



# VUUPOINT JULY 2019



Valley  
Unitarian  
Universalist  
CONGREGATION

*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 is now posted on the website.*

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

*July's Theme is Freedom & Responsibility*

**July 7 *After the Tsunami the Rebuilding: Reflections on Stories that Uncover Racial Injustice***

**Barbara Face**

**July 14 *I Came to Bring a Sword: Finding truth and meaning in difficult Bible passages***

**Randy Galbraith**

**July 21 *What's the Occasion? Grace: The Unbidden Gift***

**Lynn DeMuth**

The Worship Band will play.

**July 28 *Escape Velocity and the Gracious Gift of Gravity***

**Reverend Doug Bland**

July Events at a Glance

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| 7/05 VUU Singles Game Night                     | 7/19 Wayfarers Happy HoUUr      |
| 7/07 Faith Formation Game Day<br>The Board Room | 7/21 Newsletter Deadline        |
| 7/11 EastVUUs Potluck & Meeting                 | 7/23 Employment Workshop        |
| 7/13 VUU Singles to Sea-Life Aquarium           | 7/25 EastVUUs Social Night      |
| 7/14 VUUJAZ Conversations                       | 7/26 VUU Singles Monthly Dinner |
| 7/18 Page Turners                               | 7/27 AFN Smart Justice Café'    |
|   | 7/28 Paris to Pittsburgh Movie  |

Sundays – Dalai Lama & Friends

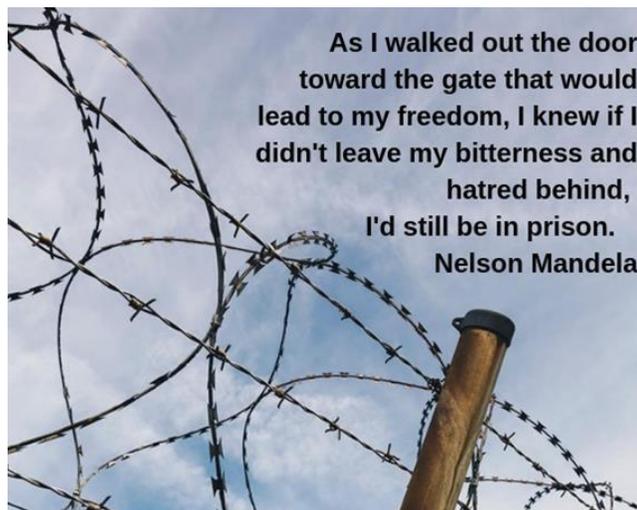


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## ***MESSAGE FROM THE (ACTING) PRESIDENT***

Dear VUU Family,

Our four new board members have already attended a board orientation and shared the last board meeting of the year with the outgoing team. Because we were not able to all be together this month, the new board voted to elect our officers next month; the current officers will maintain their duties through our next meeting at the end of July.

As a reminder, the newly elected board members are Debbie Grande, Joan Bundy, and Linda Stenholm. Sue Keen was appointed by the board to fill a one-year board member opening vacated by Paul Schneider. I was reelected to a third term, and Bob Fabre and Musette Steger continue with the second year of their current terms.

My thanks go out to Paul Schneider, Karl Hurst-Wicker, Maria Dixon, and Mary Erickson, who have each made outstanding contributions to the board and been committed to the mission of VUU. I would say you'll be missed, but we are sure to see you both in attendance and taking up new roles over time.

Two weeks ago, I spent four days in Spokane, Washington with 2,700 Unitarian Universalists at the annual General Assembly of the UUA. Three other members and Rev. Kellie Walker Hart were there as well, and we all enjoyed the fellowship and learning opportunities. I was fortunate to catch up with friends from two of my former UU congregations; what fun that was! Our VUU group explored the riverside, ate some good food, and attended several worship services and learning sessions at the convention center.

We can report that the UUA is on the bleeding edge of facing “White Supremacy Culture,” not just in the greater community, but within our association and congregations. Whether or not you appreciate the chosen naming convention -- many do, and many of us are very unsure or do not -- it is clear that much is being done to look inward and not just outside, to confront and dismantle oppression that has consumed our culture from its inception. We are asked to center marginalized people – of color, indigenous, LGBTQ, women, and various socio-economic classes – in our decision making, in our worship, and in our leadership, with intention and with urgency.

You probably have heard, and surely will hear more, about this as things unfold within the denomination. What we can be sure of among ourselves is our commitment to our vision, and to our Ends Statements. The Board realized last week while discussing them that we do not remind ourselves and each other often enough of these words we chose to describe what we want to become. So, I've asked that they be included in this newsletter. And I ask that you reread them and think about how we move forward each day in this work we have chosen to do together.

Shalom,

DeeAnne McClenahan, Board President (acting)

602.214.4608

## Our Mission

Love is our doctrine, service is our prayer, and justice is our calling.

## Our Vision & Ends

We are a vibrant, inclusive community, inspired by many spiritualities and theologies, caring for one another through life's challenges, and bending the moral arc of the universe toward justice.

1. We challenge each person to discover, experience, and be transformed by the deep and mysterious.
2. We cultivate our inclusive community through radical hospitality and nurturing.
3. We prioritize intergenerational experience through increased investment in the faith formation of the next generation.
4. We engage in partnerships to counter systems of oppression and create a just, sustainable and healthy world.
5. We are an innovative congregation, growing Unitarian Universalism in covenant with our UUA partners.

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



**Friday, July 12, 2019**

**7 – 9 PM**

**ICE Field Office in Phoenix**

**2035 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004-1553**

**AND**

**Eloy Immigration Detention Center (CCA)**

**1705 E Hanna Rd, Eloy, Arizona 85131**

**[lightsforliberty.org](http://lightsforliberty.org)**

## Faith Formation Ministry July 2019

Did you know that we can recycle **USED** oral care products??!!

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 7<sup>th</sup> = large group game day in honor of Independence Day)



**Water Fun Day: September 1<sup>st</sup>.** 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 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> graders: Mandatory Parents (only) orientation, Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm in room 5

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

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERED THIS MONTH**

### **VUUJAZ CONVERSATIONS**

Facilitated by Anne Schneider

We will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of July – July 14 – 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](mailto:legislativeadvocacy@vuu.org).



## The Dalai Lama and Friends Workshop

Facilitated by David Black and Melanie Cloonan-Schulte

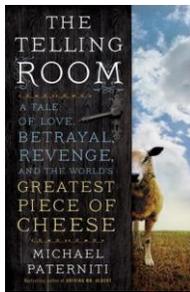
An opportunity to learn from the Dalai Lama and other modern Buddhist teachers is offered each Sunday. The program is offered in 2 parts:

\*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](mailto: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. The next meeting will be on July 18 at 7:15 p.m. The book is The Telling Room: A Tale of Love, Betrayal, Revenge, and the World's Greatest Piece of Cheese by Michael Paterniti. The author finds his way to a tiny hilltop village to meet the famous cheesemaker himself, a voluble, magnetic, heartbroken genius named Ambrosio. He wanders into-and eventually becomes deeply implicated in-the heart of an unfolding mystery, in which a village begins to spill its long-held secrets, and nothing is quite what it seems.

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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## OUR WHOLE LIVES for "Great Grey Owls"

**Gr. 8-9 Youth**

**2019-20**

**W**e 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**

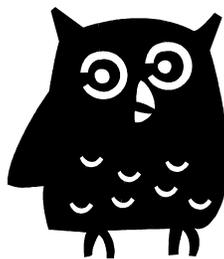
Sunday, August 4 · 12:30-2:30 p.m.

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](mailto:faithform@vuu.org) or 480-899-4249.



**Whoo!**

**Whoo?**

**YOU!**

**Please spread the word!**

**Non-members are welcome to join.**

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## 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](mailto:faithform@vuu.org) or 480-899-4249.



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## MUSIC & MORE....

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** As this newsletter is going to press, I am just getting back from attending the large annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists called General Assembly (GA). This year it was held in Spokane, Washington and I had the privilege of spending time with some of our winter residents who join us at Valley UU every year from Spokane for a number of months. Thanks especially to Mark and Marion Hammer for being such great hosts! They say hello to all of you, by the way, and they look forward to joining us again in early November.

As usual, I mostly took part in various music activities while at GA, including singing in the GA Choir and singing some harmonies on stage in the Thursday evening Service of the Living Tradition. If you go to the link below it takes you to the Service of the Living Tradition, and you will see me at about two minutes and 45 seconds in, and also at one hour, 17 minutes and 30 seconds in. But the sermon was excellent and there was some other great music, so you might want to check out the whole service. Most of the other main services are also available for viewing -just backtrack a bit to a list of other events and services from this link: [www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2019/worship/slt](http://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2019/worship/slt)

### UPCOMING:

All choirs are on hiatus now. The Adult Choir and Chalice Ringers will begin rehearsing again on Tuesday evening, August 20<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary.

Our annual **CABARET** is set for Saturday evening September 14 in the sanctuary ab 7pm. 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 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](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.

**-Rev. Kellie Walker Hart ([music@vuu.org](mailto:music@vuu.org))**

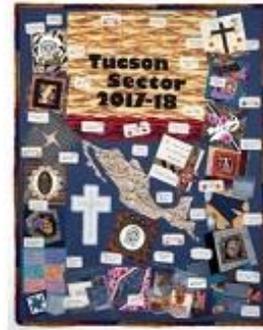
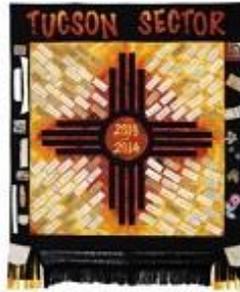
### **Music Director Needed at Granite Peak UU Congregation, Prescott!**

Part-time, 780 hours annually, 15 hours weekly average with less time required in the summer. Visit the link below to view the job description.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

This is your last week to see these important quilts.



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](http://migrantquilts.org) and their Facebook page.





## FREE SCREENING PARIS TO PITTSBURGH

**SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019 FOLLOWING OUR SERVICE**

National Geographic, in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies produced this film, Paris to Pittsburgh, to inspire local community action to heal the climate for the benefit of all. From coastal cities to America's heartland, this film 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. Spotlighting the cities, states, businesses and citizens taking action, this film explores the very real social and economic impacts of climate change-fueled disasters. The film features voices from local leaders as well as everyday Americans presenting the stories behind climate-related recovery and resiliency, as well as tireless innovative efforts to reduce carbon emissions, including boomtowns formerly reliant on coal, such as Pittsburgh.

This film is being sponsored by the VUU Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby in conjunction with Arizona Interfaith Power and Light.

Details: **7-28-2019 at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. Light lunch will be served. Reverend Doug Bland will be preaching at the Service on this Sunday, and he will also participate in a Q&A session following the film, along with CCL volunteers.** <https://www.paristopittsburgh.com/>



## 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](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/news/>

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

### JULY **FUUNd**



#### Summer **FUUNd** – Tea, Tarot, and Astrology, July 14, \$35

Wondering about the future? There are still seats available at Tea, Tarot, and Astrology on July 14 at 2:00 PM. Meet at the home of Madeline Kasian for tea and cake. She will give a brief hands-on presentation on how Tarot and astrology can enlighten and inspire you. You will receive a private 20-minute reading in Madeline's studio. Bring a question and an open mind. Email [fuundtogether@vuu.org](mailto:fuundtogether@vuu.org) to reserve your seat.

## 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?**

### Women's Group Meeting

On Sunday, July 28, 2019 we will join in watching the showing of Paris to Pittsburgh and participate in the discussion. We hope you will plan on sticking around after the Service that day and watch this important movie. Check out the trailer here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=79&v=Xb5ftE9gpfA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=79&v=Xb5ftE9gpfA)

We'll get back together in August for our regular time/lunch together on August 25th

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



**PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT  
FAIR & WORKSHOPS**

“Earn to Learn” Apprenticeships, Colleges, Tech Schools & More

**PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT FAIR & WORKSHOPS**

Burton Barr Central Library  
1221 N. Central Ave., Second Floor  
College Depot Auditorium  
Tuesday, July 23  
Fair: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Find your pathway to employment! Meet with representatives from apprenticeship programs, colleges, tech schools and training programs. [Click here for more information.](#)

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST  
JOIN THE ARIZONA FAITH NETWORK FOR OUR

**SMART JUSTICE  
CAFÉ**



**Smart Justice Café**  
First Congregational Church  
740 North Turquoise Drive  
Flagstaff, AZ 86001  
Saturday, July 27  
9:00 am-12:00 pm

Did you know Arizona has the fifth highest incarceration rate in the country? Join community members and people of faith to learn about the Criminal Justice System and efforts for reform throughout Arizona. Breakfast is free! You will hear stories from Arizona residents impacted by the system. All are welcome!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER \(FREE\)](#)

***Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to AFN today!***



**Arizona Faith Network**  
1550 E Meadowbrook Ave  
Phoenix, AZ 85028  
602-468-3818

[www.arizonafaitnetwork.org](http://www.arizonafaitnetwork.org)

[ContactUs@azfaithnetwork.org](mailto:ContactUs@azfaithnetwork.org)

## *VUU COMMUNITY*

### **Capital Campaign**

Our congregational vision for the Capital Campaign is to raise funds for capital improvements to support four (4) main goals: a more family-friendly environment, more meeting spaces, improved facilities to support our mission and programs, and to unify our VUU community. Together we are making this vision reality.

The leadership portion of the campaign began in April and will continue over the summer. At the Congregational Meeting, the CCC was thrilled to report that pledges as of June 3<sup>rd</sup> exceeded \$800,000, and there were still a significant number of potential leadership donors to canvass. We are very encouraged by this progress and optimistic about reaching our campaign target of \$2.5 million.

In the next few months, additional stewards for the general campaign will be recruited and trained. The general campaign will take place this fall in tandem with VUU's annual stewardship campaign (operating pledge). If you are interested in volunteering as a steward, please email Linda Horton at [lindahorto@cs.com](mailto:lindahorto@cs.com).

### **The Endowment Report**



In 2015 an extraordinary storm hit the VUU campus. The volume of rain was labeled a 100-year flood. And our property damage, especially to the school rooms, was extensive. We had no choice but to pay for repairs, but we had no plan or source of cash to pay them. Ideally a congregation would have a “savings account” for such urgent cash flow needs. Fortunately, we had some money available in our Special Funds endowment. But even then, the cash on hand was barely enough.

Following that event, the congregation made a concerted effort to build a reserve fund into our budgets. This could be used for an emergency like the flood, or other major crises, like a couple air conditioning units failing at the same time and requiring substantial cash urgently. Each of the past three year's annual budgets have included \$10,000 toward this purpose.

It is with pleasure that the Special Funds committee reports one final grant for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Out of the \$16,754 that was determined to be available for granting this year, Special Funds has allocated the balance of \$4,254 toward the VUU operating reserve fund. More will still be needed over time. It is best practice to build such a fund to equal 3-6 months of the total operating budget. But together with the diligent planning of several years, we are now better positioned for any urgent expense than ever before.

Oh, and one note of caution: Monsoon season officially started on June 15th.

## VUU SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY



### *Promoting Social, Economic and Environmental Justice*

### *Paz de Cristo July Donation of the Month- New White T-shirts, New Underwear, New Socks (Any Size).*

Please support our focus charity, Paz de Cristo, by bringing in donations of new white T-shirts, new underwear, & new socks during the month of July. 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.



### **Thank You to All Who Donate to Paz de Cristo**

The total donations for July 2018-June 2019 are as follow:

**717 Food Items**

**201 Non-food items (clothes, feminine products, diapers)**

**\$230 in Gift Card value**

**This is a record for us since we began the donation of the month program in 2010!!**

### *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 July, August, etc. Each month, VUU needs 20 volunteers to satisfy our long running commitment to this wonderful charity. [Please check here for availability and sign up](#) - we'd love to serve with you! Send questions to [pazdecristo@vuu.org](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. We will be serving the dinner for our I-HELP guests on both July 22 & July 29! Would you like to help with these? I-HELP questions? Contact Sue [office@vuu.org](mailto: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](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.

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

## Hosting Asylum Seeking Refugees, June Report

Our thanks again to everyone who donated, cooked, cleaned, sorted, played with children, drove our guests to the airport or bus depot, who translated, but mostly, thank you to you who loved and treated our refugee guests with dignity and respect. Love is a verb; we are called to serve!

**Our next host date will be July 17.** Watch for more info and sign-up forms next week. We will continue to collect items we need. Please bring them with you to the Service and leave them in basket marked 'HOSTING' in the Sanctuary Foyer area.

We need new children's – boys and girls - underwear, all sizes. Women's sports bras, sizes medium & large. Baby, toddler, teen and pre-teen clothes. We especially need girls' leggings for 5-year-old to 15-year-old girls.

We need Tylenol – infant and adult types.

Diapers – all sizes except size 4; baby food, powdered milk, baby formula – we sometimes don't know what type of formula or what size diapers we will need until the day our guests arrive so financial donations for these things are very helpful.

We still need car seats for toddlers – booster seat types and up-right types.

There are also some volunteer opportunities *between* our hostings. We will need to sort clothing, shoes, etc. before every hosting. If you'd like to be contacted when these times are scheduled, call or text Rebekah at 443-890-5387.

We are also sharing sleeping mats with other congregations hosting in the Tempe/Chandler area. These mats need to be loaded/moved and then returned between hostings. If you have a pick-up truck and a buddy with a pick-up truck, you two could have the privilege of becoming the sleeping mat moving team! You could do this on a day/time that works for you! What a wonderful opportunity, right?! Contact Sue at [office@vuu.org](mailto:office@vuu.org)

We do not take pictures of our guests, but I harassed a few of our volunteers to let me take their picture as we re-set-up the Sanctuary for worship after our last hosting.





SEND A  
CARD TO  
A FRIEND DAY

**Carol Weatherspoon** is no longer connected to her VUU friends by internet. She would love to receive a letter or card, though!

Carol Weatherspoon  
2740 31st Ave. NE  
Naples, FL 34120

**Bob Clarke** has also moved to be closer to family. His new address is:

Bob Clarke  
Willow Park  
2600 N Milwaukee #145  
Boise ID 83704

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 July 2019 are:

10 to 19 Years:  
*Tom Ewers*  
*David Sheh*

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

## VUU GATHERINGS



**July 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!



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

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

**6:00 pm POTLUCK:** Bring your own tableware and a dish to pass.

**6:45 pm MEETING PROGRAM:** From National Geographic, in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies, the film *Paris to Pittsburgh* is being offered to draw faith communities together to inspire local community action to heal the climate for the benefit of all. From coastal cities to America's heartland, Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. And as the weather grows more deadly and destructive, they aren't waiting on Washington to act.

**Come view this film to learn about their incredible stories in Paris to Pittsburgh and be inspired to create change in our own communities. Discussion after. [CLICK HERE FOR TRAILER - SKIP AD](#)**

**SOCIAL ACTION:** As able, you can bring travel food donations for Somos America who distribute travel food bags for asylum seekers traveling on to family members via Greyhound. TUNA or CHICKEN SALAD IN BOX WITH CRACKERS, APPLESAUCE OR FRUIT CUPS, SMALL BAG/BOX RAISINS.

Our speaker, **Rev. Doug Bland**, is a long-time friend of VUU and the **Executive Director of Arizona Interfaith Power & Light**, a religious response to global warming. He has also chaired the Earth Care Commission for the Arizona Ecumenical Council. He was Pastor at the Tempe Community Christian Church for 23 years until retirement. The church's inter-religious and multi-cultural storytelling concerts earned the Diversity Award from the Tempe Human Relations Commission. He is adjunct faculty at the South Mountain Community College Storytelling Institute, where he has taught "The Art of Storytelling."

**The EastVUU group will meet at 2223 N 56th, Mesa, at the Navajo Rm. This location is the new activity complex, far North end, opposite end from the library. For more information, contact Margaret Stewart at [mjs.ontheroad@gmail.com](mailto:mjs.ontheroad@gmail.com). Hope to see you!**

**Our Social Fun Night is the 4th Thursday evening or day dependent upon the activity. July 25: TBA**



### **WAYFARERS - Happy HoUUr**

Friday, July 19, 2019, 4:30 p.m., **Mambo's Dominican Kitchen**, 1950 N. Arizona Chandler (SW corner of Warner and Arizona, 480-718-9210

Join us for a little different cuisine! Happy hour appetizers include 6-piece wings for \$4, 2 empanadas (Caribbean style turnovers with ground beef, shredded chicken, cheese and guava) for \$5, and more. Wine and margaritas \$4, domestic beer \$2.50, Imported \$3.50. Dominican dinner choices range from about \$13 to \$17. For those less adventurous, there is also chicken alfredo, burgers, spaghetti, etc. From \$6 to \$12. I have eaten here, and the food was excellent and well explained when asked. Staff is VERY helpful! Domino's Pizza is on the corner, and this is just west of it. If you'd like to join us, contact Susan Lacy at [lacynoe@yahoo.com](mailto:lacynoe@yahoo.com) by **Wednesday night, July 17**. RSVPs will be under VUU. The more the merrier but 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 that day if you aren't sure before then. Then seating and staffing will be appropriate. This is a smaller restaurant but one looking forward to our visit. 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!

Join us NEXT month at Blue 32 Sports Grill at Arizona and Chandler Heights, Nancy's suggestion! Very nice and we'll beat the snowbirds!



**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, July 5, 6:15 pm: Game Night** at Bob and Raul's (7392 S. Hazelton LN, Tempe — near NE corner of Elliot & 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, juice, and coffee will be provided. Feel free to bring alternate drinks. We'd like to keep a count of how many are coming so that we know if any extra tables and chairs are needed. RSVP to Raul at [rblanco1001@gmail.com](mailto:rblanco1001@gmail.com) or 561-901-9277. For last minute directions, contact Raul.

**Saturday, July 13, 3 pm: An outing to Sea-Life Aquarium** at AZ Mills (5000 S. Arizona Mills CIR, Tempe, NW corner of Priest & Baseline)

Those interested are welcome to join in conversation and an impromptu dinner afterward. At Sea-Life, guests can enjoy viewing 250 species of fish in the 180-degree ocean tunnel, and join educational talks and feeding demonstrations. Tickets online save \$5 (\$19.99) Purchase tickets in advance and be sure to ask about a AAA discount. There will be a carpool option planned. Please call or text Tim Voehl (612-298-6072) or Claudette Wassil (973-768-6047) if you plan to go, so that we will keep you apprised and know to watch for you!

**Friday, July 26, 6:15 pm: Dinner at Chutney's Indian Cuisine** (1801 E. Baseline RD, Tempe, SE corner of Baseline & McClintock) Join us at this charming restaurant for some good food and great conversation. Please RSVP to Claudette by text (preferred 973-768-6047) or email ([claudettewassil@hotmail.com](mailto:claudettewassil@hotmail.com)) by Tuesday, July 23.



**Friendship is  
always a sweet  
responsibility,  
never an  
opportunity.  
Khalil Gibran**

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR AUGUST IS JULY 21**

### PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH STUDY IN PHONETICS/ARTICULATION

Karrie Kuecker, M.S., CCC-SLP, is looking for volunteers to take part in a doctoral research study of the production of speech sounds.

#### **Purpose of the Study**

I am examining how speakers produce “r” sounds in words of one or two syllables. I hope to be able to use findings from this study to help with the treatment of speech problems in children and adults.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

##### **To participate**

- English must be your first language, and the language you speak in the home (bilingual Spanish okay)
- You must currently reside in Arizona and have lived in Maricopa county during childhood.
- You must not have a history of communication or speech disorder
- Audio recordings will be made on Arizona State University’s main campus in Tempe.

#### **Requirements**

As a participant in this study, you would be asked to read word lists that I will audio record for analysis. You will also be asked to fill out a brief demographic survey on the language(s) spoken in the home and background information about where you have lived over the years. I will use this background information mainly to assure you meet the study requirements, but also to provide overall descriptions of the pool of participants. All participants’ information will be kept confidential. Your participation would involve 1 session, for approximately 1 hour.

#### **Incentive**

In appreciation for your time, you will receive a \$10 gift card to either Amazon or Starbucks. You will also receive a speech screening from me; I am a nationally certified speech-language pathologist licensed to practice in Arizona.

For more information about this study, or to volunteer for this study,  
please contact:

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## 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.

Your Neighborhood Contacts are:

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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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