



# VUUPOINT      SEPTEMBER 2018



Valley  
Unitarian  
Universalist  
CONGREGATION

*Sunday Services 10:30 A.M.*

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VUU Website: <http://www.vuu.org/> VUU Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyUU/>

### *Our September Theme is Vocation*

**September 2- Pray for the Dead and Fight Like Hell for the Living: Lessons on Work from Mother Jones**  
 Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette

Michael Lewis plays piano.

**September 9- Your Deep Gladness and the World's Hunger: Frederick Buechner and Vocation**  
 Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette

The Adult Choir and the Worship Band perform.

**September 16- Vocation, Journey - from JW to UU** **Randy Galbraith**

Unitarian Universalists congregations are often composed of individuals from a wide variety of faith traditions. Given the striking differences between Jehovah's Witnesses and Unitarian Universalists, a transition from JW to UU might seem unlikely. Randy Galbraith, former Congregation Elder among Jehovah's Witnesses, will relate his faith journey to Unitarian Universalism and how it involved Truth, Vocation and Journey. Chalice Ringers perform.

**September 23- A Blue Collar Vocation: Social Class and Our Callings** **Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette**

The Adult Choir sings.

**September 30- Is This My Life? The Importance of Vocation** **Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette**

#### Events at a Glance

9/01 Singles Foreign Movie and Food Night	9/13 EastVUUs Meet
9/02 FF Water Fun Day	9/16 Newsletter Deadline
The Board Room	9/18 7 <sup>th</sup> Principle Discussion Group
LGBTQ Spectrum Meeting	9/19 Spirit of Life Reading Group
Voices Lifted Rehearsal	9/20 N.S.G. Book Club
9/05 <u>Brown Bag Lunch with Rev. Andy</u>	9/21 Wayfarers Gathering
9/06 Citizen's Climate Lobby Meeting	9/22 Singles Game Night
9/07 Singles Game Night	9/23 VUU Women's Group Meet
9/09 FF Classes Begin	9/28 Singles Monthly Dinner
<u>New VUU Service Changes Discussion</u>	9/29 <b>CABARET</b>
Reproductive Justice Meeting	Leadership Council Brunch

Sundays – Dalai Lama & Friends

Tuesdays – Adult Choir & Chalice Ringers Rehearse

**“You owe it to all of us to get on with what you're good at.”- W.H. Auden**



## “A Moment with the Minister”

I was 12 years old when I knew I wanted to be a minister. Well... “Wanted to be” might not be the right way to say it. In the heat of a Pentecostal summer camp for youth, where the three worship services a day usually included marathon prayer sessions at the front of the sanctuary, I felt called by God to the work of ministry. My friends all said they already knew that’s what I would do. God told them first, I guess.

Thirty years later, I think of that call very differently. Still, the pull to ministry is a part of me. Sometimes I wish it wasn’t, and sometimes I can’t imagine my life without it, but it is persistent. These days I figure my growing up a minister’s kid, combined with my interests, skills, and passions, are the main ingredients of my call. Maybe there’s a pinch of the divine in there too. Who knows? And the truth is, a congregation has to affirm my call to ministry by calling me to be its minister or none of it means very much at all.

This month, our theme is vocation, which I figure is another way to talk about calling. One definition of vocation is “A strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation.” Ministers sometimes talk about being called to ministry as if it’s magic, territory unique to the ordained religious. What a bunch of hooley. I think the truth is life calls everyone to something. Every person has a vocation. It’s that place where our loves and passions meet the needs of the world.

My wife Heather, for example, is a labor and delivery nurse. She’s really good at it. She has a mind for science and a heart for people, and she loves what she does. If I had to be a nurse I’m afraid I’d end up in some dark hospital corner, a crying heap of insecurity, tangled in IV tubes and bedsheets. But not Heather. In the same way that I feel called to ministry, she feels called to nursing. I marvel that anyone would willingly undertake such a thing, but I’m glad they do.

The diversity of our vocations is astounding. Some are called to the gritty dignity of blue collar labor. Others feel life’s pull toward the classroom or the construction zone or the C-suite. But vocation doesn’t have to be about what we do to make a living. It can also be the volunteer work we do on the weekend, or the mentoring and companionship we provide our children.

The key, it seems to me, is to live life on purpose, to be aware of the place where our deepest passions and interests meet the world’s needs. There is such a place for each person. Sometimes it takes a good long while to find it, and sometimes it’s obvious. But my faith is that vocation is a part of every life if we are paying attention.

Thing is, we have to *keep* paying attention. Because over our lifetimes, often our vocation changes. You may not feel called at age 50 to the work you felt called to at age 20. Or you may begin to derive a sense of vocation from work outside your paid job in ways you didn’t before. Whatever your path, I hope you’ll keep listening for the call of vocation in your life. The world needs you. It’ll tell you where.

With love,  
Rev. Andy

You can schedule a meeting with Rev. Andy at <https://calendly.com/andyb1015>

*“You will know your vocation by the joy that it brings you.  
You will know. You will know when it’s right.”*

– Dorothy Day

## **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

From the Board President:

Here we go ... it's the beginning of the "church year," as evidenced by already-full Sunday morning services, and more and more visitors, children, and members will be finding their way to Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation on a regular basis.

Every Labor Day we look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones, the temperatures dipping below 100 on occasion, and children once again scooting in longer lines underneath our bridge of love. This year, the Board and staff are excited to plan for a second service, starting October 14th, when our services will be at 9:15 and 11:30, with an hour for Faith Formation classes for ALL AGES in between. Read more in this newsletter and [Sunday bulletin](#), and plan to set your clock to arrive for the early service and stay for Faith Formation, or arrive for Faith Formation and stay for the second service. We look forward to new learning opportunities and spending more time with you on Sundays!

As we start to plan for our campus and parking renovations, keep in mind that our parking and our chairs are at a premium on Sunday mornings. To help ensure that we have spaces aplenty for visitors - and can be **radically hospitable**, as [our ends statements](#) call us to be - the board suggests a few possibilities to allow for everyone to feel welcome:

Ride your bike, or ride-share with others when you are able.

- Park on the street if you are very mobile, leaving spaces for newcomers who arrive later.
- Park further in the parking lot if you are very mobile, leaving closer spaces for those who will appreciate a shorter walk.
- Sit in the middle of the row instead of on the aisles - those who arrive late will appreciate having an easy seat to find without bothering those already sitting.

Another way to practice **radical hospitality**, and I am committing to this one right now as I write, is to introduce yourself to someone new each Sunday. Ask them how long they've been attending VUU, invite them to stay for one of the Faith Formation discussion groups (or come early for it next week), and suggest the one you went to last week or are looking forward to joining.

The Board is planning our annual retreat in September, where we will get to know each other better and plan our board goals for the year. We plan to make some outgoing calls that day to members to let you know what those goals are, and to ask for your feedback. Don't be surprised if we call YOU. You can always contact me with feedback at [board\\_president@vuu.org](mailto:board_president@vuu.org) or by phone at 602.214.4608.

Happy "new year"!

In service,  
DeeAnne McClenahan  
President, Board of Trustees

**LOVE IS OUR DOCTRINE**  
**.....SERVICE IS OUR PRAYER**  
**.....JUSTICE IS OUR CALLING**

## Faith Formation Ministry September 2018

Valley UU will have 2 Sunday services beginning Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. What time? For how long? Why? When will the faith formation classes be? What will the adults do? Where will the Dalai Lama group meet? All good questions!! Meet with Rev. Andy and Marci; to talk about this exciting change, Sunday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, noon, in the sanctuary. We will have childcare in the comfort room.

Sunday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Water Fun Day - Come prepared to get wet! 16' tall water slide PLUS (new this year) a kiddie pool with toddler slide, fUUn!!

Wear a swim suit, sunscreen, water shoes, bring a towel!

**All children/youth start in the Education complex (skip the sanctuary)**



**Introducing our new Faith Formation assistant: Rebecca O'Rourke.** Rebecca joined VUU in 2014 and has been our lead high school teacher since August of 2016. You can find Rebecca working with Marci in the VUU office Mondays – Thursdays and 2 Sundays a month she will be helping with the children's sign in, Time for All Ages, and checking in with the classes.

### Our theme this school year is Unitarian Universalism

The first class is Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, register your kids, [use this link](#).

Curriculum summaries:

**Preschool:** *We are Many, We are One*; encourages children to use their minds, bodies, and emotions to develop their sense of identity and self-esteem and connect with our Unitarian Universalist Principles.

**Kinder/1<sup>st</sup> grade:** Combining 2 curricula from the UUA: *Wonderful Welcome* - intangible gifts central to UUism (friendship, hospitality, and fairness) & *Love Surrounds Us* – explores the UU Principles in the context of Beloved Community of family/home, school, and neighborhood.

**2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grades:** *Free to Believe*: Activities, games, stories and discussions to explore the 7 Unitarian Universalist Principles and how they lead us to find personal answers to some “big questions” around faith, death, and creation.

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades:** *Harry and UU: A social action curriculum based on J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books* uses discussion and magical activities to engage the children and empower them to become more motivated and passionate about social action. Knowledge of the books or movies is not necessary to participate in this class.

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades:** *The Questing Year*: UUism, Social Justice, Personal, & Spiritual and Ritual exploration are investigated in a variety of activities including the production of a “mirror board” and discussing topics with their “alien.”

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades:** *Compass Points*: through discussion and activities youth explore their selves, their beliefs, their UU faith, & their relationships with others and the world.

**Coming of Age** <http://www.vuu.org/edu/coming-of-age-2019/> or contact Marci

- 1) Orientation for parents & youth: January 6, 2019
- 2) 5-month long program, open to youth in high school. Heritage trip to Boston follows close of program.
- 3) Fundraising for Boston trip has already begun, join us!
- 4) Mentors needed!!

**Goals of mentoring:** create relationships between youth and non-parental adults; provide a safe space for questions and learning, support youth in their faith development.

**Expectations:** Attend the kick off bar-b-que (January 20) and select COA sessions, join us for the team building day in Tucson (March 9). Meet monthly with mentee - be their sounding board and cheerleader. Attend banquet (May 4) and introduce your mentee.

Marci Beaudoin, Director of Faith Formation ministry

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

### **New: 7<sup>th</sup> Principle and My Impact, discussion group**

Lead by Jerry Waters, this group grew out of the Best Diet for Me discussion group.

Focusing on the 7<sup>th</sup> Principle: *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part*, how are we affecting our planet. Discussions will revolve around climate change, blue zones, mining, food production and more!

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm VUU conference room.

**Make a note:** When we moved to 2 worship services in October – we will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, during the faith formation hour.

### **Returning: Spirit of Live discussion group**

VUU Spirit of Life group will be reconvening in September. Our first session will be Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm to 8:30 pm in Rooms 1 and 2. Feel free to invite anyone who might be interested.

**Make a note:** When we moved to 2 worship services in October – we will offer an additional Sunday morning discussion group during the faith formation hour.

Readings for September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting:

1. A brochure from [UUCOMMONGROUND](#) about UUism, and whether we can be the “NEW RELIGION” the world needs.
2. Rev. David Bumbaugh, UU Minister, article in UU WORLD, [“The unfulfilled dream”](#) about the need for the theological coherence.
3. Rev. David Bumbaugh, excerpts from a 2009 graduation address to Meadville Lombard, The Marketing of Liberal Religion. Contact Anne for excerpts, [full article here](#).

Facilitated by: Mary, Rebecca, and Anne



## The Dalai Lama and Friends Workshop

An opportunity to learn from the Dalai Lama and other Tibetan and modern Buddhist teachers is offered each Sunday from 9-10AM in the Education complex, room 5. If you come early there is also meditation from 8:30-9 AM.

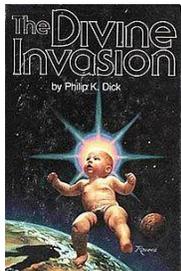
There is a reading or recorded audio or video teaching, then group discussion. Everyone is welcome! Various topics are discussed, such as 'how to be more compassionate' or 'dealing with anger' or 'how to meditate'.

**Every Sunday - child care is available at 8:30 am in the room next door, #6**

Done at 10 - plenty of time to get to the VUU service! ...questions? Just email [DavidBlackDLF@gmail.com](mailto:DavidBlackDLF@gmail.com)

**Make a note:** When we move to 2 worship services on October 14 – we will meet in room 1, 10:30 am – 11:20 am, during the faith formation hour.

## The N.S.G. (Not So Great) Book Club



The N.S.G. Book Club is open to all members, visitors, and friends of VUU who enjoy reading and discussing a variety of books. We meet once a month at the home of Johnnie Godfrey in Tempe (near Baseline Rd. and the 101).

The September meeting will be on September 20 at 7:15 p.m. The September book selection is The Divine Invasion by Phillip K Dick. In this story, God has been exiled to an extraterrestrial planet. This science fiction story blends philosophy and adventure plus virtual reality, parallel worlds, and interstellar travel. This author has had several books made into movies and may be best known for his book Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? which was the basis for the movie Blade Runner.

For the meeting address or questions, please contact Johnnie at 480-839-0544, Amy at 480-917-1922, or email: [agmonahan@gmail.com](mailto:agmonahan@gmail.com).



“A vocation is not something you slap on, like a coat of paint, and change whenever you want. A vocation is built into you.”

Cinda Williams Chima

Rolling on Paint, photo by David Pisnoy on Unsplash

## MUSIC & MORE

**CABARET 2018**  
**NUMBER ONE HITS**

**TICKETS:**  
**\$10 ADULTS**  
**\$5 KIDS UNDER 12**  
**\$25 FAMILY**  
**AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE**  
**AND AT THE DOOR**

**SATURDAY,**  
**SEP 29, 7 PM**  
**VALLEY UU**  
**6400 W. DEL RIO ST.**

This fun annual social & musical event is a variety show put on by the Adult Choir and other VUU members. The theme this year is Number 1 Billboard Hits, so there should be lots of familiar, fun music for listening and dancing. Plan to put together a great outfit from your favorite era! Ticket sales start in early September and will be available in advance and at the door.

### CHOIRS ARE STARTING!

**Voices Lifted Singers:** Rehearsals begin Sunday September 2 from 1:30-3:00pm in Room 1 of the Faith Formation area (WEST side of parking lot). This ensemble of female voices sings in community settings such as assisted living homes, senior centers, and at bedside for those recovering from surgery or illness or in hospice care.

The **Adult Choir** rehearses TUESDAY evenings 7:30-9:00pm in the VUU sanctuary. Open to all from high school age on up. This group sings a variety of mostly 4-part choral music and performs every 2-3 weeks for Sunday services.

**Chalice Singers** (VUU's Children's Choir) also will be changing to TUESDAY rehearsals. They will be on break until Tuesday, October 2, when they will rehearse from 6:15 to 7pm in the sanctuary kitchen.

This fun group is for children mostly K through 6<sup>th</sup>, and they perform for Sunday services about once a month.

**Chalice Ringers** (VUU's Bell Choir) also rehearses TUESDAYS, 6 to 7:30pm in the VUU sanctuary. Come to the Open House after the service on Sunday, Sept. 16, when you can try playing the bells yourself! And see the message below from Joan Bundy, our Chalice Ringers Director:

Despite the summer break from regular rehearsals and performances, your VUU Chalice Ringers have been busy these hot summer months.

First, three members (Joan Bundy, David Sheh and Jodi Freeman) traveled to Albuquerque for the regional biannual festival and conference June 21-24 for Hand Bell Musicians of America. We even extended the trip a day to learn about solo and small ensemble performing and bell trees, and received virtually one-on-one attention from Forte, the main clinicians and a professional quartet from Colorado Springs. They perform five octaves of hand bells and hand chimes simultaneously -go to <http://fortehandbells.org/> to hear this amazing group!

In addition to attending various classes all day every day, there were bell choir concerts each evening, including a youth bell group performing Celtic/Irish tunes, an adult group performing Broadway standards and Forte, which also played several mini-concerts throughout the conference. The final concert was a mass bell ring extravaganza Sunday afternoon, directed by world-renowned composer, arranger, percussionist, director and teacher Alex Guebert. It involved more than a hundred musicians—including Joan and David—performing on hand bells, hand chimes and mallets.

Then, back at VUU, on July 1, member Janell Keller performed a hand bell SOLO, with Jill Khaleghi on piano, of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah." She knocked it out of the park!

So, expect big, exciting things from your Chalice Ringers this season! Now is the perfect time to check us out and see if bell-ringing might be your way to serve people and challenge and enjoy yourself more than you thought possible. If you can count, you can play bells! -Joan Bundy



**David Sheh**  
**Now that's a Bell!**

**JOURNEY TO MEMBERSHIP SESSIONS** for the '18 – '19 church year:  
Sundays from 1 until 4:30 PM on November 11 and February 3, and  
Sundays from 12 until 3:30 PM on May 5 and August 18

-Rev. Kellie Walker Hart, Minister of Music ([music@vuu.org](mailto:music@vuu.org))



# VUU COMMUNITY

## VUU SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

### Promoting Social, Economic and Environmental Justice

Note – There will not be a VUUJAZ Coffee Conversations Meeting on Sept 9.

### Reproductive Justice – NEW VUU Social Action Group

A new social action group is starting at VUU, and you are cordially invited to attend the first organizational meeting! The group is forming around the concept of Reproductive Justice, as defined by the national Unitarian Universalist Association:

*“Decisions about children, families and sexuality are some of life’s most profound. We advocate not only for the freedom of those choices in each person’s life journey, but also for the ability of all families and communities to realize a sense of wholeness with regard to their sexual and reproductive lives. We create safe and healthy environments for children in our faith communities and campaign publicly for just and compassionate laws for family planning, reproductive health and gender equality.”*

Join us!

Sunday, Sept. 9

Noon – directly after service

Room 5 in RE annex

Your presence is valued and appreciated. Sharing this announcement is gratefully encouraged. All are welcome.

Warmly,

Lorraine Doman-Sheydayi & Marci Beaudoin

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Marci Cell/Text/Email: 480-215-6694 [faithform@vuu.org](mailto:faithform@vuu.org)

### Citizen’s Climate Lobby Meeting – Sept 6, 7:00-8:30p.m.



#### **Citizens’ Climate** Lobby

Are you passionate about addressing climate change? Are you looking for a way to make a measurable difference? We at Valley UU Congregation are considering starting a VUU chapter of Citizen’s Climate Lobby to work toward a solution, and we want you to be part of the conversation!

If you are interested in working with other VUU’ers to address climate change, please attend a presentation on and discussion on September 6<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 PM in classrooms 1 and 2 to learn more about our warming world and what can be done to reduce pollution in it. Sandy Whitley, a VUU member and volunteer with Citizens’ Climate Lobby, will discuss global warming facts. The presentation will center on a revenue neutral carbon fee and dividend plan, the central piece of Citizens’ Climate Lobby’s work. It will detail how CF&D works and why it is effective, the health effects of carbon pollution on all of us, and what Citizens’ Climate Lobby is and how it can provide a forum for VUU congregants to make an impact in environmental advocacy.

Do you want to be part of a solution to climate change? This is a great opportunity to do just that. See you there!

### **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 September, October and November. On the second Friday of 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](mailto:pazdecristo@vuu.org)



**September 15, 1988 – September 15, 2018 – Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Paz de Cristo!**

### **September Donation of the Month: Canned Tuna and Canned Chicken**

Please support our focus charity, Paz de Cristo, by bringing in a donation of canned tuna and canned chicken at any time during the month of September. Drop your donation in the designated container in the foyer of the sanctuary. In July, VUU members provided 82 food items and over 200 nonfood items, to Paz de Cristo to help homeless and unemployed families in the Valley. What a great way to give help to others when it is so hot outside!



**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 each month. I-HELP questions or if you want to get more involved? VUU will provide the meal on September 10. Look for the sign-up link in the September 5 *Happenings*. Contact Sue [office@vuu.org](mailto:office@vuu.org)

### **Valley Interfaith Project LD17/18 Candidates Accountability Session**

Come discover LD17 & 18 Candidates' views on Education, Criminal Justice, Workforce Development and Immigration at Valley Interfaith Project's Accountability Session and Invest In Education Kickoff

**Date:** Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Dayspring Methodist Church, 1365 Elliot Rd., Tempe.

**R.S.V.P.** to Cathy Fitzgerald ([cfitz1108@gmail.com](mailto:cfitz1108@gmail.com)) and/or contact Cathy if you have questions. Bring a friend, colleague, family member.

### **VUUJAZ Coffee Conversations – Sept. 16**

The VUUJAAZ coffee conversations group (VUU's "Legislative Ministry") will meet on the patio Sunday, Sept. 16 from noon to 1 to share information and updates on our social justice work in Arizona and on the Nov. election. All are welcome!

### **Sign up for the Legislative Alert!!**

Want to keep up on what's happening to social justice legislation in Arizona? The Arizona Legislative Alert is an e-mail newsletter covering social justice and public policy issues in Arizona edited by Anne Schneider, Ph.D., VUU member. Sign up for your own copy of the Arizona Legislative Alert by e-mailing [legislativeadvocacy@vuu.org](mailto:legislativeadvocacy@vuu.org)

### **Thank you for Supporting the VUU Social Action Ministry**

If you have ideas, comments or questions about these or other Social Action projects, please contact Willa Cree, [socialaction@vuu.org](mailto:socialaction@vuu.org)

We remember....



**Memorial Service for Betty Sadowsky**

**Saturday, September 1, 2018 @ 4PM in the VUU Sanctuary**

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, people are encouraged to send donations to Nature Conservancy. The address is:

The Nature Conservancy  
Attn: Treasury  
4245 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100  
Arlington, VA 22203 USA

We also invite you to send condolences to Betty's husband, Bob Clarke,  
send to - Fellowship Square, 155 W Brown Rd, Apt. # 154Q, Mesa AZ 85201



We lost another member in August. Nancy Anderson died suddenly on Tuesday evening, August 21, after a very short battle with cancer.

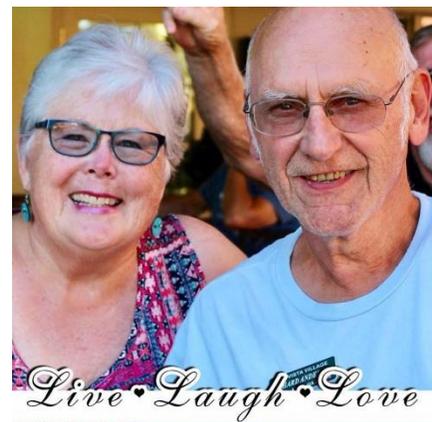
We all offer our love and support to Nancy's beloved Richard. When we have information about a Service for Nancy, we will let you know.

You can send a card to Richard Anderson.

Send it to - 3811 E University Dr.

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Mesa, AZ 85205



**What a great looking congregation!**  
**We'll bet you'd love the opportunity to get more involved!**

Have you thought about moving your commitment to VUU into more of a committee or team leadership position? If you would like to "visit" that possibility, you may want to attend our quarterly **Leadership Council brunch on Saturday, September 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room.** Contact Rev. Andy at [revandy@vuu.org](mailto:revandy@vuu.org) for more information.





A very big **thank you** to all the **man** and women who turned out to stuff bags for Women4Women Tempe on Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>. We made 267 bags, and they extremely happy for our donation. We'll be getting together each quarter to make the bags and support their mission to provide low income/homeless women with feminine hygiene products. Please mark your calendars for Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am at VUU. More information to follow closer to the date.



## LIBRARY NOTES

New Books:

For a short time, new books will be on the small bookcase to the left as you enter the library. Later they will be shelved by category and author.

Killers of the Flower Moon; The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI, David Grann.  
Category: History

Introduction to Zen Koans; Learning the Language of Dragons, James Ishmael Ford. Category: Religion/Zen

Contact: Johnnie Godfrey [johnniegirl85218@gmail.com](mailto:johnniegirl85218@gmail.com) or 480-231-8381.

## We invite YOU to become a part of VUU's Highlight Hospitality Team.



Johnnie Godfrey and her team have taken our Coffee Hour to new heights.

Now our Coffee Hour will grow to even new importance as we move to two Sunday morning services: It will be a focal point as we attend workshops and classes.

... and guess what: We need a bigger team!

Our teams of volunteers will prepare drinks and snacks before or during the Early Service, serve during the Faith Formation Hour, and clean up during or after the Late Service.

To volunteer for set-up, serving, and clean-up, please contact: Sue [Office@vuu.org](mailto:Office@vuu.org) or Linda [LindaHorto@cs.com](mailto:LindaHorto@cs.com)

## 2018-2019 Chalice Circle Sign-Up Link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d49adab22a64-chalice1>

VUU's small group ministry program, Chalice Circles, will begin late September 2018 and will run until the end of April 2019. These twice monthly gatherings of up to 8 people feature deep listening and allow for quiet reflection on vital issues of faith and life. Meaningful connection with others and grounding in our shared values result from the deep listening and thoughtful sharing.



To sign-up or for more information, visit the VUU website or e-mail [chalicecircles@vuu.org](mailto:chalicecircles@vuu.org). If you prefer, you may also call Molly McNamara at 515-450-0843.

***“No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.”— Martin Luther King Jr.***

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES!**

VUU would like to recognize those Members who are celebrating their 10- plus anniversaries. We're grateful for everything they have contributed over the years to help make VUU a growing and dynamic community. When you see them, please let them know how much we appreciate all they have done over the years!

Members who have anniversaries in September 2018 are:

**10 to 19 Years:**

*Evan Anderson*

*Lenore Braun*

*Faye (F E) Farmer*

*Tracey Greer*

*Wendy Hayes & Todd Hoffay*

*Dan & Stephanie Sapakie*

*Patricia Young*

**20 to 29 Years:**

*Duke Mertz*

*Ken St. John*

**30 to 39 years:**

*Randall Casillas*

*Loyd Means*

Thank you all so much for being an important part of our Community!



**PUT THIS ON YOUR  
CALENDARS NOW!**

**STARTING OCTOBER 14**

“We are not called upon to do all the good that is possible, but  
only that which we can do.”

– Theodore Guerin, Journals and Letters of Mother Theodore Guerin

# EVENTS



## September 2

First Sunday of each month *stop by "The Board Room", held in the sanctuary after Sunday service, for an informal chat with members of the VUU Board of Trustees. Your questions and comments are welcome!*

## LGBTQ Spectrum Meeting

September 2 and 16 – 11:45am-1:00pm

Room 5



## VUU SINGLES EVENTS

**Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm - Foreign Movie and Foreign Food to Match!** Renee's home — 4761 E. Pawnee Circle, Phoenix (Ahwatukee)

We'll all create the dinner together, so you will be asked to bring something to help create our dinner. Details are still being worked on. Watch for details to come in your email in-box or call Claudette if you are not on the emails distribution list yet. Text, call or email Claudette at [claudettewassil@hotmail.com](mailto:claudettewassil@hotmail.com), 973-768-6047 to RSVP.

**September 7th, 6:15 Game Night at Joanne McGrath's (4139 E Loma Vista Street, Gilbert) (Crossroads Williams Field and Recker)** Board Games, Dominoes, card games or whatever game you love, just bring it along. It's not usual for there to be new games to try every time we meet. Bring a substantial "snack" or an appetizer to share and we'll call that dinner. Water, ice tea and coffee will be provided. Feel free to bring alternate drinks. (FYI: two cats live at Joanne's house, just in case you are allergic) Let us know if you would like to join in the fun so we know if any extra tables and chairs are needed. Text, call or email Claudette at [claudettewassil@hotmail.com](mailto:claudettewassil@hotmail.com), 973-768-6047 to RSVP.

**Saturday, September 22nd, 6:15 pm – Game Night – Game Night at Bob and Raul's (7392 S. Hazelton Lane, Tempe—near NE corner of Elliot and McClintock) This is not a duplication error! This is an experiment: There really is going to be two game nights in September...because they are so much fun!** What could be more fun than a night of games? Dominoes, Apples to Apples, card games or anything your heart desires, just bring it along. We'll all bring substantial "snacks" to share and make a "dinner" out of them. Water, ice tea and coffee will be provided. Feel free to bring alternate drinks. Let Claudette know if you are coming. We need to keep a count of how many are coming so we know if any extra tables and chairs are needed. Text, call or email Claudette [claudettewassil@hotmail.com](mailto:claudettewassil@hotmail.com), 973-768-6047 to RSVP. For last minute directions, contact Raul at 561-901-9277.

**Friday, September 28th, 6:30 - Singles Monthly Dinner - Picazzo's Organic Italian Kitchen, 440 W. Warner Road, Tempe** (Crossroads: Warner and Kyrene) New Times has voted this place the 2018 Best of Phoenix. Healthy and Gluten Free options abound. Come share good conversation and good food with friends. RSVP to Claudette by call or text 973-768-6047.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER IS SEPTEMBER 16**

**EastVUUs**  VALLEY UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALIST  
EAST VALLEY

**SEPTEMBER 13 - 6pm**

The EastVUU group includes Unitarian Universalists and friends who gather monthly for fellowship, spiritual conversations and social justice work.

Our meeting discussion will be "Unity & Diversity." Join us for our monthly potluck before our discussion. Please bring a dish to pass & your own service-ware.

Apache Wells Community Center, Maricopa Room  
2215 N. 56th St., Mesa, AZ 85215

Follow the "Welcome UU" signs to the Community Building.

**WAYFARERS**

Hope all you Wayfarers had a good summer (and we are all Wayfarers). It's time again for our kickoff to a season of Happy HoUUs with old friends and new. I believe this is our fourth season and, as in the past, we will begin with Pita Jungle in Ahwatukee. The address is 4921 E. Ray Road, on the southwest corner of Ray Road and I-10. We will begin meeting at 4:30 on Friday, September 21. If you plan to attend or if you have questions, please let Jan Waters know by phone or text at 608-201-2207, or email: [watersjj9790@gmail.com](mailto:watersjj9790@gmail.com).

**VUU WOMEN'S GROUP**

September 23, 2018

All women are welcome to meet with us as we get better acquainted with one another. This month is special; Anne Schneider will tell us why she writes poetry. For years Anne has been a VUU leader. Plus, she writes the "AZ Legislative Alert"

which you probably receive by e-mail. After she speaks, there will be time for questions and for sharing our own interests in writing poetry.

We will share a simple potluck luncheon. Fill your plate in the kitchen then meet at the front of the sanctuary, Sunday September 23, 2018 after the service and coffee hour.

Contact: Johnnie Godfrey, 480-231-8381 [johnniegirl85218@gmail.com](mailto:johnniegirl85218@gmail.com), or Margaret Stewart, [mjs.ontheroad@gmail.com](mailto:mjs.ontheroad@gmail.com).



"The test of a vocation  
is the love  
of the drudgery  
it involves."  
Logan Pearsall Smith

The Farmer's Kitchen, ca. 1934,  
oil on canvas by Ivan Albright,  
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## VUU Will Have TWO SUNDAY SERVICES Beginning October 14th!

### THE FACTS

- **Services will be 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**
- There will be an hour for faith formation classes/discussion groups for all ages from 10:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
- Adult classes will include a discussion of the monthly topic, a discussion group on environmental reform, a monthly Spirit of Life Circle focusing on UU spirituality, and more.
- Children's age appropriate faith formation classes will also be during this 10:30 a.m. time, in rooms 2-8.
- Childcare for children up to age 8 will be available for both services, but children ages 9 and above will be with us in the services.
- We will have in-service quiet activities for children to access during services.
- Two services will run from October 14 through the end of April. In May, we will go back to one service and stay there through September.

### WHY WOULD WE DO THIS?

- First, with Sunday services becoming more well-attended, we need to make more room for growth during our busiest months. Like setting a place for a guest at the dinner table, we are making room for others who are looking for a progressive religious home.
- Which leads to a second reason: We want to increase our impact on our community when it comes to social justice, and bringing in more people who sympathize with our mission is key to building that power! A second service is a great tool to help us grow. *Research cited by the Alban Institute's Alice Mann indicates that 8 out of 10 congregations that add a second service experience a measurable increase in total worship attendance and total giving.*
- Two service times give congregants more options.
- Parking congestion will likely decrease.
- The addition of the faith formation hour helps address a big hurdle to adult faith formation attendance. Specifically, we serve 22 zip codes, and most folks just don't seem to want to come back to campus in the middle of the week. In this new format we will be together as families growing our spirits and connecting with one another without an extra trip to campus!
- Unitarian Universalist teens and young adults leave our faith at an alarming rate. We believe having families together in worship services will help build Unitarian Universalist identity at younger ages, perhaps helping address this trend.
- In a similar vein, we want to create a truly multi-generational religious community in which different generations are often together.
- This move is likely to expand participation in adult faith formation, including bolstering our work with monthly themes, as there will be weekly discussions on the theme of the month during the faith formation hour.



**BROWN BAG  
LUNCH  
WITH REV. ANDY**

**On the first Wednesday of each month, join Rev. Andy in the Office Board Room for lunch and a chat. Sept. 5 @ noon would be a great time to bring your lunch and find out more about VUU going to 2 Services on Oct. 14.**



## Caring & Concerns Neighborhood Contacts

As school starts up and our lives become busier, it can become harder to stay connected. If we all make an effort to stay in touch, our community will remain close. If you need assistance with a situation or want to share a joy, call your Neighborhood Contact. We're here and ready to help.

If there's a situation coming up you'll need help with, or you have a joy to share, contact your Neighborhood Contact. We're ready to be of assistance.

Your Neighborhood Contacts are:

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Neighborhood Contacts Needed!

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Chandler

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South, including Sun Lakes, Queen Creek, Casa Grande

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Barbara Face	480-961-3223	barbara_face@qwest.net
Jacqui Meriweather	480-491-0546	jacquelinea.meriwether@gmail.com

\*\*\*We need more Neighborhood Contacts to fully cover all areas. If you would like to help strengthen the bonds of community in our congregation, please contact Lauree Perry

There is a way for your joys and sorrows to be mentioned in the newsletter. Just send an email to [caring@vuu.org](mailto:caring@vuu.org). You can also request to be contacted by the minister, a Lay Pastoral Associate, and/or your Neighborhood Contact this way.



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**Put it on your calendar TODAY!**

**October 7, 2018 – Homecoming Celebration and Potluck  
and the final Sunday with only one Service!**

**VUU STAFF**

The Reverend Doctor Andy Burnette, Senior Minister  
The Reverend Kellie Walker Hart, Minister of Music  
Marci Beaudoin, Director of Faith Formation  
Rebecca O'Rourke, Faith Formation Assistant  
Sue Ringler, Congregation Administrator  
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