



The View

April 2017

Services *All services are held at 10 am unless otherwise noted. Sunday service topics may change without notice at the discretion of the speaker or because of other circumstances. Children’s Faith Development classes and nursery care are available during the service.*

April 2, Grace Burford: Engaged Buddhism: Integrating Spiritual Development and Social Activism.

Rev. Burford will speak about the politically and socially active movement called “Engaged Buddhism.” Since the mid-20th century, Buddhists all over the world have been actively applying the values and teachings of Buddhism nonviolently to the social, economic, political, and ecological problems our societies face.

April 5, Social Justice Morning Reflective Service, 7 am:

April 9, Rev. Karla Brockie: “Hana Matsuri”: “Celebrating the Buddha’s Birthday”..

We lift up some of the principles of Buddhism that inform our faith, and bless the Buddha with tea and flowers. Lynne Haeseler will be at the piano.

April 16, Rev. Karla Brockie and Director of Faith Development Angie Miller: “The Choice to Save the World”

Our Easter celebration doubles as an Earth Day celebration this year, with a story of the future and how the children help to save the earth. All generations are welcome to participate in this delightful service! There will be a Food for the Hungry egg hunt after the service; please bring canned goods at the beginning of the service for us to hide, and the egg hunters will receive Easter treats afterwards.

April 19, Evening Justice Vespers Service, 5:30 pm

April 23, Rev. Karla Brockie: “Practicing Resurrection”.

These times call us to learn how to rise reborn from the ashes, again and again. Lena Hubin at the piano.

April 30, Mary Ann Clark: Making of a Unitarian Universalist

Unitarian Universalists are often asked what is it that UUs believe. This is not really the right question. As in many other traditions what makes one a UU is not what one believes but what one does. Using the Afro-Cuban religion of Santeria as a model, Mary Ann Clark will explore the idea that being a UU is more a matter of praxis (practice) than doxis (belief). Lynne Haeseler at the piano.

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Our Covenant:

Love is the doctrine of this congregation, the quest for truth its sacrament and service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve others in community, thus do we covenant together.

Minister's Musings:

Rev. Karla Brockie



I have been thinking about how privileged I am, particularly to be living in a place that is not experiencing war or systematic violence. Recently I watched a docu-drama about Pope Francis and his early years as a priest in Argentina under a repressive government. People who were suspected of questioning the government were imprisoned and “disappeared” every day, and the gap between the privileged and the poor was enormous. No one lived without fear, and when fear is in charge, generosity towards one another takes a back seat except where there is extraordinary courage. There were those in the church who aligned with the powers that be, and those that were faithful to the Christian doctrine of love thy neighbor, sometimes at great personal cost.

Our friend Kizito Obialom is staying with me for a while; he is a refugee from Nigeria, fleeing from violent attacks, seeking asylum. I have been appalled at learning how unfriendly and inhumane our immigration system is, especially to those in crisis. He has been “paroled” from “detention”, but is yet without a work permit and has no source of money. So here he is, new to this country and culture, without a penny, black in a racist society. My privilege and blessings really stand out! It has been a gift to get to know him (a really sweet young man, devout in his faith, intelligent, resilient beyond measure, and he lets me tease him!).

It is a small thing to harbor him while resources can be organized for supporting him in court and getting him settled in a promising place. We have been in conversation with All Souls UU congregation in Washington DC, who may be taking on the task; they are a large congregation with a commitment to immigration issues. D.C. has many things Prescott doesn't have; abundant resources for refugees, a significant Nigerian community, and lots of young people! It will both a joy and a sorrow to send him on his way to start a new life.

We are awakened to the need for standing up in all kinds of ways for the Side of Love in this shifting political climate.

We are actively learning how to nourish acceptance and equanimity in the face of aggression and divisiveness. I look forward to the congregation expanding our efforts in not only addressing service needs, but in addressing institutional transformation to eliminate oppression of all kinds. May we become wiser and stronger as we go.

President's Ponderings Reflections



Dan Boyce, President

Wow! We had 53 volunteers when Bev Bostrom put out the call for tasks to be done by the Care Team. What a terrific response! It is a vivid demonstration of the caring community we have here at Granite Peak and the willingness so many of us have to be of service to each other. Bravo and kudos to us.

I want to use my column this month to highlight another volunteer opportunity--to put out a call for Sunday morning volunteers. Each Sunday, we need at least 8 congregants who are willing to step forward to assist with our hospitality activities. These tasks frequently fall on the shoulders of a few stalwart, but overworked, individuals.

With 138 members (not to mention friends), if everyone volunteered just once per quarter, we'd have more than enough volunteers to staff each of these needed positions. Tasks include:

- Greeters (handing out Orders of Service)
- Coffee makers and servers
- Sunday morning managers
- Membership table volunteers
- Cleanup crew/hospitality

Some of these tasks require a bit of training, others little to none...everyone can help. If you are not already volunteering regularly, I ask that you volunteer to help out at least once per quarter. It's easy, non-stressful, and fills a need. Let me know which of the above tasks you'd be willing to perform by dropping me an email or call me. Your help is much appreciated!

Shalom and Blessed Be.

Endowment Presentation, April 30

The Endowment Committee invites all members and friends to attend a presentation on Sunday, April 30 at 11:30am after the Sunday Service. Learn about Granite Peak's efforts to build an endowment to guarantee the future of the congregation. Find out how you can join the John A. Gurley Society, a group of members and friends that have committed to support the Endowment through their gifts and estate plans. Thank you! Jack Wood will join us for a short discussion on estate planning topics.

Right Relations and Your Resolution Team

The Resolution Team is appointed by the Board of Trustees to promote, monitor, and maintain the overall healthy communication of the Congregation. On a confidential and informal basis, the Team provides support and intervention in conflicts when our help is requested so that GPUUC can continue to be a place of welcome, mutual respect and belonging.

The Team works to foster and maintain harmonious relationships between and among individuals and groups within our Congregation. A primary goal focuses on direct and compassionate communication between and among our members.

If you have a concern within our community which is not being resolved by face-to-face interaction, please contact a member of the Resolution Team: Paula Burroughs, Gary Baker, or Nancy Beeson.

Save These Dates



UU Passover Family Seder coming Monday April 3; sign up now!

Our newcomer Rhea Batterman and Rev. Karla invite you to participate in this wonderful ritual meal for all people celebrating freedom. We will learn the meaning of this important Jewish festival, and share traditional foods. RSVP is required; the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Davis Hall.

May 3: Albert Lovejoy Social Justice Award Winner 2017

This year's honoree is Sister Anne Fitzsimons.



The Albert Lovejoy Social Justice Award Dinner will be on **Wed May 3** at Prescott College Crossroads center. This dinner is becoming a community wide interfaith event to celebrate those who work hard and often quietly to bend the arc of justice in the Prescott community. Tickets will be for sale **ONLINE** in April for \$35.00 each. Stay tuned to the Weekly View for more information

May 6 Leadership Development Workshop: Serving with Grace

Current and potential leaders are invited to meet in Davis Hall from 9-12 on May 6 to explore the challenges and joys of leadership in the Granite Peak Congregation. The discussion will be based on ideas from Serving with Grace: Lay Leadership as a Spiritual Practice by Erik Wikstrom. When we consider the unique features of leadership in a faith community, we discover how committee and Board work can be spiritually nourishing. Ten copies of this readable 83 page book are available to borrow from the congregational library.

Please RSVP to the Leadership Development committee via the congregational office or directly to Jo Sprague, chair of the committee, by April 23 and

All American Dinner & Trivia Night (Fundraiser)



Save the Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017, 5 pm to 8 pm

We'll share a festive pre-summer dinner and then launch into a team trivia contest over scores of questions on every topic you can imagine. Good food! Prizes! Fun!

For more information, contact: Marianne Erickson.

March

Granite Peak Events



Congregational Dinner Smiles

Frank and Nancy Beeson's smiles above reflected the mood of the evening at the March 5 Congregational

Dinner at Prescott College. The food was great, the comradery was magic and choir's singing was glorious and engaging! Peter Eldridge's leadership and Mary Ann Clark's inspiration made the night a very big success! (Photos by Bob Park)

Peter Eldridge Leading the Singing with Music Director Lynne Haeseler at the Congregational Dinner



Second Monday Drum Circle



The March Drum Circle gathering was very well attended. Congregation photographer, Bob Park, captured Hanne Stone and Valerie Phipps enjoying the drumming that was shared that night. Drum Circle meets the second Monday of each month from 6-8pm at Granite Peak during the cooler months and at Watson Lake during the summer.



Thea Park and Karen Anderson

Spring Equinox Service

Sunday, March 19, the Goddess Girls, led by Hanne Stone and Charlotte Skuse, Deborah Cillo, Valerie Phipps and Karen Hagberg led the congregation in a beautiful and spiritual celebration of the Spring Equinox and Mother Earth. The service was enjoyed by all!



Granite Peak Vision and Mission Statements

Vision: Where ALL are welcomed, encouraged and nurtured

Mission: We are a compassionate spiritual community that:

- Celebrates diversity
- Nourishes the personal and spiritual growth of all ages
- Shares our gifts
- Promotes justice for all
- Serves the world we live in



Children's Faith Development

Angelica Miller
Director of Faith Development

Spring time is here and with it, the spirit of renewal, rebirth, and new life.

As we move forward from our March teachings, we begin to explore a few of the many Earth-Centered religions, spiritual perspective, and eco-activism. April is a busy month, highlighted by both our upcoming Intergenerational Easter Service and a scheduled Family Dinner Night.

As usual, and unless otherwise noted, parents are asked to bring their children to the Faith Development building prior to the start of service (exceptions are: Children's Connection and Intergenerational Services). We thank you for your cooperation.

Our April Schedule is as follows:

Sunday, April 2, 2017 - Corn Mother

Sunday, April 9, 2017 - Children's Connection

Sunday, April 16, 2017 - Intergenerational Easter Service (NO CLASS)

Sunday, April 23, 2017 - Earth Day/Mother Earth

Sunday, April 30, 2017 - Create Magic, Change the World



Family Dinner Night

All GPUUC families are invited to our very first Family Dinner Night April 22, 2017 in Davis Hall from 5-7pm. We'll be having a family-style Italian dinner. Please contact our Director of Faith Development, Angie Miller, to add your name to the list. We'll see you there!!

Children's Play Time

There will be a children's play time on April 22, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.



This month it will be on Earth Day at Granite Creek park. Down town, so families can visit the festivities on the square too.

This is an opportunity for Granite Peak parents with small children to gather for playtime. We also hope that those of us without small children will use this as a time to gather with the parents and children.

For any questions please contact Cassie Delaney at 928 607-5791

SOUP LUNCH

The Sunday Soup Lunch will occur on Sunday, April 16, 2017. The cost for a bowl of soup will at \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.



This month the Soup Lunch will be combined with a Children's Easter Hunt. Please join us to see how a Easter Hunt differs from an Easter Egg Hunt.

For any questions regarding the soup lunch please contact Toni Jarnagin or Clark Reid-McKee.



Help Needed.

Did you know that coffee or tea on Sunday mornings is like a hug in a mug? A cup of coffee or tea shared with a friend is happiness tasted and time well spent! Sunday morning volunteers, Marianne Erickson, J.D. Fox and Elayne Hayes will gratefully accept your help with the Coffee Time Ministry. Please consider working one Sunday morning a month (or more!) to help provide precious refreshments for your friends at Granite Peak. You'll find the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door!

We need your help. Thanks, in advance!

GPUUC Choir News

Lynne Haeseler
Music Director



You've got to accentuate the positive

Eliminate the negative

Latch on to the affirmative

Don't mess with Mister In-Between -Cole Porter

Change. Again. In musical terms, modulate.....change key. After thoughtful reflection, I decided not to renew my contract, so my job here ends June 30. Work opportunities in Phoenix, the vicinity of my daughter and the rigor of commuting have caused me to reevaluate my time. Hence, my decision to resign.

Of course I will miss you. Your warm welcome and care made my transition from Phoenix easy and heart warming. Now, to latch onto the affirmative-- we know each other! There are future visits to look forward to--- the fun Service Auction, Sunday worship as guest pianist, social justice events, Raven Cafe hamburgers, choir programs. Furthermore, you're connected to Phoenix now, too!

GPUUC is linked to UU Congregation of Phoenix, tenor Michael McCall, drummer Sam Anderson, harpist Jocelyn Obermeyer, cellist Ruth Wenger and jazz vocalist Laurie Fagan. In truth, we are all linked in the Blue Boat Home going down the same river. we know and feel our shared love and awareness of the preciousness of life. As I move forward, I am grateful to and celebrate the choir, staff, congregation and life of Granite Peak. I plan to support the next music director and share all I have learned. *"Welcome aboard"* the next becoming!

Online Sermons

Want to listen again to one of Rev. Karla's sermons? Did you miss that great guest speaker that you wanted to hear? No worries!

Just visit this section of our webpage:
<http://www.prescottuu.org/sermons/>

Social Justice Ministry at Granite Peak

Hanne Stone
Social Justice Ministry
Facilitator



There has been some discussion lately about what is meant by the full spectrum of justice work. There are 900 non-profit service organizations in Yavapai County helping individuals, families and children affected by institutionalized injustice and there are a handful of organizations that are working on systemic change that one day may lead to less need for these services. The question is where does Granite Peak fit on this spectrum? Where do we want to be?

Systemic change is the hard work. Changing systems that are deeply rooted in oppression, racism and devoid of the worth and dignity of every human being takes internal and external change. We have been working towards this through our Faith Development Classes like Building the World We Dream About, Classism, Compassionate Communication Workshops and The Third Reconstruction etc. We do this work through UU Day at the Legislature and collaborating with human and environmental rights groups in our community like Planned Parenthood, Yavapai Climate Change Coalition, United We Dream and the Yavapai LGBTQ coalition (to name a few).

We are finding our voice and speaking up in the public square, grounded in our UU faith through displaying a Black Lives Matter banner and engaging the community in conversations about race and supporting the effort to ask the Prescott City Council to adopt the **U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement** (see below for more information).

As we look towards the future of our justice work at GP, let us remember the words of Martin Luther King "that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice" and do all that we can to grab hold and bend that arc of justice.

I hope that you will find many opportunities this month to deepen and enrich your understanding and engage in social justice issues that move your heart

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and connect you in community. I invite everyone with ideas or passions or questions or concerns about Social Justice Ministry at Granite Peak to send me an email and we can set up a time to get together.

**Social Justice Morning Reflective Service:
First Wednesday of the Month**

Wednesday April 5 at 7:00 am

Everyone is invited to join in this powerful early morning Social Justice Reflective Service that is held on the first Wednesday of every month. Through this service we connect with each other and support our social justice work as a truly spiritual practice.

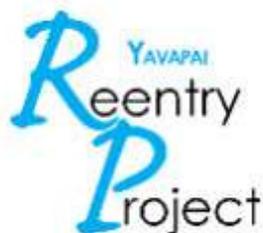
**Evening Justice Vespers Service
Third Wednesday of the Month**

Wednesday April 19,
5:30-6:30



These are trying times for those of us who are concerned about and working for justice.

Many of us are involved in meetings, organizing and protesting for human rights and the protections of our freedoms. All this work can be exhausting and sometimes discouraging. In these moments it can be more important than ever to come together in community for healing and rejuvenation. The service is a time for us to gather together for sustenance, support and to help renew our spirit of hope. There will be short readings, inspirational music, time to share and silent meditation.



Seeds of Support for April is the Yavapai Re-Entry Project

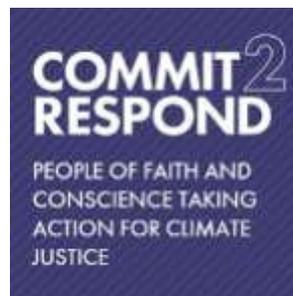
The YREP was established in 2011 to focus on a key population in the community whose needs were not being

fulfilled— those exiting the department of corrections. In an effort to reduce recidivism, improve

individual lives, and promote a safer community for all members of Yavapai County, a group of non-profit organizations, government offices, and motivated community members came together to form the Yavapai Reentry Project. Their vision is that all formerly incarcerated individuals returning to Yavapai County will have opportunities for community support, healthy relationships, and hope for their future. Yavapai County has the highest per population of individuals serving sentences in the Arizona Department of Corrections and the need to help them with their return to our community is great. At Granite Peak we have worked closely with the YREP. We have had trainings and have a few members who are currently community coaches. And our seeds of support for this program goes directly to those in need of their services and support.

SEEDS OF SUPPORT POLICY CHANGE:

Please note that Board has approved a change in the Seeds of Support Policy effective Jan – June 2017. In the spirit of generosity our congregation will donate HALF of EVERY Sunday cash plate to the SOS recipient of the month AND checks designated for SOS in the memo line will be accepted all month long. Please give generously to our local organizations that ARE making a difference in our community.



**Commit2Respond
Climate Justice Month**

From World Water Day (March 22) through Earth Day (April 22), Unitarian Universalists and other people of

faith and conscience build resistance to climate change and add our moral voices to the movement for climate justice. Climate Justice Month focuses on living into our commitments through collective action. At Granite Peak we are involved in and coordinate with many local climate change organizations. On March 28 at 3:00 pm we are supporting the Yavapai Climate Change Coalition in their efforts to present the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement to the Prescott City Council asking them to sign on to this agreement that has been endorsed by 13 other AZ cities.

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This is a bold action of lifting up our faith in the public square. Everyone is invited to attend this presentation in the City Council Chambers. For more information go to <https://www.usmayors.org/mayors-climate-protection-center/>

There are many events planned for this month and Granite Peak is a major partner in many of them.

Commit2Respond Calendar of Events

April 8: 6:30pm at GPUUC

“Viva la Verde” Film

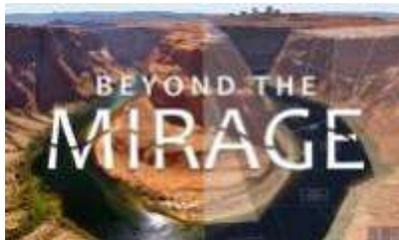
“Viva la Verde!” unveils the value of and threats to the upper Verde River, a little-known and under-appreciated river supporting some of the best surviving riparian habitat in the Southwest. The 48-minute video, produced by Gary Beverly and Hugh Denno, tells the story of the river through interviews with local river activists, using photography and video footage collected over three years of exploring the river. Gary Beverly will introduce us to the movie and be available afterwards to answer any questions. Co-sponsored by CWAG, Northern AZ Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Yavapai Climate Change Coalition.



April 15, 6:30 pm at GPUUC

“Beyond the Mirage”

This is a powerful film about the future of water in the west. This documentary produced by the University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center has caught the attention of audiences throughout Arizona and beyond, sparking important conversations about water shortage and solutions. Co-sponsored by CWAG, Northern AZ Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Yavapai Climate Change Coalition.



April 22nd EARTH DAY

Prescott Creeks Annual Creek Clean-up Granite Creek Park 9 am – 11 am

Granite Peak UU Congregation is a major supporter of Prescott Creeks annual clean-up day through our Seeds of Support. We will have a booth as well as our team of GP volunteers working with the 500 other community members helping to clean up creeks in the Granite Creek water shed. To join the team, contact Hanne.



Earth Day on the Square and March for Science (time TBA)



Cortez Street between Gurley Street and Goodwin Street - 10 am and 3 pm

Open Space Alliance of Central Yavapai County is organizing this free event again this year. This event is educational in purpose and scope and represents the wonders of our environment through many not-for-profits.

April 29: Peoples Climate March on Washington in Prescott at the Courthouse Square –time TBA

A broad community coalition is working to organize our local march including: Yavapai Climate Change Coalition, Northern AZ Chapter of the Sierra, the Women’s March organizers, the Indivisible Movement and GPUUC. Stay tuned for times.

Green Sanctuary



At this time we are also looking to recertify our Green Sanctuary status. Green Sanctuary is a UUA program provides a path for congregational study, reflection, and action for today's environmental challenges - including climate change and environmental justice. Successful completion results in Green Sanctuary accreditation: a formal recognition of a congregation's service and dedication to the Earth.

Congregations begin by examining their current environmental impact, then move towards developing sustainable practices grounded in Unitarian Universalism. There are four focus areas: Environmental Justice, Worship and Celebration, Religious Education and Sustainable Living. If you are interested in participating on the Green Sanctuary team contact Hanne or Rev Karla.

Caregivers' Support Group:

The Caregivers Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary at Granite Peak. If meeting with other caregivers would feel supportive to you, you are welcome to join us. Any questions? Contact facilitators Mary Magers or Bobbie Bollinger.



Second Monday Drum Circle—April 10 at 6:00 pm, GP Sanctuary

The days are slowly growing longer as we move away from the longest night of the year toward the rebirth of Summer.



Let us drum in the spirit of community as we celebrate this turning wheel of the seasons. All are welcome and extra drums always available.

The beat of the drum is the heartbeat of Mother Earth: "Listen to the wind...It talks...Listen to the silence...For it speaks...Listen with your heart...And you will learn and understand."

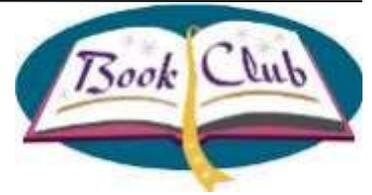
Granite Peak Forum, Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Discussions mostly focus on politics and current events. There's no advance registration -- just drop in! People from many faiths and diverse backgrounds are always welcome. Please join us and enjoy open discussion of things our conservative community sometimes ignores! Goodie Berquist is the moderator.



Radical Tapioca Fruit Soup Literary Guild

By Norma West



Everyone who loves reading is welcome to join us for brunch and book discussion on the second Saturday of each month from 10AM-12N. Our location and hostess rotates each month, and the following list indicates known locations at this time. The host/hostess of the month will send out email reminders and directions to their home as the date approaches. For those months in which no host/ hostess has been assigned, please watch for updates in the Monthly Newsletter, the Weekly View or call Norma West.

Currently we have up to and including June hosted by book club members. If you haven't hosted in awhile please check your schedules, and let me know if you're able to host anytime after June.

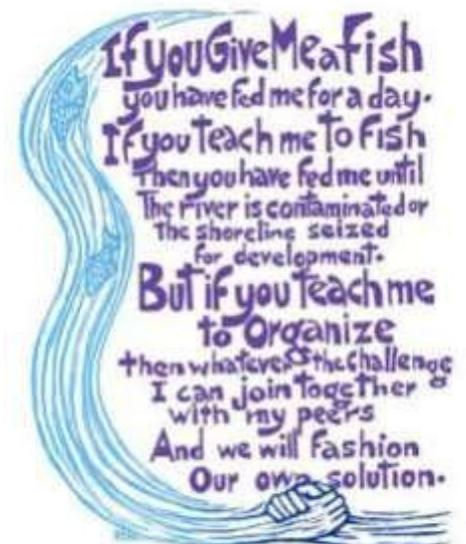
Please note change in hosts for April and June; Sooz and Charlotte switched months:

April 8: *The Palest Ink* by Kay Bratt hosted by Sooz Resetar

May 13: *The Harder They Come* by T.C. Boyle hosted by Bonnie Forte

June 10: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman hosted by Charlotte Skuse

July 8: *Delicious Foods*, a novel by James Hannahan.



Profile of Trey Jackman

Submitted by Paula Burroughs on 2/24/17



When Trey Jackman visited GPUUC with his friend about a year ago, he “fell in love” with the congregation and Rev. Karla, the principles and the welcome he received. He was delighted to find a community who doesn’t care whether he is gay, straight, trans, male or female but welcomes him as a person.

Trey grew up in Ventura, CA. Both his parents and brother are deceased and he has no close living relatives. He moved to the Phoenix area in 1991 and was employed as a veterinary technician. Trey’s wife, who had been his high school sweetheart, had a daughter ---who Trey raised as his own. The couple had been married in California where same sex marriage was legal. The family moved from Phoenix to Flagstaff for 13 years, then to Payson. There Trey met a friend who encouraged Trey to begin exploring his gender identity. Trey left his marriage, moved to Prescott with his friend a year ago, and began a new chapter in his life. He divorced after 26 years and began transitioning, which was initially frightening for him but was also the freedom to be the person he authentically is. His whole life has changed, something he never thought could happen.

Trey’s wife has remarried and his 23-year-old stepdaughter and three-year-old granddaughter, River, now live with Trey. After recovering from shoulder surgery, Trey is completing training as a residential specialist working with developmentally disabled individuals and will be working on weekends initially so Trey will be not be with us at Sunday services until his schedule changes. His friendly smile and hugs will be missed.

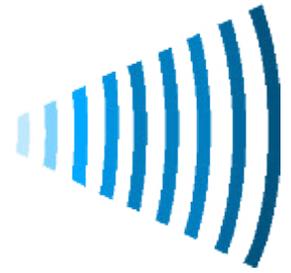
“Nothing worth doing can be achieved in a lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope.

Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith

Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone. Therefore, we must be saved by love.—Reinhold Niebuhr

Tech Savvy with a Good Ear?

Did you ever wish you knew what to do if someone says "A little more flugelhorn in the mix, please." Volunteer to be trained as an AV Tech to run the sound board and slides for our Sunday services and be trained to fill one of the most vital and thankless jobs in our beloved community. Call or email Warren Miller with your questions and intentions.



Let your little light shine!

Do you enjoy writing, photography or computer programming & graphic design? You and your skills are needed! We invite you to join the Granite Peak

Communications Committee! Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 4 at noon in the Craft Room on the lower level at Las Fuentes Resort Village, 1035 Scott Drive, Prescott, AZ Questions? Contact Drew Potter at or Marianne Erickson.

Chalice Circles

By Gretchen Phelps

Chalice Circles encourage anyone interested to join us. The small group Circles are led by trained facilitators and use reflective, empathetic listening. This creates a warm, accepting environment that enables open discussion of evocative life topics (examples: Justice; Judging-Misjudging; The Art of Giving and Receiving).



New pamphlets and sign-up forms will be on tables in Davis Hall. You are also welcome to call Gretchen Phelps for information and joining.

Our Unitarian Universalist Principles and Sources

Unitarian Universalist congregations together affirm and promote seven Principles. We also share a “living tradition” of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from many sources. The seven Principles and six Sources of the Unitarian Universalist Association grew out of the grassroots of our communities, were affirmed democratically, and are part of who we are.

[Principios y Fuentes en Español \(http://www.uua.org/beliefs/principles/10841.shtml\)](http://www.uua.org/beliefs/principles/10841.shtml)

Our Principles

Unitarian Universalists hold the Principles as strong values and moral teachings. As Rev. Barbara Wells ten Hove explains, “The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.”

- 1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

“Justice is what love looks like in public”

-Cornel West

Sources of Our Living Tradition

Rev. Kathleen Rolenz said, “Throughout history, we have moved to the rhythms of mystery and wonder, prophecy, wisdom, teachings from ancient and modern sources, and nature herself.” Worshipping in our congregations you may hear a reading or perspective shared from any one of these sources from which our living tradition is drawn:

Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;

Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;

Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;

Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;

Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;

Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Newsletter

**deadline is
Tuesday, noon**

May Deadline is
Tuesday, April 25,
2017

June Deadline is Tuesday, May, 23, 2017

Send articles to: elayne1959@gmail.com

