



# The View

May 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.*

**May 3, 7 am: 7 Social Justice Service**

**May 7: Worshipful Workshop Teach-In, Social Justice Ministries Facilitator and Rev. Karla Brockie**

*The Waters in Which We Swim: Recognizing, Owning and Dismantling White Supremacy*

Calling all faithful UU's to explore together the structures of racism on multiple levels. Let's take a keen and compassionate look at who we are and where we want to be in our interconnectedness. This uncomfortable and essential "workshop" will last from 10:00am to 11:30. Come join us! The GPUUC choir will lift us up. Then get your coffee, and sharing reflections is welcomed in our After Words gathering from 11:45 to 12:30.

**May 14: Be Kind to Your Parents, Celebrating Mothers and Fathers' Day on the humorous side!**

**May 18, 5:30 pm: Social Justice Vespers**

**May 21: Flower Communion, Rev. Karla Brockie**

Bring a flower for this *intergenerational* celebration of the beloved community and of our young people (and if you forget a blossom, we will have some extras!). A bridging ceremony for graduating seniors will be included. The GPUUC choir will grace the worship.

Plan to stay for Soup Sunday (to nourish our souls, and support the congregation) and our **annual congregational meeting**, where the members decide on essential matters for the coming year.

**May 28: Love with Paul Mitchell**

Stories of the public application of core elements of our UU faith reveal love drives how and what we do. This love is not simplistic, rather it is nuanced and hard work. It is also transformative and compelling. It is good stuff to talk about.

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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

This month (as always!), we are called to look deeply for what our faith calls us to do. On May 7 with a teach-in designed to reveal some of the lenses of whiteness in order to see beyond our customary way of seeing, to see the hidden structures of oppression operating even here, more clearly. We are not white supremacists by any means, but the de facto result of the hidden structures of racism we are swimming in, is white supremacy. Our faithful UU people of color are asking us to hear them, to pay attention to the painful reality. We need to find our way forward beyond the fragmentation that racism inflicts on all of us, to true wholeness (“... because your liberation is bound up with mine”). We need to be present to one another in that workship; I invite you to step into sacred discomfort with me and with Hanne on that day.

We are being called to live into our mission:

*We are a compassionate spiritual community that celebrates diversity, nurtures the personal and spiritual growth of all ages, shares our gifts, promotes justice for all, and serves the world we live in.*

That means making those noble passions manifest in our hearts and in our congregation. How do we live into more compassion? How do we develop deeper spiritual connection? How do we get beyond what is usual and comfortable and get uncomfortable enough to actually experience diversity, and celebrate it?

I am also particularly concerned with nurturing the personal and spiritual growth of all ages, and that includes children and youth. Having real relationships with folks of every generation is essential to anyone's spiritual well-being; without those connections, we are depleted, less than whole. The beloved community of a congregation needs to include all ages, or it is not the beloved community we seek. The world is changing fast, and we have been creative in seeking ways to engage young folks here; we need to become even more creative, and to learn to think “outside the box.” To me, that also means sustaining a staff position for the ministry of Faith Development. We need



to staff for the vision. And right now, that means some of us who are able to stretch a bit further in stewardship, for the sake of the beloved community and the mission.

We are feeling some growing pains. Let's remember our legs are growing stronger as we engage in this sacred work.

Love and light, Rev. Karla

## President's Ponderings Reflections

Dan Boyce, President

**ATTENTION ALL GPUUC MEMBERS: set your calendars for Sunday, May 21, after the service (at about 11:30) for GPUUC's Annual Congregational Meeting.** This is our one major business meeting of the year. At this meeting, we approve the coming year's budget and discuss a number of items that are important for us, this year including a rollout of an early Strategic Plan draft. We try to keep the meeting moving along and concise. Please plan to attend.

Speaking of the proposed 2017-18 budget, by now most congregants are aware that the Board reluctantly recommended that the Director of Faith Development (DFD) position be reduced from 20 hours per week to 13 hours next year. It was done reluctantly because there is plenty to do for the full 20 hours, but we simply don't have the budget or the numbers to support this position at ½ time given our anticipated income.

At the Congregational Budget Forum on April 23, a number of congregants and Karla made a heartfelt plea to find additional income for the \$6,000 needed to restore the DFD hours to 20 hours per week. Pledge income is the lion's share (over 80%) of our income. If you are in a position to consider increasing your pledge, we would request that you do so this coming Sunday, April 30, so that it can be incorporated into the budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Cards will be available Sunday to indicate your willingness to do so. Thank you in advance for those who are able to help.



Lastly, this is a last call for anyone attending GA in New Orleans this summer to sign up to become a delegate at the Plenary Sessions there. We have one more delegate slot to fill. If you've not been a delegate before, it's really quite fascinating in this writer's humble opinion!

Shalom and Blessed Be. Dan

### May 3: Granite Peak UU's 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 are available **ONLINE** for \$35.00 each.

### All American Dinner & Trivia Night



(Fundraiser for Granite Peak UU Congregation)

**Saturday, May 20, 2017, 5-8 pm,  
Davis Hall**

We'll share a festive pre-summer chicken or pork barbeque and vegetarian dinner, with dessert and beverages and then launch into a team trivia contest over questions on every topic you can imagine. Good food! Gluten free options too! Great fellowship! Prizes! Ticket sales begin Sunday, May 7 before and after the worship service, and will be available until Wednesday, May 17 in the Granite Peak Office Monday through Friday from 9 am to 12 pm.

Adult Dinner/Trivia Tickets: \$25  
Children's Dinner Tickets: \$5  
Child Care provided: 5-8 pm  
Dinner Ticket (only): \$10

(Financial assistance is available through Rev. Karla)  
Trivia Contest Ticket (only): \$15/person

### Note: Trivia Game will start Promptly at 6 pm

Team sizes: 1 to 8 members per team  
Get your teams ready, folks!

For more information or to volunteer assistance, contact Marianne Erickson.

Event Committee volunteers include Karen Anderson, Cassie Delaney, Dave Deville, Jon & Marianne Erickson, J.D. Fox, Barb Nigh, Maggie Rogers and you (?)

### Join the Coffee Time Ministry!



We've had some success in recruiting Sunday morning helps for our Coffee Ministry, but we need more help. 'Sending big thanks to Thea Park, Sooz Resetar, Molly Divine, Lea Phillips, Lila Witt, Dave Deville and Kelsey Wilkes who have pitched in to help recently! A cup of coffee or tea shared with a friend is happiness tasted and time well spent! Sunday morning volunteers 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 signup sheet on the kitchen door! We need your help. Thanks, in advance!

### Recommended 3 Sink Dishwashing Method

Many people use our kitchen and dishware without using the sanitizing dishwasher. If you help with an event or Sunday coffee time, please remember to use the 3 sink method for safe sanitizing of articles that may be contaminated by human saliva, including cups and silverware. After scraping, do this:

- Wash in soapy water in Sink #1
- Rinse in clean water in Sink #2
- Sanitize in clean water with 1 oz. of household bleach per gallon (bleach is located under the sink)
- Air dry all articles



## Children's Faith Development

Angelica Miller  
Director of Faith Development

It's time to say "goodbye" to April and "hello" to May, the last month of regular Children's Faith Development Program before the start of the Summer Program in June. Please note that my maternity leave will begin on May 8.



For the month of May, the Children's Program will be returning to the roots from which we all grow: Our UU Faith. This month's lessons reflect our UU principles and include the overlapping themes of social justice,

inclusivity, and faith development. These lessons are the "seeds" that foster a personal faith development in children and encourage them to formulate and explore their own value system, connected to and separate from the larger UU community.

### Sunday, May 7, 2017 - A Peaceful and Fair World

### Sunday, May 14, 2017 - Signs of Welcome Happy Mother's Day!

Today is also Children's Connection. Children start off in the Sanctuary and are walked over to the Faith Development building after they are "sung out".

### Sunday, May 21, 2017 - Intergenerational Service (NO CLASS)

Today is a very special intergenerational service. Instead of being in class, children will be in the Sanctuary the entire time. We have a Flower Communion planned as well as a Bridging Ceremony for Senior High Youth. A very special day indeed!



### Sunday, May 28, 2017 - New Friends

## Children's Play Time



There will be a third Saturday of the month of children's play time on May 20, 2017 from 10:00am to 12:00noon.

This month it will occur at Granite Creek Park at 554 6th St

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 .

## SOUP LUNCH



The Sunday Soup Lunch will occur on Sunday, May 21, 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 taking place prior to the Annual Congregational meeting. Please, use this opportunity to fortify yourself before attending this important gathering

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

## 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



## GPUUC Choir News

Lynne Haeseler  
Music Director



*The most healing instrument of all is your own voice.* C.W. Child

Songs have power. In her book “Music is Medicine”, composer Kay Gardner writes, “*Hildegard de Bingen*\* believed that the human voice, when singing music with words, would arouse sympathetic vibrations in the body and allow the words to directly enter the soul.” As an interactive, musical engagement artist for Senior communities, I have seen immediate benefits from singing. Even people slumped in chairs have tapped their feet to the beat. By the end of an hour, the energy in the room is lifted, its brighter and lighter, vitality is flowing and faces are glowing. Eyes sparkle with life. Past GPUUC music coordinator, soprano Jayne Casselman, shared that after singing hours of Wagner, her face in the mirror was radiant and shined with light.

Studies show singing has an energizing effect. It releases oxytocin and endorphins, biochemicals linked to feelings of trust and bonding, I host a regular weekly singalong class. The title of the class sounds elementary, “Sing and Be Happy,” but its true! Singing *does* make you happy.

In these times of deep concern and social activism, singing can rejuvenate, it can disperse sadness and disappointment. Make a list of songs to sing. Next time your mind begins to sink into the familiar pattern of “doom and gloom,” pull your attention out from its roaming, and sing a song.

*Oh What a Beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day, I've got a wonderful feeling, everything's going my way*

*Look for the silver lining, you know that somewhere the sun is shining*

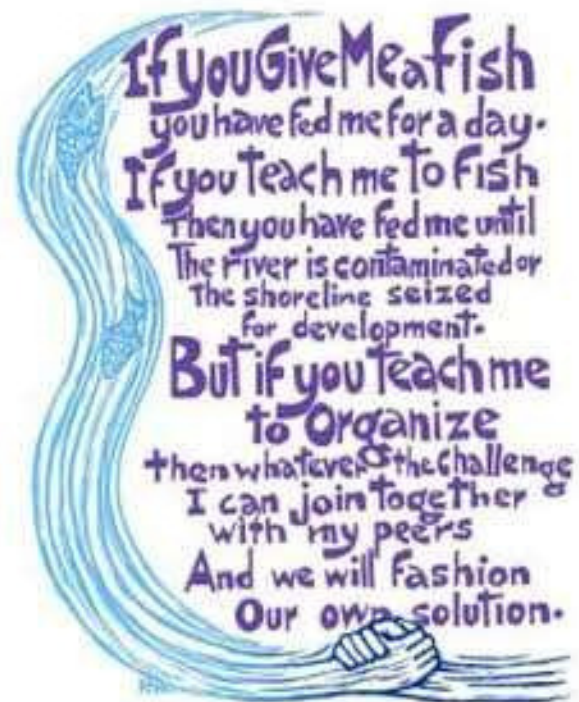
*I'm singing in the rain, what a glorious feeling, I'm happy again. I'm laughing at clouds, so dark up above, the sun in my heart and I'm ready for love.*

One time, when I was a pianist in a restaurant, a trouble shooter businessman from Australia often sat at the table next to the piano. He frequently asked for the song “*My Way*.” One night in particular, he insisted, “I need to hear *My Way*...especially to-night.” He sat with his eyes closed, absorbed, drank the music like an expensive brandy, “*and now, the end is near and so I face the final curtain, My friend I'll say it clear, I'll state my case, of which I'm certain.... I did it MY WAY.*”

Songs not only lift our spirits, they take us to our devotional heart, connect us to Source. Martin Luther King's favorite hymn was *Precious Lord, Take my hand, lead me on*. I sing a UNITY hymn to help cope with anxiousness of uncertain times--“*I'm ready for a miracle, ready for a miracle, I'm ready for a miracle today!*” Find a UU hymn that resonates a core value or touches your heart. Sing it. Within 20 seconds, your energy will shift. All you have to do is start.

- ◇ May 7 GPUUC Choir
- ◇ May 14 I Come For to Sing (9 -9:30am), choir sings Prelude
- ◇ May 21 GPUUC Choir
- ◇ May 28 Lena Hubin, pianist

\*12th century woman composer and mystic



## Social Justice Ministry at Granite Peak

Hanne Stone  
Social Justice Ministry  
Facilitator



Greetings,

As many of you may have heard I have been accepted to Starr King School for the Ministry. I will be attending the low residency program which means I will be staying in Prescott for the next few years (at least). The support from our congregation is measurable and I love my job as your Social Justice Ministry Facilitator!

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 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 at [hannestone@gmail.com](mailto:hannestone@gmail.com), and we can set up a time to get together.

### Social Justice Morning Reflective Service:

First Wednesday of the Month  
Wednesday May 3 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 May 17  
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. Anyone who would like to be a part of creating this service contact Hanne at [hannestone@gmail.com](mailto:hannestone@gmail.com).

### Seeds of Support for May is UUAJAZ

The mission of Unitarian Universalist Justice Arizona (UUAJAZ) is to engage Unitarian Universalists in justice making by nurtur-



ing congregational social justice ministries, connecting UU congregations across the state, and energizing UUs to heal the state by working for justice at the State Legislature and Corporation Commission.

In April many of us attended Justice District Assembly at various congregations in Southern Arizona – aka the Baja Four. UUAJAZ was instrumental in organizing this deeply moving and eye-opening experience. Learning about and witnessing the struggles and life threatening experiences of our migrant sisters and brothers was heartbreaking and touched our very souls.

Granite Peak helped launch UUAJAZ and we are committed to their vital success. And they are in need of our financial support. Let us show our gratitude for their service to Unitarian Universalism in Arizona.

### 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.*

<p><b>Save the Date</b></p>	<p><b>Granite Peak UU's Lovejoy Social Justice Dinner.</b></p> <p><b>May, 3, 2017,</b></p>
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### Prescott Creeks Clean-up

What a great turn out of Granite Peak'ers we had at the Annual Prescott Creek Clean-up. Eighteen of us walked and dredged through Miller Creek from the bridge at Whipple to where the creek crosses Fair Street collecting everything from plastic shopping bags, to carpeting and even a car tire!



### Immigration Justice Action Team

**Fourth Wednesday of the Month  
May 23rd at 5:30**

A group of thirteen of us went to Justice District Assembly: Migrant and Borderland Justice and return with a new urgency to discover how we at Granite Peak can deepen our connection with our immigrant neighbors and how we can be allies of support in their struggles with the threat of discrimination, criminalization and deportation. These meetings are intended to discern our capacity for engagement and focus. Everyone interested in Immigrant Justice is welcomed to participate.




What a wonderful way to show stewardship of our creeks and connect with each other. This is the largest group we have had in the past few years. Looking forward to next year!

### Green Sanctuary

At this time we are also looking to recertify our Green Sanctuary status. Green Sanctuary is a UUA program that 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.





**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**May 21, 2017**

(After the Sunday Service at ~ 11:30)



## General Assembly 2017 June 21-25, New Orleans, LA

Planning has begun for General Assembly 2017 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70130. Steeped in a history of influences from Europe, the Caribbean, and Africa, New Orleans is one of America's most culturally and historically-rich destinations. It is a city known for its music, food, architecture, and festivals. The average high temperature in June is 89 degrees and the average low is 71.

New Orleans is also known as a place of re-birth following the devastation of Katrina in 2005. Many Unitarian Universalists have contributed time and funds in the effort to rebuild both the city and the congregations in the area. By going to New Orleans, we can both celebrate our successes and recommit to the relationships that have been forged with this community.

### General Assembly begins in 54 days.

1. Register for General Assembly (rates increase May 1)
2. Make Housing Reservations (New hotel added 4/4/17)
3. View the Preliminary Schedule of GA Programming (subject to change) and the Summary Schedule
4. Register for Hands-on Service Projects during GA
5. Register for the Pre-GA Racial Justice Training Workshop
6. Use online tools to prepare for GA (readings, videos, and activities)
7. Apply to be a GA Chaplain
8. Sign up for GA Choir

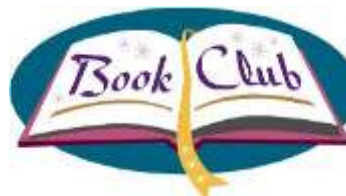
## Second Monday Drum Circle—May 8 at 6:00 pm, GP Sanctuary

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."*



## 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 June; Sooz and Charlotte switched months:

**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.





**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, May 2 at noon in the Craft Room on the lower level at Las Fuentes Resort Village, 1035 Scott Drive, Prescott, AZ Questions? Contact Drew Potter or Marianne Erickson.

**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.



**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 .

**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 at or Bobbie Bollinger/



**Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, noon**



**June** Deadline is Tuesday, May, 23, 2017

**July** Deadline is Tuesday, June 20, 2017

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*“Any improving person becomes tolerant of those who hold different or even opposing views; for he finds that today he doesn't exactly agree with his yesterday's self. Holding no grudge against his earlier unenlightened self, how can he logically think ill of another for not agreeing with his present view.— Leonard E. Reed, quoted in the Ohio Valley Council News.*