



# The View

October 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.*

**October 1: Hanne Stone and Rev. Karla Brockie, White Supremacy Teach-In "Workshop": Decentering Whiteness.**

Our second combined worship and workshop to do this nuanced and essential work. Join with us and over 500 other UU congregations in this deeply spiritual work and the choir will sing! We will finish at 11:30 and follow with After Words.

**October 4, 7 am: Social Justice Morning Reflective Service.**

**October 8: Meg Bohrman and the Birdcage Puppet Theater, *The Three Billy Goats' Bridge*.**

On this **intergenerational** Sunday, this talented and creative local theater troupe retells the old story of the Three Billy Goat's Gruff, focusing on non-violent communication practices, considering other stories and finding a "third point -of-view", one that rises above the duality of yes and no, and right and wrong. Don't miss it! Meg will host an exploration of the themes during coffee hour.

**October 15: The Resolution Team, and Rev. Karla, *When We Disagree with Others*.**

Paula Burroughs, Gary Baker, and Nancy Beeson will introduce the work of the Resolution Team, and explore stories of conflict and compassionate communication in times of challenge. The choir will grace us. **This is Soup Sunday, and Coffee-house Jam!!**

**October 22: Rev. Kevin Lawson, watch the Weekly View for title.**

*This Sunday is the first of our annual Northern Arizona Pulpit Exchanges. Rev. Kevin is from Beacon UU in Flagstaff, and Rev. Karla will be preaching in Sedona.*

**October 29: Hanne Stone and Rev. Karla Brockie, *Dia de los Muertos***

Our traditional annual intergenerational worship focused on honoring Mexican culture, and honoring our ancestors who have died from this world. You are invited to bring a photo or memento to place on the ofrenda during the ceremony.

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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

### [Touchstones Link](#)

Hospitality is our Touchstones theme this month; what a rich theological conversation we will have! We are challenged these days to resist the exhortations to fear and to build walls, and instead to welcome all, especially the stranger. How do we navigate that path between healthy boundaries and generous hospitality? Often the poorest folks are the most generous with sharing, because they know what it is like to have little and to need help.

I keep thinking, "You must be present to win." Presence; attention; this is an essential element of hospitality. When we show up to congregational events, our presence offers us the opportunity to connect with others, to benefit from their presence, their wisdom, their inspirations. And we have the opportunity to share our own with others.

I have a deep desire to nurture more connections between the generations, between the various cultures among us, between differing perspectives. How else can we all develop our spirituality, our understanding, our skillfulness? If we avoid "children's" events, we miss a treasure trove of delights, insights, and relationships. And the children and parents miss the chance to connect with us, too. The more, the merrier, right? We build beloved community and capacity when we show up at worship, discussions, Thank-Goodness-It's-Thursday dinner and more, Saturday grounds work days.

I look forward to exploring many aspects of hospitality this month. I have lived the tension between healthy boundaries and welcoming strangers in need into my home, here in the past year and in years past. Hosting our friend from Nigeria was wonderful, challenging, enlightening, aggravating, rich, and costly. How do we best navigate, as we begin to explore aspects of sanctuary?

How hospitable are we ready to be, what level of hospitality can we sustain in our hearts and minds, space and pocketbooks? And always there is the underpin-



ning of racism in our culture; how can we take this on within ourselves and our congregation and our town, a little more powerfully now? And how can we be more hospitable to our feelings of loss and grief, to our relationship with death? And, what to make of the 3 Billy Goats?

## Karla's Health Update October 2017

A year ago, I announced that I was facing some significant health challenges, with an uncertain prognosis. I have received excellent treatment, and all is holding steady. I have a condition called Wegner's Vasculitis, which has affected my kidneys. Usually an aggressive disease, it has been very mild and has not progressed in the past year. I had what may be my last dose of immunosuppressant in June.

I have a lung disease called bronchiolitis obliterans, which has effects like COPD, and this too has not progressed. I use oxygen when I sleep and when I am walking far or exercising. I have a moderately faulty mitral valve in my heart, which does not require intervention at this point. My high blood pressure is under control. I take a lot of medication, and I'm grateful for the balance it provides!

As for my quirky personality, there is no cure for that; what you see is what you get. May we all be blessed with the grace to deal with whatever health challenges arise for us and our families, at least some of the time!

## 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

## Presidential Ponderings: Join In: Next Steps in Planning Our Future



At the August Board meeting, we established 3 task forces as a result of last year's Strategic Planning process. One is already filled, but we invite you to join one of the other two; they will have a major impact on the life of Granite Peak UU in the coming years.

The meetings last year evoked the strong sense that our current facility is in many ways not adequate for our current needs, much less for those of the future. There are two possible paths to remedy this: first, sell our current facility and move elsewhere; or secondly, stay put and remodel/renovate our current space.

The first committee will be looking at the viability of the first option—that of selling and buying/building elsewhere. That committee already has the volunteers needed to do their job.

The second committee, which would welcome additional congregants, will be facilitating a group of meetings this year, each to be focused on the needs for one particular segment of our facilities. For example, we might want a more functional kitchen... but what does that mean? How large a space do we need; what appliances should we have; residential-grade or commercial-grade? Or, we know we are short of meeting spaces...but what additional or alternative spaces do we need? How can these spaces be made flexible to accommodate multiple uses? What equipment is needed in these spaces? Etc., etc. This actually should be a fun and interesting project. And it should be less than a one-year commitment.

The hope and plan is to have a specific recommendation for the congregation as to which path appears to be the most attractive no later than the May Annual Meeting. At that time, we will vote on whether to move forward with either of those plans.

The third committee will be considering what needs to be done now to prepare for the possibility of a capital fund drive to actualize the vision established for

our future. We know there will be a price tag associated with that vision; we want to be prepared to pursue it with vigor in the next few years.

I invite you to let me know if you would like to be part of this process, especially if you might want to be on either of the committees.

Shalom and Blessed Be. Dan

## 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 will be available during GPUUC services. You may also contact Frank Beeson via email with any questions or if you want to sign up.

## Grounds Work PARTIES!

First and Third Saturdays of every month (Oct 7 and 21), join the party at 9am to bring beauty and order to our sacred ground! Bring work gloves, garden tools, a song in your heart. Party ends at 11 am.



## Reminder to Complete Your Congregational Survey

The deadline for completion of the congregational surveys is Sunday, October 8th. Please check your email and complete the survey you received on line. If you do not use a computer let Patti or me, Russ Erickson, and we'll get you a paper copy to fill in. The Committee on Ministry appreciates your work in getting us to 100% participation. Results of the survey will be available

## What does it mean to be a Leader or Active Volunteer at Granite Peak?

Join the members of the **Leadership Development Committee on October 19 about 6:15 pm**, following dinner at the "Thank Goodness it's Thursday" evening, for a participative workshop led by Mary Ann Clark. We'll discuss some of the issues raised in Erik Wikstrom's little book "*Serving with Grace: Lay Leadership as a Spiritual Practice.*"



Whether you are a new or seasoned Granite Peak member, a board member, committee chair, volunteer worker, or are considering roles you might like to take on, we invite you to explore a different way of thinking about this work. Yes, we take on tasks because someone has to do them, but often people find that when they approach congregational service as the intentional living out of our seven principles, some surprising spiritual growth results.

Join us to share stories and ideas about how we work together in a beloved community. Sign up in Davis Hall October 1, 8, or 15. Our library has several copies of the Wikstrom book that you can check out at that time. It's a quick and interesting read.

## 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>
- 2) 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

## Oct. 28 Services Auction Dinner!



Save the Date and Consider Hosting a Party Event, or Donating a Service or a Treasure to be offered at the Saturday, Oct. 28 Services Auction Dinner!

The Annual Granite Peak Services Auction Dinner is Saturday, October 28 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. It is our congregation's biggest fundraiser each year for our Operating Fund. The theme this year is Hawaiian Holiday! We will stop accepting offers of auction items and sponsored party events on Sunday, October 1st, in time for catalog preparation.

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, Valentine's Day, Easter, May Day, Flag Day, "Dog Days of Summer" or a different theme you select! To check the dates already offered, go to <http://tinyurl.com/CalendarGPUUC>

We can use a few service offers to perform "handyperson" chores, shovel snow and to help with household projects, like painting or helping with "down-sizing"! Babysitting, cooking and mending services are also likely "sellers"! To donate an event sponsorship, offer a service or donate an item(s), please visit [http://gpuuc.auctionperfect.org/manage/edit\\_item](http://gpuuc.auctionperfect.org/manage/edit_item) by Oct. 1st. If you have any trouble using the links above, please contact Mary Ann Clark.

**DINNER RESERVATIONS:** You can make your paid reservation starting on Sunday, October 1st in Davis Hall. **Dinner options:** Hawaiian pork, chicken or Vegetarian meals with gluten free selections available. (Non-alcoholic drinks and dessert are included.) Adults - \$20; Children - \$10. Please contact Mary Ann Clark (see above) for "scholarship" opportunities that include a dinner reservation and \$35 per person for auction item(s).

**Here's what to expect at the Hawaiian Holiday Services Auction Dinner:** The Hawaiian "Lounge" opens at 4:30 p.m. There will be appetizers during

the silent auction that begins at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary. Bidding at the live auction will begin at 6 p.m., when Hawaiian rolls and butter will be served. After the live auction, dinner will be served, followed by dessert (Chocolate Haupia Pie and Hawaiian Carrot Cake)

**How to Dress?** Regular clothing or



Hawaiian wear. You'll receive a leis at the door that night! Contact Tom Burroughs to borrow a nice men's Hawaiian shirt or Mary Pomerene to get a loan of a ladies' Hawaiian shirt for the evening.

Questions? Want to help? Please contact Marianne Erickson or Bobbie Bollinger.

## Second Monday Drum Circle— October 9, 2017 at 6:00 pm, GP Sanctuary



The long days of summer are waning; nights are getting longer and the days shorter. 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 are 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"*



## 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.



## Caregivers' Support Group

Our group will be meeting once a month 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. For questions please contact Bobbie Bollinger.

## Granite Peak Forum

**9:30 am  
Wednesdays**

Meetings are 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.



## Meet the Stein family, Jim, Becca and Lily.



Becca has lived much of her adult life in Arizona, including two years at Arcosanti, and has resided in Prescott for 22 years. After years of working at Yavapai College, where she taught and worked with students in various student service positions including as an academic advisor, Becca is still adjusting to a new position at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University as an advisor. When Becca is not working, she enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking, gardening, and mountain biking.

Although born in Southern CA, Jim grew up in Arizona. With a degree in civil engineering from ASU, he moved to the Prescott area in 1981. Encouraged by cycling friends, he began a small business designing and building specialty bicycle tools, a field that fit for him because of his avid interest in bicycling. Jim is still designing tools and still cycling.

Becca and Jim met in 1997 and welcomed daughter Lily into their family 14 years ago. Those who came to one of the Coffeehouse Jams after service a few months ago heard a teen play a lively tune on her fiddle. That was Lily Stein who has just entered her freshman year at Prescott High School. After attending Mountain Oak and Skyview School, Lily is also adjusting, as is her mom, to a new school environment. Lily is involved in music and dance and will be playing with the PHS orchestra. Seeking a progressive faith community for the family, the Steins began attending GPUUC the Sunday after the election and became members this year. Becca had been a teacher and director of a UU preschool in Kensington, CA before moving to Arizona and so was familiar with Unitarian Universalism. Lily is involved in OWL and we are anticipating more music performances from this delightful young woman.

Welcome, Stein family.

 Be the Love

## Empty Bowls UPDATE

A big thank to all those who volunteered and/or supported our UUs of Prescott, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Empty Bowls event on Sunday, August 27, at the Courthouse Plaza.



We are happy to report that we will distribute \$16,000.00 between the 5 local food banks: \$5,000.00 each to Yavapai Food Bank and CCJ – Open Door Pantry; and \$2,000.00 each to Prescott Community Cupboard, Prescott Valley Food Bank and Chino Valley Food Bank. Although we ran out of bowls (750), the event was still a great success with people wishing to stay in line to just purchase soup. Our records indicate that 70+ UUs volunteered plus the local Boy and Girl Scouts Troops,

Boys to Men, and members of the Over-the-Hill-Gang. Also, many thanks to the Cross-eyed Possum band (three young men from Prescott High School) for performing. We estimate 1000 people attended.



Of course, it wouldn't be an event without the craftsmanship and donations from the Prescott Wood Turners, local ceramists, restaurants and chefs, and the quad-city merchants. Please thank them when you frequent their places of business.



Again, thank you to all who volunteered or attended to make this another great UUs of Prescott event.

May your bowl always be full. UUs of Prescott

# THURSDAY

## Thank Goodness For Thursdays

- Dinner served at 5:30: Suggested donation \$7 / \$3 for children. A different wonderful meal every week!
- Childcare is provided. Donations are welcome!
- You are invited to a short community vespers service.
- At 6:30, the choice of games in Davis Hall (including ping pong!) and one or two significant alternative activities.

**On October 5,** we will extend the vespers for a **Blessing of the Animals** in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Bring your best (and well-behaved) animal friends on a leash or in a crate, as we celebrate and bless them.

**On October 12,** Hanne Stone will continue Thursday's **Sacred Conversations: Making the Invisible Visible**, sharing our personal experience with microaggressions.

**On October 19, Justice Vespers Service AND** the Leadership Development Team is offering a Workshop on **Serving with Grace** for Granite Peak leaders and upcoming leaders

**On October 26, Popcorn Theology will be *Don't Tell Anyone (No Le Digas a Nadie)*.** This documentary follows Angy Rivera who has lived in the US since she was 4 and was undocumented. It is her personal story of bravery as she comes out of the shadows and becomes an activist for the rights of undocumented young people across the country.

## Music Director News

By Kathleen Cuvelier

"The GPUU choir debuted on September 10, starting off with a rousing spoken "Kum Ba Yah" procession accompanied by drums played by choir members already seated in the choir section. During the singing portion of this selection, the congregation was encouraged to join in and they did.

Later in the water service, they sang a beautiful medley of three spirituals. The procession was repeated when they sang on September 17. That Sunday a piece written by Henry Flurry, based on the St. Francis Prayer for Peace, was sung by the choir. Their singing of the well-written melody as well as their diction and unison beginnings and endings of phrases lit up the wonderful text.

October, the month of Hospitality, features a benediction entitled "Sioux Prayer" which will be sung both Sundays, October 1 and October 15 when the choir enhances the Sunday service. They will be singing "We Will Stand With You" on October 1 and "We Are One" on October 15.

**FLASH! Next Coffeehouse Jam is October 15, 2017** in Davis Hall Please contact Kathleen at [musicdirectorgranitepeakuu@gmail.com](mailto:musicdirectorgranitepeakuu@gmail.com) to schedule your time slot. We welcome readers, singers, instrumentalists and novelty acts!

Plans are in place for another benefit concert at GPUU given by your music director and her husband. Joining in the festivities of "Holiday Gift Concert" on December 3 at 3:00 PM will be Congregation President, Dan Boyce, on French Horn and Dyan Harper, reading a special version of "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry. We hope to entice several choir members to help lead the section of Christmas carols that will be sung by the audience and cast members."

**This being human is a guest house.  
Every morning...a new arrival...  
Welcome and entertain them all." Rumi**



## Children's Faith Development

Hanne Stone, Director of Social Justice and Faith Development

Greetings,

What a wonderful **Garden Harvest Celebration** we had. Thank you to everyone who made it possible!

The congregation wide theme for October is HOSPITALITY and we will be exploring this in innovative ways during our Sunday Children's Programming. We will explore the **Beauty of Migration** and what it means to welcome our immigrant and refugee friends and neighbors. We will also begin learning about **Non-Violent Communication** and how we can learn to listen to others as a way of welcoming them into our lives. And we have two intergenerational services this month where all the children and families are invited to participate.



**Sunday Children's program for October:**

**Sunday Oct 1:** Program: Wabi Sabi: The Beauty of Imperfection (continued).

**Sunday Oct 8:** Program: Intergenerational Service Bird Cage Puppet Theater.

**Sunday Oct 15:** Program: Children's Connection in the Service. Intro to Non Violent Communication.

**Sunday Oct 22:** Migration is Beautiful.

**Sunday Oct 29:** Program: Intergenerational Service, Dia de los Muertos.

Our Children's Program is growing! If you feel called to the deeply spiritual practice of learning with our children please let Hanne know or email her at [dfdgranitepeakuu@gmail.com](mailto:dfdgranitepeakuu@gmail.com).





## Social Justice Ministry

Hanne Stone, Director of Social Justice and Faith Development



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

**Wednesday Oct 4 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.

**Thursday Oct 19, 5:30 pm Dinner,  
6:15 Vespers Service**

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 Stone.



### Seeds of Support for October- Latino Immigrant Network Coalition (LINC)

The **Latino Immigration Network Coalition** started 9 years ago when Bronwyn Butterfield (aka Mrs. Claus) began passing out gifts and breakfast to the immigrant workers at the trailer park on the corner of Hillside and Miller Valley. Soon afterwards a group of GP and PUFF members joined her. Four years ago that trailer park was torn down and Bronwyn asked if we could open up our doors at

Granite Peak to serve this community. From there this seemingly small effort has grown into a *coalition of dedicated GP and PUFF members and members of the local Latino immigrant community.*

Last year there were about 200 people who attended this Christmas event. It has become an event whose primary objective is to build community relationships with our Latino neighbors. Organizations such as Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys to Men, Voter Registration, Plaza Comunitaria and Alianza, the Spanish weekly publication all participate in this event.

At this Christmas event the community is treated to breakfast, live music, gifts for the children and a program that addresses issues and services particular to their community. Last year we stopped giving out gifts to the adults and gave everyone gift cards to Walmart and Fry's so that they may purchase much needed items for their families.

*We have been told by many members of this community that they love this event because this is one of the few times during the whole year that they can gather as a community in a safe and welcoming place.* During this current political climate providing a safe place is even more important and through this event we are building strong relationships in the community.

Though this event will be held in December the planning has already begun and through this month's Seeds of Support we can help LINC support this community so please give generously.

**In August, we collected \$576.93 for Boys to Men. They have expressed their 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.*

**Sacred Conversations Oct 12**

*Thank Goodness for  
Thursdays, 5:30 pm: Dinner*

**6:15 pm: Making the Invisible Visible, sharing our personal experience with micro-aggressions**



I was inspired by Sister Anne Fitzsimons work in Sacred Conversations which she describes as a sacred way of incorporating active listening skills into conversations about justice and faith. It is about being able to hold a sacred space for sharing one's own experiences, questions, concerns and insights in community with others through listening. I have heard this referred to by many other names including the awkward one of "serial testimony" that we have used in our Building the World We Dream about class. I invite those who are looking for deeper meaning and insight and varying voices around the painful and hard subject of racism to join with me once a month for a specific topic in this subject. This month we will delve deeper into understanding micro-aggressions.

**Common Read 2015  
"Just Mercy" Sunday Morning  
Forums**

**Oct 15 and Oct 22  
9:00-9:45**

*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 will have 2 Sunday Morning Forums to discuss the book *Just Mercy* using the UUA discussion guide. We invite everyone who has read the book or interested in reading the book to participate. ***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.



The next book we will be reading and discussing in Nov/Dec will be ***Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry***, edited by Mitra Rahnema. This is one of the two books for the UUA Common Read this year. The other is ***Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want***, by Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen which we will discuss early in 2018. If you are interested in ordering these books please contact the Norma West or Steve Cook on the library committee.

**Popcorn Theology -- Don't Tell Anyone (No Le Digas a Nadie)**

*Thank Goodness for Thursdays*

**Thurs Oct 26  
5:30 pm: Dinner  
6:15 pm: Film**



In keeping with our theme of Hospitality will be watching and discussing this powerful and moving film. "Don't Tell Anyone brings viewers into the life of Angy Rivera in a way that not only highlights her bravery under the most difficult circumstances, but allows even the most skeptical onlookers to connect with her humanity," said POV Executive Producer Chris White. "It's that empathetic connection that will help drive the national dialogue forward." Since the age of 4, Angy Rivera has lived in the United States with a secret that threatens to upend her life: She is undocumented. Now 24 and facing an uncertain future, Rivera becomes an activist for undocumented youth with a popular advice blog and a YouTube channel boasting more than 27,000 views. She steps out of the shadows a second time to share her story of sexual abuse, an experience all too common among undocumented women. Don't Tell Anyone (No Le Digas a Nadie) follows Rivera's remarkable journey from poverty in rural Colombia to the front page of The New York Times."

*"Justice is what love looks like in public"*

*-Cornel West*

**UUJAZ Issue and  
Action Day  
Oct 14, 9am-4:30 pm**



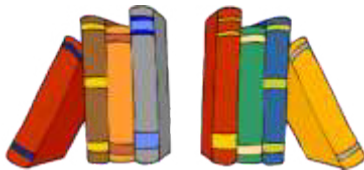
At the UU Church of Surprise, 17540 Ave of the Arts, Surprise, AZ

Join UUs from around the state to gain insight and take action. The day will include a panel of speakers offering updates on "the state of" UUJAZ's five issue areas, workshops on key issues, and the opportunity to connect with other UUs active in social justice across Arizona.

The five focus Issue Areas for this year are Economic Justice, Racial Justice, Water, Immigration, and Education. Hear in-depth updates from expert speakers and take advantage of the question-and-answer time to find out more about what you're most passionate about. Get a sneak peek at what we might see from the Arizona Legislature in 2018, connect with other UUs who are interested in your focus issue area, and dig deeper in issue workshops.

Visit the UUJAZ website to register today! <http://www.uujaz.org/actionday.html>

**Granite Peak UU  
Library News**



After opening eighteen months ago in April

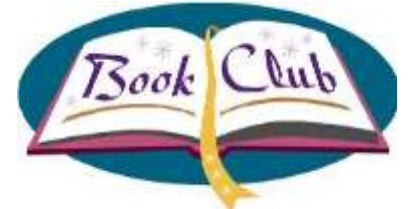
2016, the Granite Peak UU Library is currently experiencing a nice upswing in utilization. Located in the entry foyer between the Sanctuary and Davis Hall, the library maintains a circulating collection of nearly 500 books, magazines, and DVDs of particular interest to UU folks.

While non-fiction books on upper shelves make up the bulk of its collection, dozens of fiction books are housed in the central section of lower cupboards. These are past GPUUC Book Club reads that members felt were both enjoyable and stimulated meaningful discussion. The library also maintains, in collaboration with the GPUUC Faith Development Committee and Rev. Karla Brockie, a collection of past UU Common Read books and –on DVDs— video of past GPUUC sermons. Three printed hard copy versions of the GPUUC catalog –organized

alphabetically by either title, author, or category— help library users find what they seek.

If you're interested in books and libraries consider joining the GPUUC Library Committee. The next meeting of this group, chaired by Stephen Cook, has been set for GPUUC on Thursday October 5 from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm.

**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.

**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

**January 13 2018:** *The Mapmaker's Children* by Sarah McCoy, no host

**Newsletter Deadline  
Tuesday, Noon**

**November Newsletter: October 24, 2017**

**December Newsletter: November 21, 2017**