



The View

January 2019

Granite Peak
Unitarian Universalist Congregation
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Worship Services: NOTE NEW TIME. All worship services are held at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted. We welcome all adults and children for the worship hour. Nursery care is available during the service. Sunday service topics may change without notice at the discretion of the speaker or because of other circumstances.

NOTE: The Social Justice Reflective Service is cancelled for January.

January 6, 2019, Rev. Terry: “Getting too close to the fire.”

This Sunday Rev. Terry will explore ways one can ‘hang in there’ during the coming year. Children and youth will join us for the first part of the service and will be sung out to classes before the offering.

January 13, 2019, Rev. Terry: “All you need is love.”

How can a committed empath remain true to themselves? Children and youth will join us for the first part of the service and will be sung out to classes before the offering.

January 20, 2019, Rev. Terry: “Where do we go from here?”

Rev. Terry will explore the legacy of Dr. King and his message for Unitarian Universalists. This will be a multi-generational service as children join us for the duration of the service as we mark the national holiday.

January 27, 2019, Nancy Reid-McKee: TBA

Topic will be announced in the weekly view. Watch for details

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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.



Pillar and Cloud

Pastor Terry Cummings

Like many of you, during the winter holidays I like to reflect on the year gone by, and to make plans, or at least dream some dreams, for the upcoming year.

And wow, what a year 2018 has been for me personally. I successfully completed my internship in Lincoln, Massachusetts. I was granted preliminary ministerial fellowship by the Unitarian Universalist Association. I was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister. (It is taking me some time to get used to the Rev. title!)

And I found you, the Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Actually, in some ways I think you all found me, and I merely found my way here by driving across the country through the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountains.

This has also been a year of considerable change for the congregation. It was very hard to say goodbye to Rev. Karla. You have worked hard to form a vision of what you are looking for in your next called minister. You have weathered my arrival on the scene with fortitude and love.

It is hard to believe, but my ministry here is already almost half way over. In the short period of time I have been here you, the members and friends of the congregation, can look back on some real accomplishments:

You have hired two new part-time staff coordinators.

The Faith Development Committee has made substantial progress in re-vitalizing the children's faith development program.

The Pastoral Care team, one of the congregation's most important features, and sometimes I think, perhaps the least visible, has faithfully provided rides, made hospital visits, sent cards, and prepared and delivered meals to members in need. (FYI, the worship service on Sunday, February 10 will be devoted to pastoral care.)

The Social Justice Ministry Council has sponsored yet another successful Empty Bowls event and, more recently, an outstanding LINC experience.

Six new members signed the membership book during our service on December 2, 2018.

Thanks in large measure to the efforts of the Worship Committee, attendance on Sunday mornings has been increasing.

I am deeply indebted to all of our staff for helping to make the first few months of my ministry here so enjoyable and worthwhile. Patti, Lena, Noelene, Cassie and Miriel, thank you!

As I look ahead to the new year, I am looking forward to continuing my own professional journey in a different location in the second part of 2019. In the meantime, though, I am also looking forward to helping the congregation prepare for the arrival of its next settled minister. This will include reviewing the current list of committees and other governance items, guiding the congregation in designing a new path to membership for new members, and helping to facilitate a congregation-wide discussion about the role and priorities of the Social Justice Ministry Council, and the selection of our Seeds of Support recipients. And many other things.

In a few short weeks the congregation will also be having its annual stewardship drive. This will be an opportunity to reflect upon the various gifts the congregation brings into each of our lives, as well as into the community at large, and the part that each of us plays in fulfilling our covenant and our mission.

These are exciting times for all of us, as well as times of uncertainty and anxiety. Despite the challenges from within and without, I am confident that Granite Peak will continue to grow in numbers and in strength in the year ahead.

A few days before I wrote this column, something woke me from my sleep in the wee hours of the morning. I was hot, and decided to go out onto the patio outside my bedroom to get some air. I looked up at the night sky and saw a shooting star streak across the sky.

The next day I read that a meteor shower had been predicted for that night and the night before. I don't know whether my waking unexpectedly and seeing the flash of light in the sky was an omen or a coincidence, but I am thinking it was the former.

May that star lead us all into the future. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Rev. Terry

January Message from the President

Marianne Erickson, President



Dear Members and Friends of Granite Peak,

I, with you, share sadness over the very recent loss of Billy Bunnell, one of our dear, newer members.

As we move into the new year, I am reflecting on the great warmth and dedication of our wonderful congregation. Looking back upon the Board of Trustees' goals for this fiscal year, I am grateful to you all for your help in supporting our Interim Minister, Rev. Terry Cummings, and in your active cooperation and participation in the planned activities of our Ministerial Search Committee. Rev. Terry has succeeded in directing us in the creation of diverse, creative, community relevant, user friendly, very musical and spiritual worship experiences on Sunday mornings! Our holiday pageant, at which 140+ attended and about as many participated, was really fun!

Thanks to the leadership of the Faith Development Committee, Social Justice Ministry Council and the Personnel Committee, we have successfully managed transitions in Social Justice and Faith Development with the talented and dedicated Miriel Manning and Cassie Delaney now coordinating these programs. The skilled choir directors whom Noelene Patterson has recruited and assisted, have brought us wonderful music on Sunday mornings!

I remember fondly seeing so many Granite Peak folks working at Empty Bowls and out canvassing for progressive candidates and public education sup-

port in the fall. How great it is to live our faith! Planning for participation in the local Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. events and the January Women's March is actively underway at Granite Peak.

In December, we witnessed the addition of six new members to our ranks, in line with the Board's goal to increase numbers and diversity of GPUUC's members and friends.

There are several more new members waiting in the wings to sign the Granite Peak membership book! Please continue to welcome new people and help them to get involved! Thanks to the efforts of scores of Granite Peak and community volunteers, the 12/15 Latino Immigrant Network Coalition breakfast was a tremendous success. Over 225 guests were in attendance, sharing a safe and satisfying holiday gathering together with "Granite Peakers".

Our social justice work in the community, through the September Empty Bowls event and Seeds of Support collections, has been really significant since July, with approximately \$20,000 contributed to area food banks, a DACA student "Opportunity" scholarship at Yavapai College, LINC, AZ Family Health Partnership, Quixote's Garage and the Quad City Interfaith Council (QCIC) Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Fund. We all know that social justice activism is a very important spiritual practice! Ours will continue, ever strengthened, into 2019.

Wishing you a joyous and productive New Year,

Marianne



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 Search News

Greetings from your Ministerial Search Committee!

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Our on-line application for minister in the UUA

Settlement System has been approved and is now available for viewing by ministers in search.

Our Search Packet is essentially complete and has been submitted for review. We don't expect any issues and it will be ready to submit to interested ministers in January.

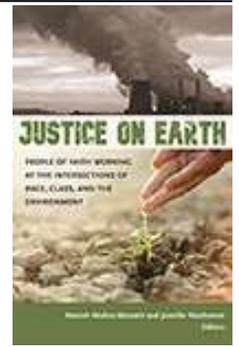
We will be receiving a list of interested ministers from the UUA on January 2, and will begin evaluating their ministerial records. Once we have agreed on the ministers we are interested in talking to further, we will conduct video interviews with these ministers about this time next month.

As usual, feel free to ask questions of any of us on the committee.



UU Common Read Book Discussion Sessions

“Justice on Earth”: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment is edited by Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Nordstrom who are both senior ministers in UU congregations in Lincoln, Mass. and Milwaukee, Wisc. respectively.



If you joined our bulk purchase and bought a copy of this year's UU Common Read book, *Justice on Earth*, you are invited to join us for one or all three of the Sunday morning discussion sessions planned for January and February.

Set for January 13, January 27, and February 10, you'll need to get up early, as they'll begin at 8:15 AM and run for ninety minutes until 9:45 AM. They'll be held in the GPUUC Sanctuary, so that when they end you'll be right there to attend the 10 AM Sunday service.

The book's subtitle, “People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment,” summarizes the book's content. The book's back cover describes what you'll find inside: “Fourteen activist ministers and lay leaders apply a keen intersectional analysis to the environmental crisis, revealing ways that capitalism, white supremacy, patriarchy, and other systems of oppression intersect with and contribute to ecological devastation.”

The session's moderators—Clark Reid McKee, Stephen Cook, and Miriel Manning—will be partly guided by a nearly thirty page discussion guide prepared by the national UUA folks. If you don't have your own copy of *Justice on Earth* but still want to participate consider borrowing someone else's—or check out the one loan copy available through the GPUUC library.

“I do not understand the mystery of grace -- only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us.” Anne Lamott

Creating a Lasting Legacy



Our Endowment Fund is invested the UUA Common Endowment Fund (CEF) where it is used to support ethical businesses (or at least most ethical within a particular

sector). The CEF also uses their proxy votes for shareholder activism, including challenging fossil-fuel stocks among others. They are very committed to this means of challenging/changing corporate behavior. The CEF allows us to participate in building the economy we want even as we participate with big banks, the stock market, mutual funds, etc.

Members of the Endowment Committee (Mary Ann Clark, Fred Forte, Sally Richards) are prepared to talk to you about making a legacy commitment to GPUUC. Your money can continue supporting your values even after your death.



Call for Nominations for the 2019 Albert Lovejoy Memorial Social Justice Award

Albert Lovejoy was a beloved member of Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation and PUUF and was known for a lifetime of social justice work. Upon his passing the Granite Peak Board decided to honor his memory with a recurring Albert Lovejoy Memorial Social Justice Award. Honorees in the greater Prescott area who have done exemplary work for the cause of social justice have been recognized including Tom Pettit, Gerry Garvey, Ethan Davis, Nancy Reid-McKee, Paul Mitchell, Ron Barnes, Diane Iverson and Sr. Anne Fitzpatrick.

This year's honoree will be recognized at the 2019 Albert Lovejoy Memorial Social Justice Dinner on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Save the date and plan to join us! Details will be available soon.

We invite you to offer a nominee for this honor. Nominees may be any resident of the greater Prescott Area who has made significant contributions to Social Justice and who represents UU values. The deadline for nominations is January 31. Please pick up a nomination form from the welcome table in Davis Hall or ask the office to send you an electronic copy of the criteria for selection and the form. These may be sent or delivered to the congregational office to the attention of the Social Justice Council.

YOU YOU: an open support group for people who want to deal with obstacles in their lives and explore moving forward, together. Facilitated by Joelle Katan. We'll create it together in the spirit of faith, deep listening, and collective wisdom. Meeting First and Third Wednesdays from 1 to 2 pm at Granite Peak UUC.



What Do UUs believe: Developing Your "Elevator Speech"



These are questions that most of us have been asked at some point. To respond to such questions, it can be helpful to develop what some people call an "elevator speech," a short response that can be delivered in the length of an average elevator ride, approximately 30 seconds to two minutes.

On **Sunday, February 10**, the Leadership Development Committee is offering a short workshop to help members of the congregation to develop their own answer to these questions. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us.

Questions? Contact a member of the committee: Mary Ann Clark, Clark Reid-McKee, or Frank Beeson,.

The 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.



Second Monday Drum Circle,

The Second Monday Drum Circle is on hiatus until further notice .



"You can have the other words-chance, luck, coincidence, serendipity. I'll take grace. I don't know what it is exactly, but I'll take it. "

Mary Oliver

**Follow-up Report of the
"Superheroes"
Fall Services Auction!**



Barkeepers Gary Baker & Molly Divine

Our November 3 Services Auction Dinner was great fun and very successful! We are within a few bucks of making our \$13,000 goal and expect to exceed it through new reservations for upcoming Services Auction events! This major fundraiser for Granite Peak would not have been successful AND fun without the generosity, planning, time and efforts of ALL the volunteers, donors and guests and the leadership of Bobbie Bollinger, Chair!



Clark Kent, Paula, Kim, Chrissy & Jenelle

At the Nov. roundup meeting of the steering committee, Bobbie agreed to chair the event next year – yay!



The date of next year's services auction is Saturday, November 2. That evening will be a dress-up affair with the theme, "Prom".

Tuxes will not be needed, but ties and pretty dresses or pantsuits are suggested! A new caterer has been identified and we are dreaming up the menu!



GPUUC Founder Judy Davis, in costume!

Thanks to the organizing expertise and hard work of Kelsey Wilkes, Sooz Resetar and Adam and Nick in the nursery, this year's event was more accessible for families with children. Next year, the bar will relocate to the nursery, while the kids' area moves to the Faith Development Building.

These are the social events (most with refreshments) that were offered at the auction and still have seats remaining:

- Dinner at Taffy's
- Fondue Dinner
- 3 Session Harmonica Class
- Home Delivered Mediterranean Meal
- Home Delivered Sephardic Dinner
- Yemen, Zaire & Madagascar Night
- Mountain Biking Lesson
- Foot Massage
- Left Center Right Game Night
- Superhero Mystery Dinner
- New Year's Eve Party
- 2/3 Superbowl Party
- 2/7 Bridge Luncheon
- 2/16 Post Valentines' Trivia Night Dinner
- 3/16 St. Patrick's Day Party
- 4/20 Tie Dye Afternoon

Please send a message to Marianne Erickson if you would like to attend one of these or other open events.

Come one, come all for Granite Peak!



About The LINC Breakfast

by Caren Greenberg

Wow! This year, by our best estimate, between 220 and 230 guests attended our Latino Immigrant Network Coalition breakfast. This is probably a record number of guests, and is at least a 22% increase over last year. Seasoned volunteers tell me that this is probably an underestimate.

(One note: I'm not mentioning names of individual volunteers or donors, because then I would be leaving others out. So many terrific people made this happen—including local vendors.)



Great numbers are one thing, the humanity of connection is another. At least one-third of our volunteers were from the Latinx community, and part of this meant that close to double the number of teenagers were present. It also was why so many of our neighbors chose to trust us—at a time when that trust is not so easily earned. Our new Social Justice Coordinator, among others, made sure those connections were strengthened, and the result was amazing. One of these results was that there were one-third again as many kids 12 and under as last year.

Did we run out of things? Yup. Did we improvise to make sure it would still work out? Yup. Did it work? Yup.

What does “work” mean? To me, it means did people have a good time? Did people start dancing

spontaneously? Did families take group pictures with Santa? Were kids excited to get their gifts?



Did kids have fun doing crafts and proudly show their parents what they had made? Did everyone get some good food, good conversation (in many languages, including charades)? Did everyone feel welcome? Did everyone feel respected? Did anyone register to vote or find out about service organizations? Did people who'd been here in past years come back and say they'd had a really good time again this year? Were both volunteers and guests ready to jump in and do whatever needed doing? Did parents get some “me” time? And the answer is yes.

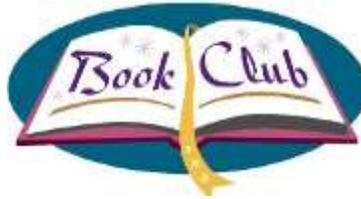


So it was a success, thanks to you and our neighbors. Really, isn't community when we're all volunteering to make something wonderful happen?

What does a party have to do with social justice? The Hebrew word, *tzedakah*, is the feminine form of the word for justice. It is often translated to mean “charity,” but it isn't the same, really. *Tzedaka*, unlike charity--which is often condescending, or a reflexive emotional response--is doing what is right for a just society. Recognizing that we are all connected in community, and that that connection is key to our survival and to our joy (UU enough for you?), means that we logically and instinctively want to join socially with our neighbors. And human beings are notorious party animals.

Radical Tapioca Fruit Soup Literary Guild

By Norma West



Everyone who loves reading is welcome to join us for a lively book discussion on the **4th** Saturday of each month from 10AM-12N. We will continue to meet in Davis Hall at GPUUC. Coffee and tea will be provided and if you'd like to bring a sack lunch or a snack for others to share it's fine. It's also fine just to show up and share your love of reading with us!

To those who have copies of "White Dog That Fell from the Sky" by Eleanor Morse please remember to return it to me at the December 29 book club meeting so I am able to return the Book Bag to Prescott library by the 1st of the year.

January 26, 2019: "TBA

February 23, 2019: "*In The Key of Be*" by our own, Lena Hubin, who will be present at our discussion.

Lena has copies of her book available for \$12; there is also one copy in the G.P. Library under Memoirs.

"Grace can never be possessed but can only be received afresh again and again."
 Rudolf Bultmann

Coffee, Coffee, Coffee

We learned through the Committee on Ministry's congregational survey this year that our Sunday Coffee Hour is very treasured by all.



If we each take a turn, no one will feel "used" or "burnt out," and we will continue to enjoy our Coffee Hour each Sunday. Please sign up on the GPUUC kitchen door or at

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PgZWv3xHqFLYrZNwmLBfeahg5xgVei9WzIbnoTyl69A/edit?usp=sharing>

Music Director News

by Noelene Patterson

When we sing, we change who we are. When we change who we are we change the world.



Hats off to the New Year. Our choir is growing and we would like you to make a resolution to join us. It is just one of the positive things you can do for your health and well being.

This year your choir coordinator has settled in and is getting used to working with our wonderful interim minister, Reverend Terry Cummings. We have tried to intertwine music and homily and hope the congregation has enjoyed the choir performances. It is always a pleasure to hear responses in the affirmative that our music has been an inspiration to you.

The choir will again meet on January 2nd, 2019 and gear up for another five months of musical ministry. See you at 6:30 on Wednesdays.

Sunday Soup Brunch and Munch



(Formally Known as
Soup Lunch)

January 20, 2019

We are broadening our horizons. In January we will begin holding our first "[Sunday Soup Brunch and Munch](#)". This means that available food can now include soups, salads or perhaps a casserole. We do ask that all items be sufficient for 8-12 servings. As in the past we will also be including breads and desserts.

We will continue the practice that the cost for a bowl and plate for soups and other gastronomic delights will be \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.

I would also like to give advance notice that in February we will be holding the "Sunday Soup Brunch and Munch" on February 10. This will be done in conjunction with the "What do UU's believe?" workshop that will be held after the meal.

For any questions regarding the soup brunch and munch, please contact Clark Reid-McKee.

Ladies—Save the Date!

Our 2019 annual ladies' gathering will be a Valentine's Tea, to be held at Granite Peak on Saturday, **February 9**

from 2:00 - 4:00. The nine members of Women of Worth will be facilitating the event. Attendees will be asked to bring finger sandwiches, salads, tea cookies, etc.



Hope you will join us for this social time together. Granite Peak women's groups will be sharing information about their group activities and new members will be given an opportunity to join an existing group or form a new one (with guidance to help you).

Watch for additional information in January and February. For questions contact Paula Burroughs or Bobbie Bollinger.

Children's Religious Education

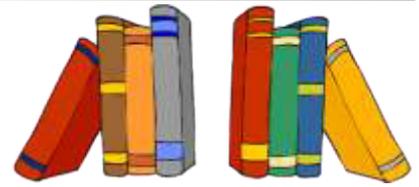
Cassie Delaney
Faith Development Coordinator



The month of January our children will learn about love from the Tapestry of Faith. With lessons on forming a covenant, love as a family, Martin Luther King, and how one person can make a difference. The Nursery is bustling with activity thanks to Nick, Adam, and now Emma. They will begin reading stories and providing coloring pages to coincide with the lesson, as well as their usual positive and engaging playtime.

If you have young children, please feel free to utilize our complementary nursery service and enjoy the worship time. Kids are welcome throughout the congregation and may remain wherever they are comfortable. The children are encouraged to attend the Martin Luther King march on January 21st with other members of our congregation. Thank you for all that you do to support our children and youth!

GPUUC Library Growing as a Useful Resource



After a marathon Library Committee mid December meeting ended, and the dust settled a couple days later, the signs of the library's growth and increasing usefulness were there. From the library opening in mid 2015, its digital (and hard copy) catalog now lists over 630 individual titles organized into roughly twenty categories according to committee chair, Steve Cook.

While some initial category selections and names reflect obvious bodies of knowledge and practice of interest to all UUs, like "Unitarian Universalism," "UU History," "Religion," and "Spirituality," others have been chosen to parallel active committees, needs, or growing interests of the congregation.

While the "Social Justice" category has been around from the beginning, "Leadership," "Eastern Religion," and "Death / Grief / Pastoral Care" are much newer. This last category—particularly important to our congregation given that 63% of our members are 71 years old or older according to a recent survey—has grown to include over two dozen books. Those facing death of a loved one, grieving over recent loss, increasingly sensing your own mortality—or involved in providing care support for such folks—may want to check out this resource, housed with the rest of the collection in the entrance foyer.

Touchstones Journal

"Grace" ([Click-here](#))



Social Justice Ministry

By Miriel Manning
Social Justice Coordinator



Dearest community,

Happy New Year!

Personally, I observe moon cycles, season changes, and even (believe it or not) the Gregorian calendar. I appreciate that this time of year invites us to reflect and set intentions. One of my repeated resolutions is to grow ever more humble. I am feeling humbled in multiple regards.

On Saturday, Dec 15, the Latino Immigrant Network Coalition had our annual Breakfast and Holiday Party for low-income Latino immigrants in our community. The event was a huge success, with 220 participants and over 60 volunteers. There was music, food, Santa, presents for children and teens, a raffle with gifts for each adult, and resources available from numerous organizations in town including: Coalition for Compassion and Justice, the Freedom Education Fund, ELL classes, Keep Prescott Together, Prescott Indivisible Immigration team, voter registration, and more. I want to send out a huge thank you to everyone that participated! We could not have done it without you.

Another reflection on humility I have is about learning from mistakes. Sometimes intentions aren't enough without tangible actions and change. For example, doing anti-racist work is more than being well intentioned. If I drop a plate on the floor and it breaks, the fact that I didn't *mean* to break the plate doesn't change the fact that it's broken, right? Similarly, when I say or do something harmful, even though I didn't *mean* to, my words/actions still had an impact. So as a white person doing anti-racist work, when I do or say something racist and harmful even when I didn't mean to, I need to understand the impact my actions have (instead of getting defensive or overcome by guilt), genuinely apologize, right the wrong if possible, and not repeat my harmful action. This is also an example of humility.

I've been thinking a lot about what a "power greater than myself" means to me. I often say my faith is in people's ability to make change. Now I understand that this is my version of a "power greater than my-

self." The reality that together we can accomplish more than we can alone is indeed a magical, powerful, beautiful joy. Let us act with faith in each other and a humble passion in our hearts.

I invite you to explore the upcoming opportunities for engagement as ways to transform intention into thoughtful, meaningful action.

Humbly, Miriel



Martin Luther King Jr. Day-Monday January 21, 2019 On Monday, there will be a march starting at 10 am at Prescott College, a celebration afterward at the United Methodist Church, and service projects through the afternoon. More events throughout the week include a community mixer for local activists on Tuesday at 6 pm, a brown bag discussion on MLK speeches on Wednesday at noon, a PODER in action workshop on Thursday at 6 pm, and a police forum on Friday. We are also promoting the first Black Arts Festival taking place all-day February 24, organized by UMOJA, which is a newly formed all-black network in the Prescott area.

2019 Albert Lovejoy Memorial Social Justice Award

This Award was created as a tribute to our beloved founding member Albert Lovejoy and his lifetime of social justice work. The Social Justice Council invites members of the congregation to nominate a possible honoree. The person to be selected need not be a member of Granite Peak but should be a Prescott resident who has made outstanding contributions to social justice in the Prescott area and who embodies UU values. Nominations are due by January 31, 2019 and the award will be presented at the Lovejoy Social Justice Dinner on **Saturday, April 27**. Please pick up a flyer on the membership table in Davis Hall that will give you more information and serve as a nomination form. If you have questions about the process, please contact Molly divine, Jo Sprague or Miriel Manning. Save-the-Date to attend the dinner!



Social Justice Reflective Service:

First Wednesday of the Month
Cancelled for January ONLY.



Seeds of Support for January – no more Hungry Kids, The Hungry Kids Project



“The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children.” — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

We have hungry kids in our community. This year 40% of Prescott families with students in the school system live at a poverty level that qualifies them for the federal program that provides free or reduced breakfast and lunch five days a week during the school year. But this program does not extend to weekends. Consequently, a number of youngsters have little or no food available to them on Saturdays and Sundays.

Seeing a need, teams of Prescott adults, in collaboration with the PUSD Food Service, pack bags of food each Friday and take them to the schools. School staff transfers them to the backpacks of children who have been identified by school officials as needing assistance. The Food Service provides these nutritious meals AT COST. It costs \$6.00 for each student's weekend meals at an annual cost of \$228.



Save-the-Date: February 18 UUJAZ Day at the Legislature- Join UUsers from across the state for a day of advocacy and relationship building with our representatives at the Arizona State Capital in Phoenix. In January we will have a story-telling and advocacy training in preparation.

Citizen's Lobby Workshop, January 18, 6-8 pm, Davis Hall, Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

GPUU members are warmly welcomed to attend this workshop, sponsored by the Yavapai Group of the Sierra Club. The workshop will present effective ways to communicate with your legislators and describe how a bill becomes a law. You will learn how your legislators performed in 2018 using the Sierra Club's 2018 Environmental Report Card, what to expect in the 2019 session, and how you can help. We will also discuss how you can get involved in volunteer lobbying and participate in Environmental Day at the Capitol on Feb 13.

A More Authentic Alaskan Tour Experience



WhaleCoast Alaska is a Unitarian Universalist eco-cultural and spiritual program for people who are looking for a more authentic Alaskan experience. WhaleCoast Alaska is operated in cooperation with four UU Alaska fellowships – Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Sitka – that provide home stays, dinner parties, activities, and transportation for the guests.

Two Exciting Alaskan Tours

We travel throughout Alaska to see wildlife in their natural habitats – humpback and killer whales, sea lions, seals and sea otters; bears, wolves, moose, caribou, Dall sheep, foxes, eagles, puffins and other birds in some of North America's most beautiful scenery. We have two exciting tours planned for 2019. Each itinerary offers a variety of optional tour activities.

Alaska National Parks Tour, June 8-18, 2019
11 days, 10 nights, Visit Anchorage, Seward, Kenai Fjords National Park, Denali National Park, Fairbanks. \$3258

The All-Alaska Tour, July 5-17, 2019
13 days, 12 nights, Explore Fairbanks, Denali National Park, Anchorage, Juneau, Sitka. \$3887

Website for more information:

<https://whalecoastak.org/>