



VUUPOINT JUNE 2019



Sunday Service
10:30 A.M.

6400 W. Del Rio Street
Chandler, AZ 85226
480-899-4249
office@vuu.org



Sunday Services 10:30 A.M.

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

Your Sunday Bulletin and your Order of Worship is now posted on the website.

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

May Theme is Transcendence

June 2 Lessons from Margaret Fuller's Transcendental Feminism

The Adult Choir will perform.

Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette

June 9 Something Else: Is There Anything Beyond the Individual?

Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette

June 16 Self Reliance Adapted: Emerson's Transcendentalism in 2019

Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette

June 23 Hiking as Worship: Nature and Transcendence

The Worship Band will perform.

Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette

June 30

June Events at a Glance

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| 6/02 FF Summer Program Begins | 6/16 Newsletter Deadline |
| 6/04 Refugee Aid Meeting | 6/19 Hosting Asylum Seekers |
| 6/07 Singles Game Night | 6/20 Page Turners |
| 6/09 VUUJAZ Conversation | 6/21 Wayfarers Happy HoUUr |
| Reproductive Justice <meeting | 6/23 VUU Women's Group |
| 6/11 EastVUU's Meet | Blood Drive |
| 6/13 Sun Lakes Dementia Conference | 6/27 EastVUU's Fun Night |
| 6/15 Singles Spanish Movie Night | 6/28 Singles Monthly Dinner |
| Sundays – Dalai Lama & Friends | |

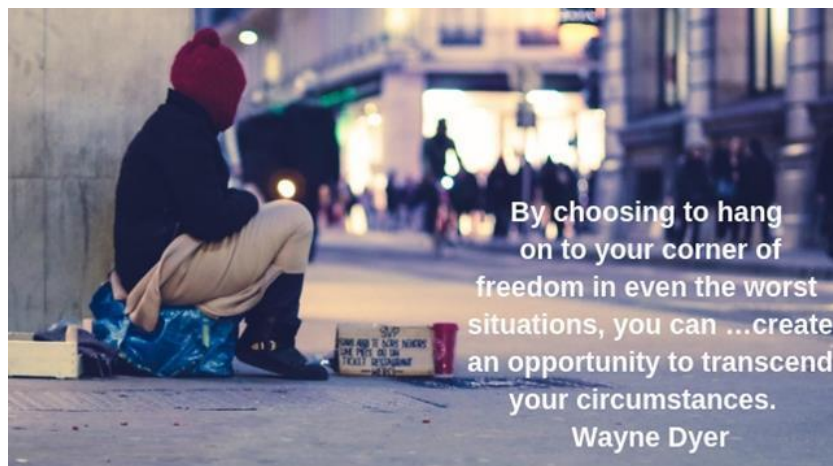


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Time flies. My kids are grown. I'm thinking about retirement (and talking about it, and really planning for it). My year as your President comes to an end this month. As it does, I was reminded by our own Rev. Andy this week that I should be reflecting on my own mortality in order to give my life better focus and purpose. He's right, I am certain. Because when I think about being gone, and what I may have left when I am no longer here, I don't think about work or about movies I haven't see yet. I think about the people I've loved, who've loved me. I think about the community we have at VUU, and the five other UU churches that raised me and my family. And I think about creating more of the same – or better – for those to come.

I couldn't be more grateful for what this place has meant to me. What your being there for me while I was raising teenagers meant. What your setting an example of love for those teenagers meant. Most of the friends I have in Arizona came through VUU. And the best lessons I have learned, I've learned from you, or with you. And I am thankful.

As this church year comes to an end, I am most grateful for the trust that you place in me, and in other members of the Board. We have enough policies, and by-laws, and covenants, and guides at VUU to fill up a [webpage](#). Every one of them was carefully crafted, is reviewed and used, and some are revised as we need. They are important to this organization.

Even more important is the trust in the leadership we elect, in the staff that we hire, and in each other as members. With policies alone, we can do so much; with these guideposts and trust, the sky is the limit!

In June, I'll be attending my first-ever UUA General Assembly (GA) in Spokane, WA, as your delegate. I will represent you well and look forward to reporting back. I expect to learn new things, to meditate on my mortality, and to thoroughly enjoy the Northwest for a few days' escape from the heat that is sure to have arrived by then.

As we have now elected our new leaders for the coming year, I look forward to the places they will take us together. Oh, the places we'll go!

With gratitude and thanks,
DeeAnne McClenahan, President
Board of Trustees
602.214.4608

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

Transcendence constitutes selfhood.

-Martin Heidegger-

Here are the results of the elections held at the VUU Annual Meeting on June 2, 2019:

Elected to 2-year terms on the VUU Board of Trustees were - DeeAnne McClenahan (incumbent), Joan Bundy, Debra Grande, Linda Stenholm

Elected to a 3-year term on the Special Funds Committee was - Rick Hinrichs (incumbent)

Elected to 2-year terms on the Leadership Development Committee were - Ken St. John (incumbent), Jodi Cicirello, Willa Cree, Susan Lacy

Faith Formation Ministry June 2019

Summer curriculum Dates: June 2 ~ August 25

Summer programs: volunteers needed every Sunday, [use this link](#) to sign up

- ⌚ **Playroom with Reba, room 6** – Unstructured playtime supervised by our childcare staff.
- ⌚ **Elementary-age children, room 3** – UU Principles from Avatar: The Last Airbender (Nickelodeon 2003-2008). Each lesson will open by having the class watch an episode (or part) of Avatar. The episode will be followed by a brief discussion and an activity or craft.
- ⌚ **Middle & High School youth, rooms 1 & 2** – You the Creator of Justice, edited. Discussions, activities, art & music to explore the idea of Justice on different levels: the world, local community, and family.

(July 7th = large group game day in honor of Independence Day)



Water Fun Day: September 1st. All are invited – wear your swimsuit and LOTS of sunscreen!

Marci Beaudoin, Director of Faith Formation ministry

OUR WHOLE LIVES programs offered this year [\(see attached fliers\)](#)

Great Grey OWLs - for 8th & 9th graders: Mandatory Parents (only) orientation, Sunday, August 4th, 12:30 pm in room 5

Snowy OWLs - for 10th & 11th graders: Mandatory Parents (only) orientation, Sunday, August 11th, 12:30 pm in room 1

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERED THIS MONTH

VUUJAZ CONVERSATIONS

Facilitated by Anne Schneider

We will meet on the 2nd Sunday of June (June 9), in the sanctuary.

A “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.



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

*9 – 10 am, room 5: 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

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



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 June 20 at 7:15 p.m. The book is The Woman Who Smashed Codes by Jason Fagone. This is a true story of the greatest codebreaking duo that ever lived, an American woman and her husband who invented the modern science of cryptology together and used it to confront the evils of their time, solving puzzles that unmasked Nazi spies and helped win World War II.

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



OUR WHOLE LIVES for “Great Grey Owls”

Gr. 8-9 Youth

2019-20

We are excited to offer a Unitarian Universalist human sexuality course for students, who will be in **Gr. 8-9** this school year. The course consists of 37½ classroom-hours.

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) is a comprehensive lifespan educational program that helps participants gain the knowledge, values and skills they need to lead sexually healthy, responsible lives. This class will address sensitive topics, such as exploring sexual identity, relationships, intercourse, contraception, health safety and communication, among other topics.

Mandatory Orientation Meeting for Parents Only

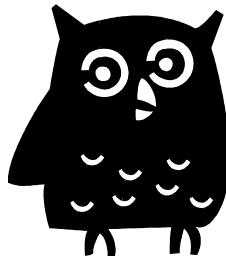
Sunday, August 4 · 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Education Complex Rm. 5

SCHEDULE: August 11, 2019 – May 3, 2020. Full attendance is expected.

All major holidays are taken off, and we do not meet in the month of December.

TO ENROLL: Contact Marci Beaudoin, VUU Dir. of Faith Formation at faithform@vuu.org or 480-899-4249.



Whoo!

Whoo?

YOU!

Please spread the word!

Non-members are welcome to join.



OUR WHOLE LIVES for "Snowy Owls"

Gr. 10-11 Youth

Fall 2019

We are excited to offer a Unitarian Universalist human sexuality course for Senior High students, who will be in **Gr. 10-11** this fall. The course consists of 29-classroom-hours.

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) is a comprehensive lifespan educational program that helps participants gain the knowledge, values and skills they need to lead sexually healthy, responsible lives. This class will address sensitive topics, such as exploring sexual diversity and identity, relationships, contraception and our society's power structures, among others.

Mandatory Orientation Meeting for Parents Only

Sunday, Aug. 11 at 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Education Complex Rm. 1&2

SCHEDULE: August 18 – November 24. Full attendance is expected.

We meet Sundays after service for 2 hrs. All major holidays are taken off.

TO ENROLL: Contact Marci Beaudoin at faithform@vuu.org or 480-899-4249.



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MUSIC & MORE....

I recently got back from attending a WORSHIP DESIGN STUDIO retreat and training, with additional time spent on a special Train-the-Trainers session at a beautiful retreat center at Lake Tahoe. This will prepare me well for a workshop I am giving at the Association for UU Music Ministries annual conference in Denver in July. AND it was fun, relaxing and as usual gave me new ideas to bring back to all of you. So be forewarned...

CHOIRS WINDING DOWN: As I write this, the Adult Choir only has one more rehearsal, and the Chalice Ringers, the Chalice Singers, and Voices Lifted Singers have all ended their rehearsals for the season. The Adult Choir and Chalice Ringers will begin again on Tuesday evening, August 20th.

Mark your calendars for our annual **CABARET**, set for Saturday evening September 14 in the sanctuary. This year it will be an open-mic format in different styles. Please contact Ken St. John if you are interested in performing or in helping out at this fun, social and musical event.

The Chalice Ringers gave a wonderful concert on April 28th, check out the picture!



The next **JOURNEY TO MEMBERSHIP SESSION** will be Sunday August 18 from noon to 3:30 in Rooms 1 & 2 of the Faith Formation area. 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 and let us know if you have any dietary needs for the lunch we will provide, or need babysitting for a child.

-Rev. Kellie Walker Hart (music@vuu.org)

SPECIAL EVENTS



93 RED CELLS
12 PLATELETS
43 PLASMA
Shot in the
line of duty

Transform a life, and your own

Rob was shot in the line of duty while on patrol as a police officer. If not for the 93 red cell, 12 platelet and 43 plasma transfusions he received, he would not have been able to become a father to his little girl Genevieve.

"More than 140 blood donors helped save my life. Today, I get the chance to be a father because of their generosity."

Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation

BLOOD DRIVE




Sunday, June 23

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bloodmobile in Parking Lot - 6400 West Del Rio Street Chandler, AZ 85226

Contact Sue Ringler, office@vuu.org, or call 480-899-4249 or visit Bloodhero.com (Sponsor Code: VUUC)

When you DONATE BLOOD May 24 - Sept. 6, you'll be entered to win a 2019 VW Passat Wolfsburg Edition, donated by our Valley Volkswagen Dealers.

For eligibility questions or to schedule a donation, call **877-25-VITAL** or visit us at vitalant.org
Find us @vitalant:   

vitalant. 



About 1 in 7 people entering a hospital need blood.



MEET MIA ...

Mia was born with Diamond Blackfan Anemia, a rare disorder that prevents her body from producing red blood cells. She requires monthly blood transfusions just to survive. At only 13 she has already received more than 125 lifesaving transfusions.

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

VUU SINGLES EVENTS

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, juice, hot 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 Raul at [561-901-9277](tel:561-901-9277).

Dinner out, Friday June 28, 6:15 Flavors of Louisiana (Cajun)

Home styled Cajun restaurant. At Flavors of Louisiana we like to call those 2 styles country Cajun and city Cajun. The difference between the two are that the city Cajun (New Orleans style) is spicy hot and with red tomato base sauces and the country Cajun (Acadian) is spicy flavorful with rich brown roux base sauces. Here you can find both of these truly authentic styles in one dynamic place.

RSVP to Claudette at 973-768-6047 (Text preferred) or claudettewassil@hotmail.com

"Transcending the world does not mean to withdraw from the world, to no longer take action, or to stop interacting with people. Transcendence of the world is to act and to interact without any self-seeking."

-Eckhart Tolle-



**MIGUEL COSTOP, DIRECTOR OF THE GUATEMALA
FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (PROGRESA)**

**WILL BE SPEAKING ON
THE ROOT CAUSES OF MIGRATION**

AT

TEMPE FRIENDS MEETING

318 E. 15th Street, Tempe

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019 AT 7PM



Miguel will be discussing the political situation in Guatemala and Root Causes of Migration. You will also hear how Progresa is addressing these conditions and providing Guatemalans with the opportunity to stay and thrive in their communities.

Since 1973, PROGRESA has been providing scholarships for rural, poor, Mayans to attend technical school and university. We are currently supporting 84 students.

And also at the Tempe Friends Meeting before the speaker:

HUIPIL – HANDWOVEN TEXTILE SALE 6-7PM



Times are changing in Guatemala. While there is emphasis on preserving Mayan culture in Guatemala, handwoven huipils (blouses) are being replaced by computerized fabric.

Come see our selection of handwoven art and crafts for sale to support the scholarship program.

We will also have information about our Teaching English Experience in January 2020 and Highland and Ixil tours.

www.guatemalafriends.org





Free Film Screening: Paris to Pittsburgh

<https://sustainability.asu.edu/events/rsvp/free-film-screening-paris-to-pittsburgh/?fbclid=IwAR2N211o62vxZfOb0TmS7i54wSbrtRvRCSedbazCkTBp2tcE6prbW-LWFil>

Sustainability Series

From coastal cities to America's heartland, *Paris to Pittsburgh* celebrates Americans who are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. As climate change grows more deadly and destructive, people aren't waiting on Washington to act.

Watch the trailer [here](#).

Doug Bland, executive director of [Arizona Interfaith Power & Light](#) and Karen Schedler, AZ-IPL board member, will lead a post-film Q&A.

Although the film is free, please consider bringing donations of packaged underwear and/or feminine hygiene products for local nonprofit [Women4Women Tempe](#).

RSVP'ing for this event does not guarantee a seat. Please arrive early, as we release unclaimed seats 10 minutes before show time.

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Film starts at 7:00 p.m.

[Alamo Drafthouse Cinema](#)

[1140 E Baseline Rd.](#)

[Tempe AZ 85283](#)

**JOIN US
FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL
SUN LAKES
DEMENTIA CONFERENCE**

Thursday, June 13, 2019

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Sun Lakes Country Club

Navajo Room

**RSVP by Monday, June 10th
to 480-833-8247 or email:
recep@visitingangelsaz.com**

Light lunch provided

Register Early seats are limited

Complementary engagement
for care partners provided by

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► Dementia edition

The Language of Distress



Distressed behaviors serve as a form of communication and often indicate the person is experiencing discomfort in body, mind and/or spirit. They express unmet needs. Dr. Gallagher will share how to use a 'soft approach' and sensory strategies to maximize comfort and connection.

Maribeth Gallagher, DNP, FAAN
Hospice of the Valley

Connecting with Our Care Partner



Partnering with our loved ones and clients to accomplish tasks based on their capabilities instead of their limitations can facilitate a positive outcome. Learning the how's and why's of this positive approach to care can breathe new life into daily interactions and engagement.

Elaine Poker-Yount, CDP
Visiting Angels East Valley

Self Care IS the Answer



Having your health and well-being intact is crucial on this dementia journey. Joan will share techniques and practices to support your welfare, as well as offer tips and tools to help bring contentedness to those living with dementia.

Joan Marlow, Life Coach, Reiki Master
Peaceful Easy Healing

How to Avoid a Financial Health Care Crisis



Many folks worry healthcare disasters and medical crises such as Alzheimer's or a severe stroke could wipe out life savings, or that home equity could be taken by a nursing home. Francisco will share how he helps Maricopa County families legally protect their hard-earned savings from a long term health problem and the government-controlled probate system.

Francisco Sirvent, Attorney at Law
Keystone Law Firm



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

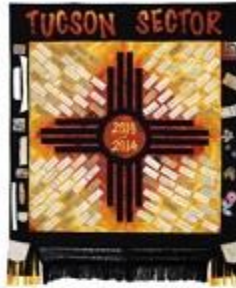
- [GA 2019: The Power of We](#)
- [Spokane Promotional Video](#) from Travel Spokane
- [Rev. Dr. Todd F. Eklof welcomes](#) Unitarian Universalists to Spokane, on behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

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



On Exhibit in the VUU Sanctuary
May 12 - July 7
(Sunday Mornings and by Appointment)
Quilts from the Migrant Quilt Project

Part of a collection of quilts made over the last 16 years by quilters across the U.S. to memorialize migrants who have died in the "Tucson Sector" of Arizona. Each quilt includes the names of all those whose remains have been found—or the word "desconocido/a" meaning "unknown"—and items of clothing and other textiles found in layups, or resting places.

More information about the Tucson based Migrant Quilt Project can be found on their website migrantquilts.org and their Facebook page.



The **FUUND** Never Ends!!

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 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/news/>

Here are some **FUUND** events happening in June that you can still get in on!!

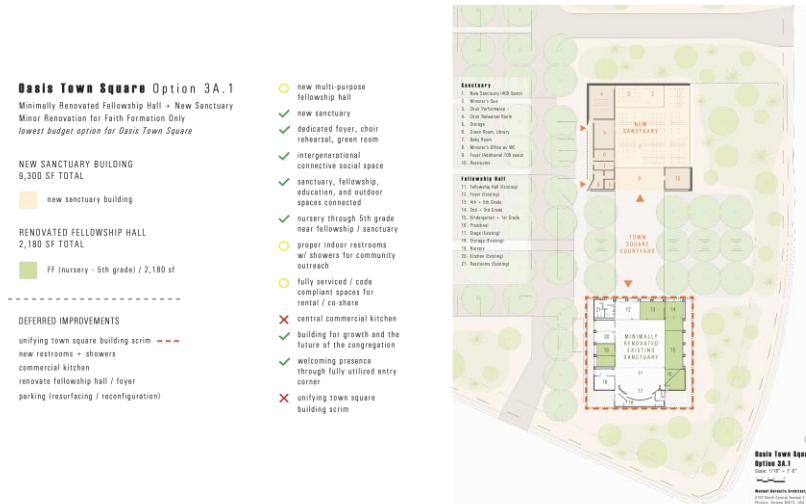
JUNE FUUND

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| Story Fest (Just like The Moth on NPR!) | 6/1/2019 | 3 seat available | \$25/seat |
| | 6/7, 8, 9 | | |
| Women's Weekend in the Pines | 9/2019 | 4 seats available | \$75/seat |
| Let's Play Scrabble | 6/8/2019 | 1 Seat available | \$25/seat |

VUU COMMUNITY

Capital Planning Committee (CPC) Update: Values and Visions for VUU's Future

The CPC hopes you've had a chance to look at the new rendering we've been displaying on the patio before and after Sunday services. **Oasis Town Square Option 3A.1**, created by Wendell Burnette Architects in consultation with the CPC, shows what we hope can be accomplished with monies now being pledged to the Capital Campaign.



If you are interested in learning more about the process we've gone through to get to the current plan, talk to us on the patio before or after the service and come hear our report at the **Annual Congregational Meeting on June 2nd**. In the meantime, the CPC will be hard at work 1.) Educating ourselves so that we will fully understand design / construction timelines, costs, and billing in anticipation of the project going forward. 2.) Reporting the committee's and congregation's questions and concerns to WBA for when they are engaged, and the project is underway. 3.) Working closely with the Capital Campaign Committee and the VUU Board of Directors to see that the shared vision for a greatly improved VUU campus can be realized.

Barb Quijada and Jim Horton are co-chairs of the CPC. Contact us if you have questions!

Building a Faith Oasis for OUR Future: June Update

The VUU 2019-2022 Campaign will take place in two phases – the Leadership Phase and the General Campaign. During the Leadership Phase, we will be soliciting pledges of \$10,000 or more with the goal of providing a solid foundation for our building project.

The Leadership Phase began in earnest during May. Stewards are visiting households now as part of this phase and visits will continue into early June. The General Campaign will launch this fall when all remaining members and friends will be contacted personally. Pledges are being tallied and we will have a report at the Annual meeting on June 2nd. Please plan to be there!

If you are considering making a leadership gift of \$10,000 or more, we need to hear from you! Now is the time to make your pledge; pledge payments may be made anytime over the next 3 years.

Please email Linda Horton at LindaHorton@cs.com or call the VUU Office at 480-899-4249.

--Your Capital Campaign Committee



VUUSOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

Promoting Social, Economic and Environmental Justice

Paz de Cristo June Donation of the Month: Canned Soup and Chili

Please support our focus charity, Paz de

Cristo, by bringing in a donation of **canned soup or chili** during the month of June.

For the sake of convenience, please try to donate cans with pop-top lids if

possible. With your help VUU can once more fill a critical need. Drop your donation in the designated container in the foyer of the sanctuary.



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 May. 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



(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

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 email newsletter covering social justice and public policy issues in Arizona edited by Anne Schneider.

Reproductive Justice



Our next meeting is Sunday, June 9 at Noon in Room 5. All are welcome!

Join the Reproductive Justice group to watch the feature-length documentary, **"Birthright: A War Story"** that exposes the truth of how American women are being jailed, physically violated and even put at risk of dying as a radical movement tightens its grip across America and allows

states, courts and religious doctrine to govern whether, when and how women will bear children. Snacks will be served. Questions – Please contact Lorraine at paisleys@q.com

Refugee Aid Meeting

The Southeast part of the Valley is organizing to better respond to refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers. There is a Volunteer Information Meeting on Tuesday, June 4th, at 7 PM at University Presbyterian Church, 139 E. Alameda Dr, Tempe. We will meet in the sanctuary. There will be reps from a variety of nonprofits that assist in the numerous aspects of refugee aid. There are many groups that offer support in this effort and we can all learn from each other and develop best practices in our own volunteer work.

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



Lions Club International Collection

Congregation **NefeshSoul** is starting an endeavor of collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids for the Lions Club.

Lions Club International improves the lives of the visually impaired. Donate old eyeglasses (and hearing aids) in the donation box in the back of the sanctuary; it will be there for the next couple of months. For questions, contact Louise Moskowitz at 480-272-2052 or Louisemoskowitz@gmail.com."

The Endowment Report - June 2019

The markets have been up and down this year, wavering with each capricious tweet from Washington, yet the mix of funds and indices selected by the historical Special Funds advisors has proven to be resilient. As of mid-May, our VUU total account fund balance stands at just over \$435,000. This fiscal year (2018-2019), the total allowable grants from the fund are set at \$16,754. And to date we have made grants of \$12,500 for programs from leadership training, guest ministers and the Coming of Age program. There still remains approximately \$4,250 available for grants, with any unspent portion of that retained in the fund for long-term growth. The allowable allocation for the coming year will be set based upon our balance on June 30, 2019.

Funding our current needs and investing in our future.

VUU Special Funds Committee

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



Many, many thanks to everyone who donated to and/or turned out to pack bags for Women4Women Tempe on Saturday May 18th. You are amazing! We made approximately 200+ bags, and they were extremely happy for our donation. We'll be getting together again on August 10th to pack bags again and help them expand their mission to provide low income/homeless women with feminine hygiene products. More information will follow closer to that date.

LIBRARY NOTES

We have three new books in our library. For a few weeks, they will be on the small bookcase to the left as you enter the library. Later they will be shelved by category and author:

Becoming Author: Michelle Obama Category: Biographies and memoirs

Space at the Table; Conversations Between an Evangelical Theologian and His Gay Son Authors: Brad and Drew Harper Category: LGBTQ. **PLEASE NOTE: THE BELIEFS AND ACTIONS OF THE FATHER MAY BE DISTURBING.**

Barracoon; The Story of the Last "Black Cargo" Author: Zora Neale Hurston
Category: Politics', World Affairs and Social Justice

Love is at once an affirmation and a transcendence of who we are.

-Esther Perel-

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 June 2019 are:

20 to 29 Years:

Carl & Sue Anderson

Lloyd Harrell

Barbara Sorauf

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



The desire for
transcendence is
intimately connected
with the desire for
creativity. It is just
as essential to who
and what we are.
Marianne Williamson

Photo by Antonio Francisco on Unsplash

VUU GATHERINGS



Will not be meeting during the month of June.



JUNE 11

CLICK LINK TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: Any member can post and comment!! Join it now to see our March and future activities!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EastVUUs/>

Come join a potluck with your UU friends!

(Potluck starts at 6p)

DISCUSSION: 7 to 8:30p

Let's explore the theme of "Mystery"

How do we individually experience the mysteries of life?

Where do we personally stand on the continuum between the rationalist and the mystic?

How can we cultivate an openness to what we do not understand about the universe and ourselves?

Let's discuss our views!

SOCIAL ACTION: You are invited to bring any amounts of travel size food for Asylum Seekers: (All can be purchased for \$1 at 99 cent store or Dollar Stores) Tuna or Chicken w/crackers (in a box), applesauce or fruit or peanut butter cups, Raisins, small peanut bags, Crackers, ie Ritz or with cheese or peanut in middle, soft protein or granola bars

SOCIAL FUN NIGHT: 6/27 We are having game night at Apache Wells after dinner at Mod pizza at 3130 N Recker #101, Mesa at 6:00. Bring games and snacks for game time. RSVP Perii sperii@aol.com by 6/25♥

The EastVUU group meets at the Apache Wells Community Center (Maricopa Room), 2223 N 56th, Mesa on the second Thursday evening each month. For more information, contact Margaret Stewart at mjs.ontheroad@gmail.com. Hope to see you soon!



Women's Group Meeting

Sunday, June 23rd in the sanctuary after the service, approximately 11:45

All women are welcome to our very casual meetings. This month we will share a simple potluck lunch while talking about how and why we became Unitarian

Universalists and about our journeys to Valley UU. If you do not consider yourself a UU, we would love to hear about your spiritual journey.

Please bring a dish to share, but if you haven't brought one, please stay. We will have plenty of food.

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WAYFARERS - Happy Hour

Happy Hour, Friday, June 21, 4:30 p.m., Manuel's, 2350 E. Southern, Tempe, (just east of the 101, NW corner of E. Southern and S. George) 480-897-0025. Join us for a delightful Mexican evening with great happy hour food and service and very reasonable prices! We have space reserved in the side room and while there may be other diners, we will be early enough that we might as well be alone! Clean, bright, and cheerful! If you'd like to join us,

please contact Susan Lacy at lacynoe@yahoo.com by Wednesday June 19. RSVPs will be made in the name VUU. As always, the more the merrier but please remember, it's 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 by noon that day if you aren't sure before then. Then seating and staffing will be appropriate. Wayfarers are 'travelers' who meet at different locations throughout the valley each month. Anyone is welcome to join us! New people have been coming each month! Just let me know. I have 2 special guests joining me this month, so we look forward to seeing you there! And bring ideas of new places, places we've visited you'd like to visit again, or those you never want to see again! All input is welcome!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JULY IS JUNE 16



Two long-time active VUU Members are moving away to be closer to family. 2nd from left, Carol Weatherspoon has moved to Florida and Bob Clark, below, will join family in Idaho soon. We will so miss you both & send our love with you.





Caring & Concerns Neighborhood Contacts

Summer vacation time is here, and people head off for cooler climates. If something comes up that you need assistance with during this slower time of year, please call on your Neighborhood Contact. We're ready to help, be it with a ride, food, or just a caring note.

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.

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***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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