



# VUUPOINT      APRIL 2019



## *Sunday Service Times*

*9:15 A.M.*

*&*

*11:30 A.M.*

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**April is our last month of 2 Services: Sunday Services 9:15 A.M. & 11:30 A.M.**

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

*Your Sunday Bulletin is now posted on the website.*

*Go to vuu.org and click on Sunday Bulletin at the top of the home page.*

*April's Theme is Salvation/Wholeness*

**April 7 Wholeness by Way of Uselessness: Letting Go of Other Peoples' Problems.**

**Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette**

On this Sunday, Rev. Andy will talk about the Taoist notion that folks who are viewed as 'useful' in society get used up and burned out, but that sometimes when we are deemed 'useless,' we have more time to go deep and explore our spirituality more fully. The Chalice Ringers will play, and Michael Lewis will be our guest pianist.

**April 14 The Power of One and the Necessity of Community: Jeanne Manford and PFLAG.**

**Mary Rothschild**

The Children's Choir & the Adult Choir will sing

**April 21 Wholeness When All Seems Lost: Lessons from Passover and Easter Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette**

Rev. Andy will mine the Passover and Easter stories for lessons about resilience when all seems lost. The Adult Choir will sing, and Michael Lewis is guest pianist.

**April 28 An Earth Made Whole: Celebrating Our Shared Plane**

**Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette**

We will commemorate Earth Day on this Sunday. Our new environmental justice group will work with Rev. Andy to come up with after-worship activities that go along with the theme.

April Events at a Glance

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| 4/01 UUA Common Read            | 4/21 <b>Annual Pancake Breakfast</b>      |
| 4/05 VUU Singles Game Night     | 7 <sup>th</sup> Principle Climate Actions |
| 4/07 Spectrum Meets             | Spectrum Meets                            |
| A Room with a VUU               | Newsletter Deadline                       |
| The Board Room                  | 4/25 EastVUUs Social Night                |
| Cakes for the Queen of Heaven   | 4/26 VUU Singles Monthly Dinner           |
| 4/11 EastVUUs Meet              | PSW District Assembly                     |
| 4/13 VUU Singles Kayaking, etc. | 4/28 <b>VUU Chalice Ringers Concert</b>   |
| 4/14 VUUJAZ Conversation        | <b>Celebrate our Mother Earth</b>         |
| A Room with a VUU               | Story Circles                             |
| Voices Lifted Rehearsal         | 7 <sup>th</sup> Principle and My Impact   |
| 4/18 Page Turners               | <b>VUU Women's Group</b>                  |
| 4/19 Wayfarers Happy HoUr       |   |

Sundays – Dalai Lama & Friends

Tuesdays – Adult Choir, Chalice Singers & Chalice Ringers Rehearse

Thursdays – Mindfulness Course

**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR  
WHAT'S NUU?**

We are coming to end of our first "2 Services Season" here at VUU. The last Sunday with 2 Services will be April 28. **We will be back to our 1 Service schedule, with that Service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings on Sunday, May 5.** We were so pleased that on the "2 Services Survey" we got 106 responses. And not just to the 'yes or no' answers, but many of you shared what was working with our 2 Services Schedules and what definitely needed to be evaluated and maybe even modified before our next 2 Services Season begins in October 2019. THANK YOU! We are here to serve your needs as we serve the needs of this beloved community. We have heard you. In the future we will write more about how the next 2 Services Season will be modified.

If you are still looking for a way to get involved and serve your community, there is a need for more volunteers during our coffee hour. This, too, will be a bit different when we go back to one Service but if you could give your community one Sunday a month it would be a great help. Contact me [office@vuu.org](mailto:office@vuu.org)

Another opportunity is with one of our outreach ministries: I-HELP. We host I-HELP – an overnight shelter for people experiencing homelessness – in our sanctuary on Monday evenings. Different groups supply the evening meal on each Monday and a VUU volunteer, as a member of the host site, welcomes the volunteers – the set up volunteers from VUU, the meal volunteers from different congregations – and welcomes our evening guests and meets with their evening monitors. We host I-HELP here at VUU on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays each month. If you would be interested to being the VUU point person for one or more of these Monday evenings, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m let me know. You would work your Monday with me first so you can learn the routine and then it will be your night! Contact me [office@vuu.org](mailto:office@vuu.org)

Be watching your email for your 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Giving Report. I have gotten a lot of positive feedback that you really appreciate these updates. It is important that you know how awesome and generous you are as a community that lives your commitment to Service, Love and Justice. You are inspiring and make our world a better place. Thank you, Sue Ringler, your Administrator

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



EASTER SUNDAY  
April 21 at VUU



Sunrise Service @ 7:30  
a.m. outside

Easter Pancake Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

<https://squareup.com/store/valleyuufundraisers>

9:15 a.m. Service – in the Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Service – in the Sanctuary



EASTER SUNDAY

## Faith Formation Ministry March 2019

# Don't miss the annual Easter Pancake Breakfast

## Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 am ~ 9 am



Breakfast on the sanctuary patio.

<https://squareup.com/store/valleyuufundraisers>

Marci Beaudoin, Director of Faith Formation ministry

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

See program descriptions below

**\*\*Note: faith formation classes may meet on Easter, April 21<sup>st</sup>.**

	<u>1st Sunday</u> 4/7	<u>2nd Sunday</u> 4/14	<u>3rd Sunday</u> **4/21	<u>4th Sunday</u> 4/28
Dalai Lama and Friends	room 1	room 1	room 1	room 1
VUUJAZ Conversations		Board Room		
7 <sup>th</sup> Principle and My Impact				Board Room
7 <sup>th</sup> Principle Climate Actions			Conference Room	
Story Circles				Sanctuary library
A Room with a VUU: Using Contemporary Latinx Art to Explore our Values <b>FULL</b>	Sanctuary library	Sanctuary library		
Cakes for the Queen of Heaven (Nov 4 – April 7) <b>FULL</b>	Board Room			

### The Dalai Lama and Friends Workshop



Facilitated by David Black and Melanie Cloonan-Schulte

An opportunity to learn from the Dalai Lama and other modern Buddhist teachers is offered each Sunday. The program is offered in 2 parts:

\*8:30 - 9 am, room 5: meditation

\*10:30 - 11:20 am, room 1: Group discussion of presentations on topics such as how to be more compassionate, cultivating our mind, dealing with anger, or how to meditate.

Questions? Just email [DavidBlackDLF@gmail.com](mailto:DavidBlackDLF@gmail.com)

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

# ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

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

Led by Jerry Waters Meeting dates: **4/28**

We will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month in the board room.

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!

## 7<sup>th</sup> Principle Climate Actions

Led by Jeff Grout Meeting dates: Meeting dates: **4/21**

We will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month in the volunteer room, in the office building.

Our focus will be on specific things that people can do to heal our climate. Possible topics include:

- VUU Citizens' Climate Lobby letter writing and politician meeting opportunities
- Possibility of Restarting the VUU Green Sanctuary
- UU Statewide and VUUJAZ actions related to climate change. Inform attendees of existing meetings that we can attend with volunteering opportunities.
- Discuss specific actions that people can take to reduce their carbon footprint and discussion of large and small ways to reverse global warming. (See list of top 100 contributors to global warming at <https://www.drawdown.org>)

## VUUJAZ CONVERSATIONS

Facilitated by Anne Schneider

We will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month in the board room. **4/14**

A monthly “coffee conversation” for anyone interested in improving social justice through public policy using education, public witness, and participation in UU Day at the Legislature. We will share what we are doing, thinking, wondering, worrying about, and other information! All are welcome! For more information, contact [legislativeadvocacy@vuu.org](mailto:legislativeadvocacy@vuu.org).

## Offsite or Evening meetings

### Weekly Parenting group

Led by Maria Sireci-Najmi We will meet weekly (dates and times to be determined by the group.)

A weekly parenting group for moms, dad, grandparents, and childcare people of all types. We will read and do exercises from various parenting books during our meetings. No reading at home required! Do not to worry if you can't attend every meeting, we will most likely move slowly through each book. We will create a platform for support and connection and help to strengthen intentions and skills in parenting. The first book will be [Positive Discipline](#) by Jane Nelson.

If you're interested, please email Maria with the age of your children and date & time preferences. [mariawildflower@rocketmail.com](mailto:mariawildflower@rocketmail.com) 602 884 0827 (text). One possibility: Monday nights from 7-8:30.

**This is an adult only group and there is no childcare available.**

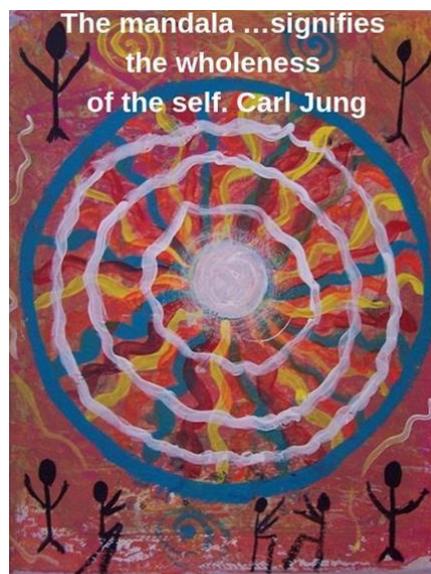
Please share this information with any parents/caregivers who might be interested.



### The Page Turners Book Club (offsite, evening meeting)

The Page Turners 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 next meeting will be on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. The book is *Fascism: A Warning* by Madeleine Albright. This non-fiction book examines Fascism in the twentieth century and how it shapes today's world. The author is the first woman to have served as the U.S. Secretary of Stat.

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).



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## MUSIC & MORE

### CLAPPING and HAND-HOLDING

If you are new to Valley UU, you may be wondering why people are waving their hands after a piece of music has ended. This is the sign language gesture to indicate clapping, and often used here after a quiet piece of music, so that clapping doesn't interrupt the lovely sound and then silence lingering in the air after the music has finished. Clapping is not a "no-no" in our services, but we prefer it to be spontaneous instead of perfunctory, and probably not after a very quiet piece.

Ahh... Holding hands during a song... Some people can't stand this, some people love it, and others are fine with it if they feel warm and fuzzy about the service, the community, or just are given a little encouragement. But there are often good reasons why people don't want to hold hands, even if the words of the music are inviting it, or others are starting it. Some folks just aren't the touchy-feely type, or at least not with a big group that includes people they don't really know. Some people are trying to stay healthy and keep from spreading germs in a crowded place. Still others may have a medical condition such as arthritis and holding hands actually hurts. What to do? I suggest that if a moment for hand-holding comes up in a song, or by encouragement of others around you, and you aren't comfortable doing so, just lightly cross your hands (not your whole arms, which may look defensive) in front of your chest (like non-Catholics do during Catholic communion time) and smile or otherwise show your appreciation to another. This hopefully still communicates that your heart reaches out to them, but that you would prefer not to touch at that moment.

If anyone has any other suggestions or thoughts about this, do let me know!

### CHOIRS

All our choirs are always open to new members. The Adult choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Sanctuary and the Chalice Singers, VUU's Children's Choir, rehearses on Tuesdays from 6:15 to 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary library. Other choirs include:

### CHALICE RINGERS

VUU's Handbell Choir rehearses TUESDAYS, 6 to 7:15 p.m. in the VUU Sanctuary. This group performs for Sunday services about once a month and occasionally at other congregations. It is open to anyone who can count, and they welcome newcomers. Contact Director Joan Bundy at [joan@joanbundylaw.com](mailto:joan@joanbundylaw.com) for more information.

### VOICES LIFTED SINGERS

Open to women and older girls, this ensemble sings in community settings such as nursing homes, and at bedside for those recovering from illness or surgery, or in hospice care. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons usually on the WEST side of the parking lot (look for signs) from 1:30 to 3pm. Upcoming rehearsals are **April 14** and May 19.

The next **JOURNEY TO MEMBERSHIP SESSION** will be **Sunday May 5 from 1 to 4:30** in the Sanctuary. If you have been attending VUU for a few weeks or months, are interested in finding out more about Unitarian Universalism and membership at Valley UU, and want to meet other newcomers, then this is for you! Please register by emailing [office@vuu.org](mailto:office@vuu.org) and let us know if you have any dietary needs for the lunch we will provide or need babysitting for a child. If you can't make this session, the next session will be August 18. - Rev. Kellie Walker Hart ([music@vuu.org](mailto:music@vuu.org))

*That's why people listen to music or look at paintings.  
To get in touch with that wholeness.*

*Corita Kent*

## SPECIAL EVENTS



### Annual Easter Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30am – 9 am

Breakfast includes 2 pancakes, cheesy-egg bake, 2 sausage links (or fresh fruit) and coffee or juice.

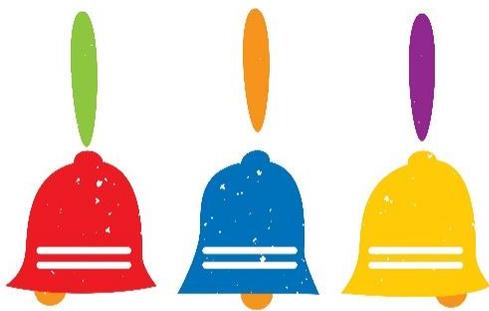
Ticket prices:

pre-purchase: Adult \$8, Child \$6 online or outside the sanctuary

<https://squareup.com/store/valleyuufundraisers>

All tickets on Easter (Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>) \$10 at the door

Thank you for supporting the Valley UU service learning trips!



### *Chalice Ringers*

### VUU Chalice Ringers Bell Choir Concert, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Do you enjoy listening to the beautiful sounds of our Bell Choir on Sunday mornings? If so, please plan to attend our Spring Concert on **Sunday evening, April 28 at 6:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. The Chalice Ringers will perform a variety of pieces including classical works by Brahms, Tchaikovsky, and Vivaldi, our signature “When the Saints Go Marching In.” and a variety of other inspirational pieces.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased in advance on Sunday mornings in April or at the door. Advanced purchase is encouraged, since there will be a short dessert reception following the performance. (If you purchased a ticket through last year’s *FUUNd* auction, you are already to go!)

## The **FUUNd** Never Ends!!

The 2019 **FUUNd** Together Auction was a wonderful success, raising just shy of \$23,000! Many, many thanks to everyone who donated, bid, and volunteered to help.

If you didn't get a chance to bid, we will be offering the "open seats" at **FUUNd** events throughout the year. Watch the VUUPoint each month for info on upcoming events, and if you'd like to attend, email [fuundtogether@vuu.org](mailto:fuundtogether@vuu.org) or contact Debbe at 480-244-6570. Detailed information on all events is available in the 2019 **FUUNd** Together Catalog posted on VUU's website: <https://www.vuu.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-Lets-Have-FUUNd-Together-Catalog.pdf>

Here are some **FUUNd** events happening this month and next that you can still get in on!!

### **APRIL** **FUUNd**

H-06 Breakfast & Hike at Utery Mountain Park	4/6/2019	1 seat available	\$30/seat
H-03 Historic Homes Spring Bicycling Tour & Lunch	4/13/2019	4 seats available	\$45/seat
H-11 A Walk in the Desert Botanical Garden	4/27/2019	1 seat available	\$35/seat

### **MAY** **FUUNd**

D-02 Cinco de Mayo Dinner Celebration	5/5/2019	4 seats available	\$60/seat
F-04 Game Night with the Lacroix Family	5/11/2019	14 seats available	\$20/seat
D-03 Fish or Fowl? Dinner	5/18/2019	1 seat available	\$60/seat



### **Opportunity to help Women4Women Tempe**

We've partnered with *Women4Women Tempe* to help provide bags containing feminine hygiene products to homeless and low-income women. Help honor the women in your life by making sure these items are available to them, no matter their economic status.

Let's gather together (women and men are both welcome) to assemble bags from **9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Board and Conference rooms in the office building.

There are several ways to help:

1. Come and help make the bags on the 18<sup>th</sup>
2. Donate items to fill the bags – feminine maxi pads and tampons are needed
3. Donate money to purchase the above items.

Lauree Perry will cheerfully accept your donations; either monies or products.

More information will be available at tables in April.

Beverages and light snacks will be provided. This is a fun, low-key way to get to know each other, and do something helpful for our larger community.

For more info contact Lauree ([lperry98@earthlink.net](mailto:lperry98@earthlink.net))

# Celebrate our Mother Earth

on the VUU patio, April 28

“Earth is our home. We are part of this world and its destiny is our own. Life on this planet will be gravely affected unless we embrace new practices, ethics, and values to guide our lives on a warming planet. The time is NOW to get serious and vocal and hold heart-felt climate conversations. Join us to learn what you can do to actively participate in climate action.

**“We will not acquiesce to the ongoing degradation and destruction of life that human actions are leaving to our children and grandchildren.”**

– UUA 2006 Statement of Conscience

Adults, youth and children are invited to participate in an Earth Day Celebration Before/Between/After the worship services beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the patio.

Activities:

- Evaluate your transportation mode’s carbon footprint
- Take immediate action to support legislation to reduce carbon pollution
- Opportunity to express our climate advocacy en masse as a Congregation
- KIDS! Be a Climate Hero! – coloring, Climate Hero photos



Citizens' Climate Lobby

sponsored by the Valley Unitarian Universalist  
Citizens' Climate Lobby group



## VUU COMMUNITY

### APRIL'S HIGHLIGHTED GATHERING

(All regular gatherings can be found at the end of the newsletter please check them out)



Want a great way to meet other fabulous VUU women?

#### **VUU WOMEN'S GROUP: April 28**

You are invited to the Women's Group meeting on Sunday, April 28 after the second service, about 12:30 p.m. All women are welcome. After filling our plates in the kitchen, we will meet at the front of the Sanctuary and visit for a few minutes before we have a very informal discussion about a topic that is yet to be selected. Watch the bulletins for further information. Please bring a dish to share. If you haven't brought a dish, please stay. You will be very welcome.

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



### **Garden Update**

We delivered two more batches of leafy greens to Paz de Cristo in March which are always welcomed with a smile and a thanks, so I assume they are being put to good use.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, we had a 4-person work party to prepare two beds and one row for spring planting. So far, we have planted loofah (that's right, loofah; I had to Google it to believe it myself), green and yellow string beans, and yellow squash. It's too early to tell how well they will do, but we are

hopeful. We've dedicated one bed to NefeshSoul which they plan to use to grow gourds to use in the celebration of Sukkot, the Jewish harvest festival, as well as other eatables to be donated to Paz or shared with the congregations. Feel free to take a walking tour at your own convenience; most of the plantings are labeled so we can remember what they are.

We still have 1.5 more beds and few rows available if anyone else wants to plant something. Just send an email to [ken\\_stjohn@yahoo.com](mailto:ken_stjohn@yahoo.com) if you're interested.

## Capital Planning Committee (CPC) Update: VUU Campus Improvements



On Monday, March 11, the CPC voted to approve a motion to recommend Oasis Town Square Option 3A.1. Created by Wendell Burnette Architects, this option includes a **New Sanctuary and a Minimally Renovated Fellowship Hall with Minor Renovations for Education Only**. WBA has consulted with a qualified general contractor to verify cost estimates and believes this to be the lowest budget option for the Oasis Town Square concept presented at the June 3,

2018 Congregational meeting. If you are interested in learning more about the revised Oasis Town Square drawings and cost estimates, look for the CPC display on the patio before and after Sunday Services and talk with a committee member.

### 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 April 2019 are:

10 to 19 Years:

*Dorothy Schultz*

30 to 39 Years:

*Rick Hinrichs and Debbe Simpkins*

*Mary Rothschild*

40 to 49 Years:

*Joy Mills*

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



Photo by Ian Schneider on Unsplash



**VUUSOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY**  
**Promoting Social, Economic and Environmental Justice**

**Paz de Cristo March Donation of the Month: Hamburger Helper and Macaroni & Cheese**



Please support our focus charity, Paz de Cristo, by bringing in donations of hamburger helper and/or macaroni & cheese (any type) during the month of April. Drop your donation in the designated container in the foyer of the sanctuary.

With your help VUU can continue to help Paz de Cristo serve the community. Thank you for your support.

**Paz de Cristo needs YOU**

Are you 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 April. 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)



**(Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program)**

Through our work with the Chandler I-HELP program, VUU provides dinner and overnight shelter for 20-25 individuals three – four nights a month. I-HELP questions? Contact Sue [office@vuu.org](mailto:office@vuu.org)

**I-HELP – YOU can HELP provide/serve a meal to our guests on Monday, April 8 – click on the link below and sign up!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44ADAF22A13-april1>



**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](mailto:legislativeadvocacy@vuu.org). The Arizona Legislative Alert is an email newsletter covering social justice and public policy issues in Arizona edited by Anne Schneider.



**Will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays after the 11:30 AM Service in Room 5**

**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 [office@vuu.org](mailto:office@vuu.org)

**When we seek for connection, we restore the world to wholeness. Our seemingly separate lives become meaningful as we discover how truly necessary, we are to each other.**

-Margaret J. Wheatley-

### **The Endowment Report - April 2019**

Your friendly neighborhood Special Funds committee is pleased to report that the investments of the endowment fund have recovered their losses from the end of last year and are once again at an all-time high. Including the Bunny Clarke leadership fund, the total balance now stands at \$428k.

This year we have made a significant investment in the youth of our congregation and faith community, with a grant of \$10k toward the Coming of Age program. Make sure to circle the date of May 5th on your calendar. This next amazing group of young adults will be presenting their personal credos to the congregation during service that week. The credos are a key part of the Coming of Age program, and are informed by their mentoring matches, as well as the bi-annual "pilgrimage" to the UUA headquarters in Boston. The bonding experience of these youth is another key component of helping them establish strong personal and religious identities. In short, this program is one of the ways in which our congregation best invests in the future of our Unitarian Universalist faith and the future of our world.

Investing in our future.

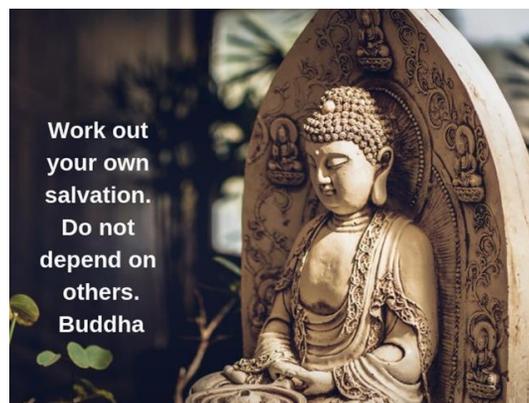
VUU Special Funds Committee

Joel Sannes, Joanne McGrath, Anne Schneider, Rick Hinrichs, Chris Sar

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



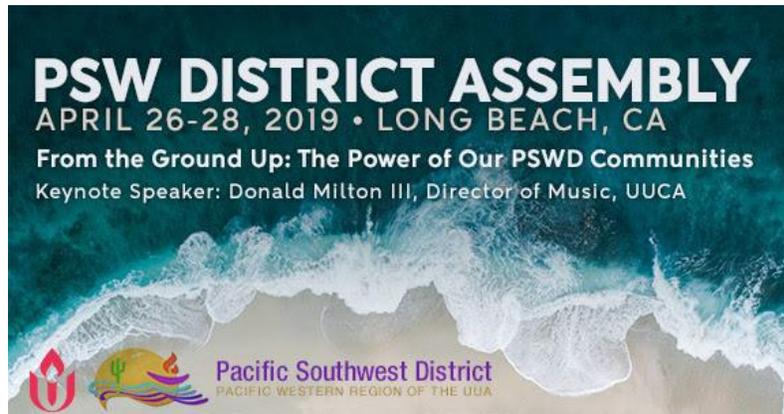
Our fearless leader, Regina Colburn has done a wonderful job coordinating our Hospitality/Coffee/Snack Hour between the end of our 9:15 a.m. Service and the beginning of our 11:30 a.m. Service. We also thank all the new and veteran volunteers who have stepped up to help. We can use some more help if you're interested. **To volunteer, please contact Sue at [office@vuu.org](mailto:office@vuu.org) or Regina at [reginakcolburn@gmail.com](mailto:reginakcolburn@gmail.com)**



**Work out  
your own  
salvation.  
Do not  
depend on  
others.  
Buddha**

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## 2019 Pacific Southwest District Assembly



The 2019 Pacific Southwest District Assembly will be held **April 26-28** at the [UU Church of Long Beach](#), California. Go to the [District Assembly website](#) to register and find details about workshops, schedule, accommodations, and more.

The following items soon be posted to the [District Assembly page](#).

- Business meeting agenda
- Nominating Committee slate
- Delegate information

The [online delegate certification form](#) will be open through **April 19**. Your minister or president (or their designee) is encouraged to certify delegates as soon as they are determined. Please share the attachments with your delegates and direct them to the [District Assembly website](#). Business meeting materials will be posted as they become available.



The [UU College of Social Justice](#) will lead a field trip during the [Pacific Southwest District Assembly](#) and present a program entitled, “How Your Congregation Can Partner with Local Grassroots Organizations.” The [district assembly](#) will take place April 26-28 at the UU Church of Long Beach. You can get [information about the DA and the social justice field trip and register now](#)

# VUU GATHERINGS



**April 7**

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!*



## VUU SINGLES EVENTS

**Not signed up to receive VUU Singles event emails? Contact Claudette by phone, text or call at 973-768-6047 or email, [claudettewassil@hotmail.com](mailto:claudettewassil@hotmail.com) and she'll get you on the list.**



**Friday, April 5,** 6:15 pm, Game Night at Bob and Raul's (7392 S. Hazelton Lane, Tempe—near NE corner of Elliot and McClintock)

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 slow dinner out of them. Water, iced tea and coffee will be provided. Feel free to bring alternate drinks. We need to keep a count of how many are coming so we know if any extra tables and chairs are needed. RSVP by text, or call or email Claudette at [claudettewassil@hotmail.com](mailto:claudettewassil@hotmail.com), 973-768-6047, or Raul at [rblanco1001@gmail.com](mailto:rblanco1001@gmail.com), 561-901-9277. For last minute directions, contact Raul.

**Saturday, April 13,** Join Us for Kayaking, Paddle Boating or Stand Up Paddle boarding--You Choose.

Meet at the Boat Rentals of America booth by Tempe Town Lakes (72 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe 85282) at 11 a.m.

Costs: Single (\$25) and Double (\$35) kayaks;

Paddle Boating for Two (\$35) & Stand Up Paddle Boarding (\$25).

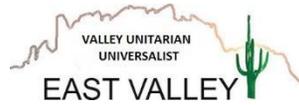
Lunch afterwards, if interested. MUST R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, April 2 to Catherine Fitzgerald [cfitz1108@gmail.com](mailto:cfitz1108@gmail.com) or 480-335z3916.

**Friday, April 26,** 6:30 pm, Singles Monthly Dinner at Mi Amigos (1264 S Gilbert RD, Mesa 85204)

Let's enjoy some good conversation and some great Mexican food at this lovely restaurant located in Mesa. RSVP to Claudette by call or text 973-768-6047.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR MAY IS APRIL 21**

## EastVUUs



### EVUU - APRIL 11

The VUU community on the East side of town is thriving! You are invited to join us for a great meal and thought-provoking discussions on the 2nd Thursday of every month & our Fun Social Night the 4th Thursday of every month.

**APRIL 11 MEETING** - Please join us for potluck @ 6PM and after, conversations on "Truth". How has your spiritual truth evolved over time? What do you feel is true for you now? How do we distinguish truth versus perception, especially in this age? Dr. Shari Melton will lead group discussion. See you there!

**SOCIAL ACTION:** You are invited to bring any amounts of travel size food for the Asylum Seekers. Tuna or Chicken Salads w/ crackers (in a box), Applesauce or Fruit cups, Raisins, Peanut bags, Crackers with cheese or peanut middles, Soft protein bars. **Our meetings are held at:**

**Apache Wells Community Center, Maricopa Room**  
**2215/2223 N. 56th St., Mesa, AZ 85215**  
 Follow the "Welcome UU" signs to the building.

**CONTACT:** Margaret Stewart [mjs.ontheroad@gmail.com](mailto:mjs.ontheroad@gmail.com)

### APRIL 25 FUN SOCIAL NIGHT: TBA



### Wayfarers Happy HoUUr

**Happy Hour, Friday, April 19, 2019, Keegan's, 1095 W. Queen Creek Rd, Chandler, 480-814-0003**

Join us in a set-aside area of Keegan's for a great varied menu, beer and wine list, and very reasonable prices! Add to that great company and conversation and who could ask for a better evening. Yes, at this point, we plan to be inside, not on the patio. Easier to reserve a larger space for our VUU crowd. If you'd like to join us, contact Susan Lacy at [lacynoe@yahoo.com](mailto:lacynoe@yahoo.com) by Wednesday, April 17. RSVPs will be in the name "VUU". The more the merrier but remember, its only fair that there be seating for all who do RSVP rather than for those who just show up. All are welcome but let me know even that day if you aren't sure before then. Then seating and staffing will be appropriate. Wayfarers are "travelers" who meet at different locations each month throughout the valley. Anyone is welcome to join us! Just let me know! We look forward to seeing you!





# THE POWER OF WE

## UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Spokane, Washington | [June 19-23, 2019](#)

General Assembly is an unforgettable experience for the thousands of Unitarian Universalists that attend each June. Attendees leave with a renewed sense of energy, inspiration, and innovative ideas to take back to their congregations and communities. GA is even more enjoyable if experienced with a delegation of congregational peers who can share expenses and meals and provide mutual support during the conference. This year, in addition to Theme-Based Programming, the schedule will feature Role-Based Track Programming, including time for discussion among attendees, sharing inspiring models and stories, and concrete suggestions for how to further the work or "take it home."

In order to raise interest and to help your congregations learn more about General Assembly, we have assembled [promotional resources](#) to download, copy, or print for further distribution.

### Promotional Materials

- [GA Flyer and Talking Points](#) for presentations (PDF, 2 pages)
- [GA Poster](#) (PDF)
- [GA Text for a Newsletter or Bulletin](#) (docx)
- [Spokane Quick Facts](#) (PDF)
- [Spokane Top 10 Things to Do](#) (PDF)
- [Spokane Promotional Copy Ideas](#) (PDF)

### Promotional Videos

- [GA 2019: The Power of We](#)
- [Spokane Promotional Video](#) from Travel Spokane
- [Rev. Dr. Todd F. Eklof welcomes](#) Unitarian Universalists to Spokane, on behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

### General Assembly 2019 Logo

- [Horizontal Logo](#) (PNG)
- [Vertical Logo](#) (PNG)

### Additional Materials

- Information for [first-timers](#)
  - [Images](#) from General Assembly 2018
- [UU World coverage](#) of General Assembly 2018

## **Make your next job Count!**

Smart and energetic people are needed for the first step in the 2020 Census – Address Canvassing. We need your help!

Go on-line at: <https://2020census.gov/jobs>



ADDRESS CANVASSING

Positions including;

- clerks
- recruiting assistants
- office operations supervisors
- census field supervisors
- census takers

The positions will be located nationwide and offer good pay, and flexible work hours, including daytime, evenings and weekends.

For a job description for Address Canvassing see below;

- First operations in the fall of 2019
- House address canvassing conducted in selected areas through files and aerial imagery.
- Lister will do work using Census issued laptops or tablets.
- Follow maps on the device and insure addresses match the map the Census has.
- Add, delete or correct addresses
- Screen resident for proper addresses
- Day Time Work (no listing at night)
- Follow procedures to conduct accurate work while maintaining acceptable production rates.
- Maintain/submit records of hours worked, miles driven, and expenses incurred in the performance of duties.
- Meet/talk with supervisor, as necessary, review procedures, report issues or concerns, and receive instructions.

**THE ISLAMIC  
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 131 E. 6TH STREET  
 TEMPE, AZ 85281



*Open House*

**THE THEME:**      **SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH**  
**MARY AND**                      **6PM TO 8PM**  
**JESUS IN**  
**ISLAM**

**PROGRAM INCLUDES:**  
**DINNER, OBSERVATION OF PRAYER..**  
**A COPY OF THE QURAN (ENGLISH OR SPANISH).**  
**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS**  
**NO BABYSITTING PROVIDED**  
**BUT CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**



## Caring & Concerns Neighborhood Contacts

As spring approaches, people take advantage of the nice weather to get out and do more. As you get busier, remember to take the time to connect with and appreciate your friends and family. It's the bonds between us that keep us connected.

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:

Ahwatukee - Zips: 85040, 85044, 85045, 85048, 85076

Carl Anderson	480-529-4365	canderaz@cox.net
Donna Bennett	480-570-4024	donnaben22@gmail.com

Phoenix, Scottsdale, Glendale, North Tempe- Zips: 85006, 85008, 85014, 85020, 85021, 85022, 85029, 85034, 85037, 85042, 85066, 85250, 85251, 85257, 85268, 85302, 85339, 85274, 85281, 85282, 85285

Lauree Perry	480-839-9296	lperry98@earthlink.net
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DiAnna Farmer	480-413-0293	dianna_farmer@hotmail.com
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Mary Jo Bitner	480-831-5518	
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Mesa East, including Apache Junction:

Zips: 85118, 85203, 85204, 85205, 85206, 85207, 85208, 85209, 85213, 85215, 85217, 85218, 85219, 85220, 85275

Joel Sannes	480-464-6772	joelsannes@gmail.com
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Neighborhood Contacts Needed!

Madeline Kasian	480-349-3080	maddie628@gmail.com
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Chandler

North - Zips: 85224, 85226

South, including Sun Lakes, Queen Creek, Casa Grande

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Barbara Face	480-961-3223	barbara_face@qwest.net
Nancy Wittenberg	480-283-4725	nancy.wittenberg@gmail.com

(zips 85225 and 85224)

\*\*\*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. 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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