in the pageant
meet in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

Full dress rehearsal

NO audience please!!



Our 2018 Annual Holiday Pageant

featuring the children and youth of
Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Sunday, December 23rd, 10:30 am,
in the sanctuary

In addition to the usual characters, animals, and props; this year's pageant will include audience participation (don't worry – nothing too much!)

AND a clothing drive! We will be donating our collected clothing to Tempe First United Methodist Church's Homeless Ministry. We know that the people they serve need new underwear and socks, warm clothes – long sleeved, hoodies, sweats, etc. 75% of the folks they serve are men, 25% women.

You can learn more about this ministry here:

<https://tempefirstumc.org/serve/homeless-ministries/>