



The View

June 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.*

Sunday, June 4: "Not Your Mother's Hospitality" Rev. Karla Brockie

What does Radical Hospitality really mean, and should we be afraid?... Be there; it is the choir's final performance of the year!

Wednesday, June 7, 7 am: Social Justice Service

Sunday June 11: "What is Migrant Justice in the AZ Borderlands?"

This service will be led by Rev. Karla Brockie, Social Justice Ministries Coordinator Hanne Stone, and members who went to Justice District assembly in Southern AZ organized, in part, by UUJAZ.

Stay for the UUJAZ update at 11:45 am.

Sunday June 18: "Singing for Our Lives" Rev. Karla Brockie and Music Director Lynne Haeseler

This will be a musical service dedicated to singing hymns and rounds with Rev. Karla Brockie and Music Director/pianist Lynne Haeseler. (Lynne's final Sunday as Music Director features her playing Chopin's Ballade No 1)

Stay for the Coffeehouse Jam at 11:45 am.

Wednesday, June 21, Social Justice Vespers 5:30 pm: Cancelled due to GA

Sunday June 25: "General Assembly Worship"

Ministry student Toben Squires will bring us worship from the great annual gathering in New Orleans. Don't miss it!

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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

Minister's Musings:

Rev. Karla Brockie



Change Is In the Air

The idea of “change” strikes fear into the hearts of the best of us. It is inevitably uncomfortable! What if we don't like it? What if we get hurt? What if we get it wrong?

But change is also an opportunity for exhilaration, discovery, and opportunity. Our political climate in this country is in upheaval; opportunity. Folks in great numbers are waking up to embedded and insidious injustices in our systems and our culture, and seeking reconciliation and justice; discovery. There is a vibrant and creative energy calling us to join the movement; exhilaration!

This congregation is engaged in all this change, and intent upon keeping faithfulness to our covenant at the center of our movement. We covenant with the congregations of our Association to affirm and promote the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism, and we are guided by many sources of wisdom. The congregations of the UUA are gathering at the end of this month in New Orleans, as we seek to address together the painful reality of the persistence of racism and other oppression in our own ranks, and examine together how structures and processes might be changed to guide us in being more faithful in our ministries.

Faith is at the center. I pray that together we are learning as a beloved community here to deepen our faith and lead faithful lives.

Granite Peak is going through changes: saying goodbye to wonderful staff and welcoming new, changing lay leadership for the coming congregational fiscal year, examining ourselves to create a meaningful strategic plan for our future. Experiencing growing pains and that is okay.

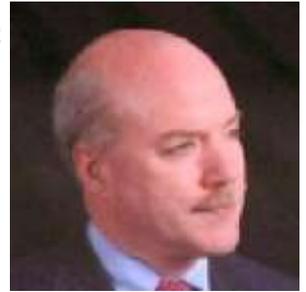
Summertime is often a chance to get some rest, have fun, connect with family and friends, and to renew our souls.

I will be away from you following General Assembly from the end of June and for the first half of July to do just that. I hope you will too! We can't do the work without strong hearts.

In loving kindness, Karla

President's Ponderings Reflections

Dan Boyce, President



It is coming near the end of the UU “liturgical” year for us, one that has seen much occurring, and mostly positive movement in the life of Granite Peak.

We have welcomed a number of terrific and energetic new members; we have reached out into the community with numerous projects and initiatives, we have improved our infrastructure and started a long-range strategic planning process, we have worked diligently on creating the Beloved Community within Granite Peak that we all long for—and we have done so while maintaining a sound (and improving) financial footing.

I want to thank each of you for your part in creating such a year of improvement and success. I look forward to the coming year, with more of such.

Shalom and Blessed Be.

Dan

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.*

Great Fun, Food and Competition at All American Dinner & Trivia Night!



Saturday, May 20, we enjoyed terrific fellowship, great food, wonderful laughs and successful fund raising at Granite Peak's first-ever dinner/trivia contest. There were three teams that competed – the Smart Alecs, led by Frank Beeson, the Hot Chocolettes, led by Lea Phillips and Bobbie's Bubble Brains, led by (guess who?) Bobbie Bollinger.

Jon Erickson's trivia questions were from diverse fields of interest, including Nobel prizes, ancient Greece, baseball, faces on Wheaties boxes and USA presidents who happened to be UU's!

In the end, the Hot Chocolettes, that included Lea, her son, Craig, and sister-in-law, Ruth, Mary Pomerene, Jenelle and Kimberley Scott and Kathleen Shaffer topped the charts with a score of 21. However, just behind them were Bobbie's Bubble Brains with 20 and the Smart Alecs with 19 points! It was a very close competition that left all participants wanting more. So, we will plan to do this again next year, especially because it successfully raised approximately \$690 for our operating fund for the fiscal year that ends June 30.

The plans are to include this fun night as one of the options in the Fall, 2017 Service Auction that is scheduled for October 28.

So, mark your calendar for 10/28 and email or call Marianne Erickson if you would like to help with the Fall Service Auction, which is our main congregational fund raiser each fiscal year. Take a look at the pictures from Trivia Night – you can see the excitement, laughter and deliberation in the faces of the competitors!



The Chocolettes



Jon Erickson & Bobbie's Bubble Brains



The Smart Alecs



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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 SOON.

1. Register for General Assembly (rates increase May 1)
2. Make Housing Reservations, View the Schedule of GA Programming and the Summary Schedule
3. Register for Hands-on Service Projects during GA
4. Register for the Pre-GA Racial Justice Training Workshop
5. Use online tools to prepare for GA (readings, videos, and activities)
6. Sign up for GA Choir

Explore membership at GPUUC!

Curious about Unitarian Universalist history and theology? Want to know more about Granite Peak UU history, governance, and programs? Want to meet Rev. Karla and some of our leaders up close and personal? Like free snacks? Whether you are a long time UU or brand new, you are invited to join us for our next New Member class in the Faith Development building. We'll have a book signing ceremony at the last class for those who'd like to formalize membership. Please contact Kathleen Shaffer to sign up. See you there!



Saturday June 10 from 1pm to 3 pm for Class I, and

Saturday June 17 from 1pm to 5 pm for classes II and III.

UUs of Prescott Summer Potlucks; For members, friends and family!



The June joint summer potluck supper with Granite Peak & PUUF will be held on Saturday, **June 17 at Prescott UU Fellowship, 945 Rancho Vista Road, Prescott. Starting at 5:30 PM with appetizers.**

PLEASE BRING a dish, serving 8 - 10 persons, to share: appetizers (surname G-L), entrees (M-S), salad or vegetables (T-Z), desserts (A-F).

PUUF will provide serving utensils, if there is not one with your dish. Plates, eating utensils, cups and napkins will also be provided.

PUUF will serve hot and cold non-alcoholic beverages. Attendees are welcome to bring wine to share.

Plan to attend and meet your fellow UUs for good eats and conversation on the deck!

If you have any questions, contact Anne Geoffrion.



Children's Faith Development

Angelica Miller
Director of Faith Development

Children's Summer Program:

This summer's program is based around creating and maintaining a garden.



The topics for each Sunday are as follows:

- June 4:** Introduction to Garden
- June 11:** Garden Planting
- June 18:** Signs & Decorative Rocks for Garden
- June 25:** Food Day: Smoothies

Children's Play Time

June 17: 10 am-noon
Mountain Valley Park
8600 E. Nace Lane
Prescott Valley, AZ
86314



The pool opens at 11, and if families wish, we'll go swimming too. Kids and seniors are \$3 adults are \$4.

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.

GPUUC Choir News

Lynne Haeseler
Music Director

i carry your heart (i carry it in my heart) -e. e. cummings



I still recall the freshness of a new experience in my first encounter with the GPUUC community---new faces, new sanctuary, building, choir file cabinet, staff, minister's cozy office, etc. Change is hard and it's uncomfortable. In musical language, change is modulation, moving from one frequency to another. Jumping from one city to another, from one UU community to another, is like modulating from F major to G major, a well accustomed sound now meets pitches not heard of before. In music, the pivot chord acts as the junction point where change occurs. It contains a commonality between the two tonalities for a shift to happen. Metaphorically, love acted as junction point for my shift to move with ease. I felt embraced by your welcome and comforted by your smiles. Thank you.

Thank you to the music team, choir and staff for a wonderful rich experience. I am especially grateful to pianist Lena Hubin who could quickly adjust to my inspirations ---"Don't play the notes on the page; play that hymn in a different key; change the tempo please - Faster! Slower!" Thank you Lena for your kindness, flexibility and professional skill. I will miss you all. My last Sunday as music director will be June 18.

- June 4:** GPUUC choir with guest vocalist Lore Christensen
- June 11:** I Come for to Sing (9:00 am rehearsal)
- June 18:** Pianist Lynne Haeseler leads singing hymns and the stories behind them
- June 25:** TBA

Introducing the new music director who will begin July 1--Kathleen Cuvelier

Kathleen and husband, tenor, Efren Puig, moved from New York City to Prescott area to be near her mother. While in New York, she enjoyed an extensive career in opera and worked as a managerial associate with Columbia Artists. Kathleen is

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dedicated to training singers privately and conducts the choir at Faith United Community Church, a position she has held since November 2012. She is looking forward to sharing music with GPUUC choir, the congregation and the community at large.



Social Justice Ministry

Hanne Stone
Social Justice Ministry Facilitator



Greetings,

June is the month where we end one year and begin another in the church calendar. It is the month of General Assembly which many of us will be attending in New Orleans. I will be taking the "Undoing Racism" -2 day pre- GA workshop and will bring back to the congregation all that I learn. Many of us are involved with the Prescott Indivisible group and are busy writing letters and protesting and engaging with like-minded community members. And our Annual Empty Bowls committee is up and running preparing for the 20th Anniversary of this event on August 27. We are also planning programming for the fall where we will be continuing our focus on Racial and Immigrant 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 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 and we can set up a time to get together.

Coffeehouse Jam



Share a

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| Limerick | Poem |
| Story | Joke |
| Magic Trick | A Juggle |
| Talent | |
| Birdcall | |

When: Sunday, June 18, 2017, 11:45 am

Where: Davis Hall

What: Acts limited to 3 minutes

Why: Celebrating our beloved community

Sign up in Davis hall on the Poster Board or email Lynne Haeseler, musicdirectorgranitepeak.uu@gmail.com.

Social Justice Morning Reflective Service: First Wednesday of the Month

Wednesday June 7 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 Normally the Third Wednesday of the Month

There will not be a Justice Vespers Service in June as many of us will be at GA in New Orleans but they will continue in July. These services have been very powerful and sustaining for those of us involved in Justice work. Anyone who would like to be a part of creating this service contact Hanne at hannestone@gmail.com.



Seeds of Support for June is Plaza Comunitaria

Many of you may remember that back in 2011 Granite Peak, through the direction of Paul Mitchell, was instrumental in starting Plaza Comunitaria. This was one of our very first Social Justice programs here at Granite Peak. Prescott Plaza Comunitaria facilitates pathway to education for adults who have been disconnected from formal education systems. Students with limited English proficiency whose native language is Spanish earn K-12 credentials. Plaza is a supportive learning environment designed to promote quality of life through personal empowerment, educational advancement, and community. Plaza students graduating from this program receive diplomas through the Mexican Consulate. This program has had over 44 graduates including 11 that graduated last year. Let us give generously to Plaza Comunitaria and show our continued support and recognition of the vital importance of this program for the members of our local Latino community.

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.

Justice District Assembly: Migrant and Borderland Justice

Sunday Service June 11

On June 11 the group of thirteen who went to Justice District Assembly: Migrant and Borderland Justice, will share stories, experiences, and reflections we learned about the painful and trying struggles of our immigrant



neighbors who are dealing with the threat and fear of discrimination, criminalization and deportation on a daily basis in this hard and fearful political environment.

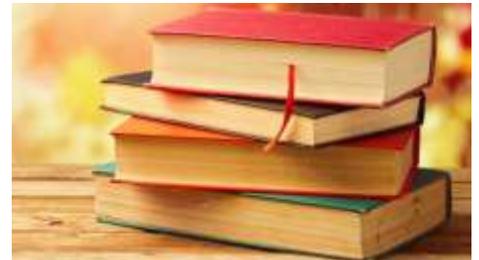


UUAJAZ Annual Update Meeting at Granite Peak Sunday June 11, 11:30 pm

Rev Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings and other UUAJAZ members will give us an update from the past year and look at the upcoming year after the Sunday Service. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a new UUAJAZ friend.

Summer Justice Book Reading List

Summertime is often the time for lying in the shade possibly in



a hammock and reading a good book. There are many “light reading” booklists out there. I thought I would suggest a Social Justice list – of course these books might not be considered “light reading” but they are engaging and can deepen our justice work and understanding. I invite everyone to just dive in and enjoy.

Just Mercy: A story of justice and redemption, by Bryan Stevenson, the 2015-16 UUA Common Read. Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, has dedicated his legal career to defending those who are trapped by an often capricious, political, and willfully unjust criminal justice system - poor people, people of color, children, and others over whom the system has run roughshod. It speaks to justice, mercy, and compassion, themes of concern to us as Unitarian Universalists and as human beings.

Voices from the Margins, Jacqui James and Mark Morrison-Reed have compiled a remarkable collection of reflections and meditations from voices often

left unheard in Unitarian Universalism. These writings remind us of both what we miss when we don't listen to marginalized voices and the amazing insights we stand to gain when we do.

While I Run this Race: A memoir of challenge, hope and transcendence. Pocahontas Gertler, friend of GPUUC, chronicles her courageous life journey from growing up in the deep South during the Depression into the 21st century. This is her story of persistence and triumph, of loss and struggle, of love and transcendence. It will heal, inspire, encourage and touch deep places in your heart.

Disrupting White Supremacy From Within: White people on what WE need to do, edited by Jennifer Harvey, Karin A. Case, Robin Hawley Gorsline. Through careful, thoughtful examination of the nature and workings of race, racism, and white supremacy, the contributors--an all-white group of theologians, ethicists, teachers, ministers, and activists--have provided a resource that will help white people do their own souls, acknowledging its devastating effects on people of color, and taking their own steps toward its abolishment.



Albert Lovejoy Award Dinner Update

This year's Lovejoy Dinner honoring Sister Anne Fitzsimons was wonderful and inspiring. From Phil Dixon singing a deeply moving rendition of Ava Maria to Alex Piacenza's heartfelt and inspiring speech to Sister Anne dancing an Irish jig on her way up to receive her award—the interfaith community was filled with joy and gratitude. So many of Sister

Anne's friends and co-workers attended and expressed their deep gratitude to GPUUC for honoring her in this way.



This is a unique event in the Prescott community where those who engage in justice work came together to celebrate and acknowledge the deep commitment to justice that Sister Anne has dedicated her life towards. A wonderful time was had by all.

"Justice is what love looks like in public"

-Cornel West

Summer Solstice Celebration Tuesday June 20 at 6:30 pm

Come join us for this year's 7th annual Summer Solstice Celebration on Petroglyph Hill. We celebrate the longest day of the year with drumming and ceremony. It is short hike up the hill so come early. Please bring a chair, water bottle, and a drum if you have one. There will be extra drums and shakers available.



The address for the trail head is approximately 556 Tawny Dr. in Prescott Lakes.

Watch the Weekly View for more information and further directions.

2nd Monday Drum Circle - June 12



Summer time is here! And the long days call us to drum outdoors! It is time to meet at Watson Lake and drum to the setting sun and the call of the wild. We invite everyone to come out and drum with us on June 12 at 6:00. We gather just below the big gazebo parking area, on the hill at Watson Lake. During the summer months we celebrate the long days and warm evenings by drumming with Mother Earth, opening our hearts and spirits as the sounds of our drums echo off the canyon walls of the lake.

All are welcome and extra drums are always available. Remember to bring a chair, water and bug repellent. In case of rain we will meet in the big gazebo at the lake.

Granite Peak Forum, Wednesdays 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.

Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, noon

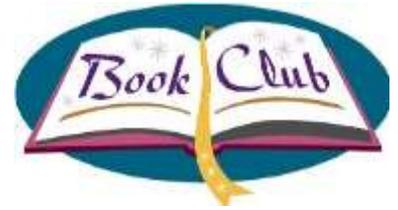


July Deadline is Tuesday, June 20, 2017

August Deadline is Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Send articles to: elayne1959@gmail.com

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 July 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 July.

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

July 8: *Delicious Foods* by James Hannahan, hosted by Joan Burrell and Karen Anderson at Manzanita Village

August 12: *Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah

September 9: *When Breath Becomes Air*, a memoir by Dr. Paul Kalanithi, hosted by Stephen Cook

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 facilitator Bobbie Bollinger.