



The View

September 2017

Worship 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.*

September 3: *The Beauty of Labor and Rest*, Rev. Karla Brockie

The work ethic is a legacy of our Puritan heritage, with both gifts and costs to us. The Labor movement forced industry to humanize working conditions, and we are now often on our own to figure out how to humanize our own lives around work. Labor Day Weekend honors workers and offers a chance to rest. Let Beauty prevail.

September 6, 7 am: Social Justice Service

September 10: *In Which Piglet is Surrounded by Water, Water Communion in Troubled Times*, An Intergenerational Service, Hanne Stone, Director of Social Justice and Faith Development, and Rev. Karla Brockie

The choir will grace our gathering! Our annual in-gathering worship service is formed around the beloved A. A. Milne story and the struggles we are all facing with mounting obstacles to peace in the world. Bring a few drops of water from a place that is important to your heart (and we will have water if you forget); we will re-dedicate ourselves to this beloved community and to our children as we accompany one another on the journey forward.

September 17: *Beauty, Peace, Forgiveness, and the Garden*, Rev. Karla Brockie

The Choir will perform. What do beauty, International Day of Peace, Rosh Hashanah, and the Garden of Eden have in common? This sermon! There will be a Harvest Celebration Open House at our Faith Development Center following the service.

September 24: *Fall Equinox Celebration*

Fall is the time of the final harvests of the year and the beauty of fall colors. Fall is also the season for balancing light and dark, letting go, and accepting the impermanence of things. We celebrate this time with an earth-centered service.

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.*

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Minister's Musings:

Rev. Karla Brockie

Beauty

Granite Peak UU has joined with many other UU congregations in following themed ministry through *Touchstones*, a service of the Western Region of the UUA. In Arizona, Beacon UU in Flagstaff and Valley UU in Chandler are also using *Touchstones*.

For Touchstones, the theme is a vehicle to accomplish a broad range of outcomes related to

- *congregational deepening,*
- *membership growth, and*
- *faith in action, as well as*
- *connection to and impact within the community in which the congregation is located.*

Touchstones sends us a treasure chest of materials and resources related to a different theme each month, to enrich and deepen worship, faith development, chalice circles, and outreach.

The theme for September is **Beauty**, and for October it will be Hospitality. Each month, *Touchstones* offers a journal; see it on our website, (member login) or here: [Touchstones Journal September](#). You are invited to explore!

Let's spend September exploring Beauty as it touches our lives, our souls. Beauty is complex and simple, fleeting and enduring. My well-being is sustained by noticing and paying real attention to beautiful things all day long: the wildflowers outside my door, the spontaneous hug from a small child after worship, the marvelous sky, the elegance of a thoughtful response on Facebook to the violence in the world.



As we muse on the wonder of the solar eclipse this week, and prepare for the ingathering celebration of Water Communion, consider these words:



A Thanksgiving for the Elements by Eric Williams

The strength of the Earth is the stones
And the same is the source of our bones.

The Water flows across the ground
And within our blood.

The Air blows around the world
And brings us our breath.

The Fire streams forth from the Sun without
ceasing, And sustains our lives.

By these elements We are formed.

By our voices, The beauty of the Creation is
sung.

May we continue to celebrate the beauty of Creation together.

Thine, Rev. Karla

Presidential Ponderings: Our Student Minister Fund



September is a month to highlight the remarkable fact that this small congregation in the hinterlands of Arizona has 3 active ministers-in-training for the UU ministry. Not one, not two, but three—count 'em. Surely this is worthy of celebration!

Nancy Reid-McKee is on her way to her internship at the Shelter Rock congregation in New York, preaching here at Granite Peak en route. Toben Squires is starting his second year at our Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, CA; Hanne Stone is just starting her theological studies there. You all know how extraordinary these three individuals are; our heartfelt best wishes for future success go out to all three aspirants.

We can offer more than just our good wishes, though. The reality is that obtaining a theological education is a costly endeavor, requiring considerable sacrifice and dedication in its pursuit. To help ease at least some of the financial burden, the Board has established a Student Minister Fund.

While we don't have the operating funds to be able to contribute to this fund through our regular budget, I would encourage any of you who may have financial capacity to make a tax-deductible contribution to this important journey that our fellow congregants are on. By doing so, you are not only helping them; you are helping to preserve the future and extend the reach of our precious denomination. More than ever, we are needed in this world.

Shalom and Blessed Be. Dan

Sign Up for Chalice Circles

Chalice Circles are welcoming new people! GPUU, PUUF and interested non-members are invited. Trained member facilitators lead these monthly small group, which use reflective discussion and empathetic listening. Our warm, accepting environment enables open dialogue. This Fall to Spring Chalice Circles will follow discussion guides from Touchstones focused on each month's congregational theme.

Pamphlets and registration forms are on the information tables at GPUUC and PUUF. For more info or registration forms, Gretchen Phelps would love to hear from you.



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

Circle Suppers Fall 2017



A new season of Circle Suppers will begin in October and continue in November and in January if enough hosts sign up, skipping December. Circle Suppers are a great way to meet new members and make new friends or to renew old friendships with people from both GPUU and PUUF. You meet in a relaxed, social environment while enjoying a potluck dinner in one another's homes. They are an excellent way to deepen the relationships between the members and friends of both congregations.

Each month a host will be designated and they will provide a location, date, and time for their group, while also providing the main course and beverages. It is the host's responsibility to set up and coordinate their dinner. The guests are responsible for providing the salad, side dish, or dessert to round out the potluck dinner. Typical groups will be 6 to 8 people depending on the area the host has, to accommodate the guests. Both couples and singles are welcome to attend the suppers and two singles may be combined to share the guest or host duties.

If you are not sure of your schedule or if you just want to try it out, please sign up as an alternate. This is where you may be called by the host or one of the guests to fill in if someone is unable to attend one of the suppers. You will never be asked to fill in as a host.

Sign up deadline will be September 20 and the dinner matrix with the host and guests for each supper will be sent out by the end of Sept. Sign up will be available during GPUU services. You may also contact Frank Beeson with any questions or if you want to sign up. Unfortunately, Frank will be out of the country for most of the month of September, so he will not be available for phone calls and email responses may be delayed.

Granite Peak UU Family Campout!



We live in a beautiful natural area, perfect for camping! Let's gather in the woods for some real connection to the trees, the birds, the bugs (I know Noah is a real fan), and to one another. Toni and Eric Jarnigan are scouting out a nearby location for dispersed camping the weekend of September 23 and 24 (place and details to be announced). All are invited to camp out with tents or trailers, or just to come for a while to cook out, relax, hike, and play. This is a Granite Peak tradition revived! Please RSVP to Toni Jarnigan.

How to use the Service Auction 2017 Website



The Service Auction 2017 will include a sit-down dinner, and silent and live auctions. We hope you have saved the date and will join us at this exciting and worthy event.

There are many ways you can support the Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation - purchase a ticket and/or donate an auction item or volunteer.

There are many kinds of items you can donate including dinners and other types of events, food items, services like computer consulting, dog walking, handy-person help, holiday light hanging, and the like. What special skill can you share?

It is quite simple to purchase a ticket or donate an auction item via our Services Auction 2017 website. Choose one of the following options to get started.

- 1) Use (and bookmark/save) the following link to automatically go to the website <http://gpuuc.auctionperfect.org/donations>
log in: Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- 2) Or, go directly to the [website](#) and enter your username _____ and the password you selected.
- 3) Or, paper donation forms will be available after services during September.

If you want to check the date of your event against the Donation Calendar, go to <http://tinyurl.com/CalendarGPUUC>.

Thank you so much for your support. We hope you will continue to support the Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation by purchasing a ticket, donating an auction item and/or volunteering at the Services Auction 2017.

Services Auction 2017 Committee



Auction Items Wanted!

Save the Date and Consider Hosting a Party Event to be offered in the Silent Auction!

The Annual Granite Peak Service Auction Dinner is Saturday, Oct. 28 from 4:30 to 8 pm. The theme is Hawaiian holiday! We will begin collecting offers of auction items and sponsored party events now. Please think about hosting an event on one of the following themes (at your home or at GPUUC): Sadie Hawkins, GPUUC Founders Day or Thanksgiving (November), New Year's Eve or Day, St. Patrick's Day, May Day, Flag Day, "Dog Days of Summer" or a different theme you select!

And, if you can provide a cardboard carpet roller for temporary decoration use, please tell Paula Burroughs. Thanks!

Would you like to help with this event that is THE major fundraiser for the operating budget at Granite Peak? The next Service Auction Dinner Steering Committee meeting is Monday, September 11 at 11:30 am at GPUUC for a brown bag lunch.

Questions? Please contact Marianne Erickson or Bobbie Bollinger.

THURSDAY

Thank God It's Thursday Happenings

Starting in September we will be having an inexpensive dinner (\$7, \$3 for children) and multiple activity options every Thursday evening. This will give all ages a chance to connect with one another, live our faith, and expand our programming and our outreach. The nursery will be open; we'll gratefully accept voluntary donations from any attendees on a Thursday. I'm really excited about it! Please consider making it a regular item on your calendar, and invite your friends. It's an experiment and a developing idea, so you are invited to give me your feedback, and to offer to pitch in to make it a success.

Thursday September 7

Dinner: Spaghetti and Salad, 5:30 to 6:15 in Davis, followed by communal clean-up.

Activities: 6:30 to 8:00:
Nursery will be open.

Games: all kinds, in Davis Hall. Let's play!

Worship: Healing Vespers, a small group sharing worship for healing our wounds, in the sanctuary.

Class 1: New UU Class #1: Welcoming Your Beliefs

Class 2: Popcorn Theology-- film and discussion series on *"Defying the Nazi's, the Sharps' War"*, about the Unitarian couple working in Europe for the Unitarian Service Committee during WWII.

Thursday September 14

Dinner: To be announced

Activities: 6:30 to 8:00: **Nursery** will be open.

Games: all kinds, in Davis Hall. Let's play!

Worship: Open Chalice Circle on Beauty. Small group ministry.

Class 1: New UU Class #2: UU History

Class 2: Popcorn Theology: continuing *"Defying the Nazi's, the Sharps' War"*

Thursday September 21

Dinner: Taco Salad

Activities: 6:30 to 8:00: **Nursery** will be open.

Games: all kinds, in Davis Hall. Let's play!

Worship: Social Justice Vespers Service

Prescott Courthouse: Peace Vigil

Thursday Sept 28

Dinner: Pizza!

Activities: 6:30 to 8:00: **Nursery** will be open.

Games: all kinds, in Davis Hall. Let's play!

Worship: Spiritual Practice: Drumming circle

Class 1: New UU Class #3: All about GPUUC, and member signing ceremony

Class 2: Popcorn Theology,
"Landfill Harmonic" film and discussion

Music Director News

By Kathleen Cuvelier

The benefit concert on Sunday, August 20 was well received and we will begin to prepare a "holiday themed" concert for later this year and this concert we believe will involve GPUUC members. A date and time will be announced in October.



In September the choir will be singing on September 10 and 17. We had a turnout of 18 for the first official choir rehearsal on August 16 and expect 3-5 more to join us in the next week or two. There is room for more. Please feel free to "pop-in" on Wednesday evenings; we rehearse from 6:30 to 8:00 pm with a warm-up at 6:20 pm. If you would like to observe before deciding to join, you are welcome to do so.

Children's Faith Development

Hanne Stone, Director of Social Justice and Faith Development



Greetings,

We have been having a great time in our children's garden! We will be having a **Garden Harvest Celebration and Open House on Sept.17**. We invite everyone to bring a salad from the harvest of your own garden or your favorite summer inspiration to share at the Harvest Celebration!

Now that the church year has officially begun, I will be contacting and meeting with parents, children, nursery care providers and teachers. My goal is to build strong relationships and community around our Faith Development programing. I invite everyone's participation.

The congregation-wide theme for Sept is Beauty and we will be exploring this in innovative ways during our Sunday Children's Programing.

Sunday Children's program for Sept:

Sept 3 Beauty: The Beautiful and the Ugly

Sept 10 Water Communion Intergenerational Service

Sept 17 Children's Connection/ Harvest Celebration and Open House

Sept 24 Beauty: Wabi-Sabi: The Beauty of Imperfection



Junior High OWL Program:

We are excited to be offering the Junior High OWL program in Sept! Any Junior High students or parents of Junior High students who are interested in their children attending this comprehensive program please

contact and sign up with Bev Bostrom as soon as possible.

OWL – Our Whole Lives program delivers honest, accurate information about sexuality. It dismantles stereotypes and assumptions, builds self-acceptance and self-esteem, fosters healthy relationships,

improves decision making, and has the potential to save lives. Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. With a holistic approach, Our Whole Lives provides accurate, developmentally appropriate information about a range of topics, including relationships, gender identity, sexual orientation, sexual health, and cultural influences on sexuality.

Social Justice Ministry

Social Justice Morning Reflective Service:

First Wednesday of the Month

Wednesday Sept 6 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 Thursday of the Month (**note change to Third Thursday**)

Thursday Sept 21:

5:30 pm Dinner

6:15 Vespers Service

This will be a short service so that we may all attend the *Peace Vigil at the Courthouse* square that begins at 7 pm.

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.



Seeds of Support for September- Arizona Family Health Partner- ship

Arizona Family Health Partnership is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to making reproductive healthcare and education available and accessible to all women, men and teens in Arizona, even if they lack health insurance or money. With greater access to the services they provide, Arizona families will be healthier and stronger for generations to come. Arizona Family Health Partnership has released a new video, “*Best Pregnancy Reactions Ever*”, to help promote healthy pregnancies and babies through reproductive life planning.

<https://www.arizonafamilyhealth.org/>

Let us show our Granite Peak deep spirit of generosity and support for this much needed service in our community.

In July, we collected \$1639.61 for Jesus Flores Estrada’s legal fund. He and his family have expressed tremendous gratitude for Granite Peak’s Support.

SEEDS OF SUPPORT POLICY:

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.

Defying the Nazis – The Sharps’ War

Thursday, Sept 7 Film

Thursday, Sept 14 Discussion

5:30 Dinner

6:30 pm: Film or Discussion

On two Thursday evenings during September we will be engaging in curriculum and conversations around the film *Defying the Nazis*.

This film was released one year ago and its message is even more powerful and pertinent today.

We will begin by watching the film together on Thurs. Sept 7 and then use the Meadville Lombard



Theological School curriculum the following Thursday to deepen our understanding of how we can continue to defy hate.

Prescott Peace Week – Prescott Peacebuilders Sept 12-21, 2017



The Prescott Peacebuilders are planning their 2nd annual Week of Peace beginning with the Peace Proclamation at the city council and ending with a Peace Vigil on International Day of Peace. We encourage everyone to participate where and when you can. The full schedule is as follows:

Tues. Sept. 12, 3:00 pm, City Council Chambers

Presentation of Peace Proclamation for the city of Prescott

Sat. Sept. 16. 9:00-12:00 , Acker Park

Making Peace with Mother Nature: Family friendly event with crafts and music for peace making (Peace flags, peace rocks, peace hike, mandala building, pinwheels.)

Sun. Sept. 17, 3:00-5:00 pm Granite Peak UU Church

Movie--*Inside Peace*--adult audience, centers around 4 prisoners who make peace from the inside out.

Mon., Sept. 18, 10:00-12:00, Prescott Public Library--Founder's Room

Book discussion -- *I Shall Not Hate* by Izzeldin Abuelaish, a Gaza doctor's journey on the road to peace and human dignity

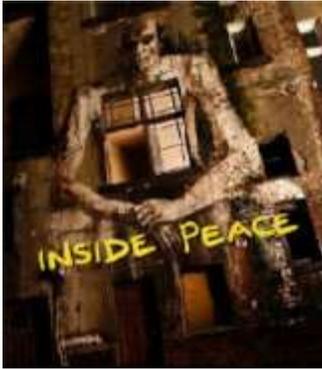
Thurs., Sept. 21, 7:00-8:00, Candlelight Peace Vigil , North East corner of the Courthouse

Singing, sharing peace concerns with a vigil uniting Prescott with 250 other U.S. cities on the International Day of Peace, Contact: Mary Steenhoek or Laurel Freeman.

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Prescott-Peacebuilders-32925544153509/

Inside Peace, –film

Sunday Sept 17, 3:00 pm
GPUUC Sanctuary



Granite Peak will offer this film and discussion in support of the Prescott Peace-builders and joins with them in recognition of Prescott Peace week. This film is a feature documentary that focuses on four men incarcerated at the Dominguez State Jail in San

Antonio, Texas, who embark on a journey of self-discovery. With lives marked by generations of violence, addiction, and poor social conditions, they attend a Peace Class and begin the struggle to discover their humanity and rebuild their lives from the inside out.

Landfill Harmonic
Film, Thurs Sept 28

5:30 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Film

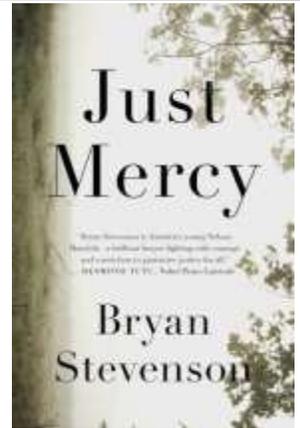
In keeping with the **Theme of Beauty for the month of September** we will watch and discuss the film *Landfill Harmonic*. This film follows the Recycled Orchestra of Cateura, a Paraguayan musical group that plays instruments made entirely out of garbage.



When their story goes viral, the orchestra is catapulted into the global spotlight. Under the guidance of idealistic music director Favio Chavez, the orchestra must navigate a strange new world of arenas and sold-out concerts. However, when a natural disaster strikes their community, Favio must find a way to keep the orchestra intact and provide a source of hope for their town. The film is a testimony to the transformative power of music and the resilience of the human spirit.

Common Read 2015 *Just Mercy* for October

"We will ultimately not be judged by our technology, we won't be judged by our design, we won't be judged by our intellect and reason. Ultimately, you judge the character of a society . . . by how they treat the poor, the condemned, the incarcerated". – Bryan Stevenson



We are preparing to have *Just Mercy* discussion forums in October and we urge everyone to read this very powerful book in preparation. *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson speaks to justice, mercy, and compassion, themes of concern to us as Unitarian Universalists and as human beings. If you need a copy of the book contact the library committee: Norma West or Steven Cook.

"Justice is what love looks like in public"

-Cornel West

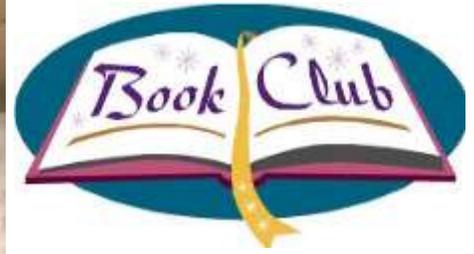
Second Monday Drum Circle—September 11 at 6:00 pm, GP Sanctuary

The long days of summer are waning: nights are getting longer and the days shorter. Alas, it is time for the Second Monday Drum Circle to return indoors. (Watson Lake Park closes early beginning in September.) We will meet in the Granite Peak UU Congregation sanctuary at 6:00 pm where the acoustics are just right for drumming! All are always 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"

New Member Ceremony, August 6, 2017



**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 10 am-12 noon. Our location and hostess rotates each month, and the following list indicates books and 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 the remaining months of 2017 hosted by book club members. If you haven't hosted yet this year please check your calendars to see if you're able to host in January of 2018.

We will be taking some time at the beginning of our September book club meeting to collect book suggestions, one or two, from each member to be used for our 2018 selections. If you are unable to attend this meeting send your suggestions with someone who will be attending or email me.

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

October 14: *Jamesland* by Michelle Huneven, hosted by Thea and Bob Park.

November 11: *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen, hosted by Jo Sprague

December 9: *The Constellation of Vital Phenomena* by Anthony Marra, hosted by Judy Davis



**Granite Peak
Forum, Wednesdays at
9:30 am.**

Meetings WILL continue throughout the summer on Wednesdays from 9:30 am. to

11 am, with coffee and cold beverages provided. We won't solve all the world's problems, but we will discuss them and learn from each other.

**Caregivers'
Support Group**

Our group will be meeting once a month only during the summer and then according to the needs of the group. If you are a caregiver who feel you would benefit from sharing your experiences with others please join us on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:30 at Granite Peak. That's September 27. For questions please contact Bobbie Bollinger.



**Newsletter
Deadline
Tuesday, Noon**



October Newsletter: September 26, 2017

November Newsletter: October 24, 2017