



# The View

June 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.

**June 2, Rev. Terry: “Who was the Prodigal Son?”**

Join us this Sunday as Rev. Terry explores the complex relationships and systems that can make families messy.

**Wednesday, June 5 at 7:00 am: Social Justice Reflective Service.**

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.

**June 9, Rev. Terry: “D+75.”**

Rev. Terry will lead worship this Sunday. As nations around the world mark the 75th anniversary of the D Day landings in Normandy, France, she will remember the greatest generation.

**June 16, Rev Terry: “Honor thy Father.”**

Our worship service on Father’s Day will honor all of those who are male role models in the lives of children of all ages. Rev. Terry will explore the changing role of fatherhood, and how all of our lives can benefit as a result.

**June 23, Rev. Terry: “Gather the spirit, harvest the power.”**

This will be Rev. Terry’s farewell service at Granite Peak. Join us as she shares some final thoughts, and says a very fond goodbye.

**June 30, Video of Ware Lecture from the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly in Spokane, WA.**

Watch the June 26 Weekly Peak 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

Reverend Terry Cummings

As one who not only believes that all women should have an unrestricted right to make their own reproductive choices, but who also

believes in the separation of church and state, the anti-abortion measure recently passed in Alabama is more than just a little bit unsettling.

In order for such a law to withstand constitutional scrutiny, and similar laws, such as the “heartbeat” laws that were just passed in Georgia and Mississippi, and similar legislation that is being proposed like an epidemic across the country, the U.S. Supreme Court would have to reverse *Roe v. Wade*.

That’s because it is impossible to reconcile the constitutionality of these toxic laws, with *Roe*, so *Roe* will have to be reversed by the court if such anti-abortion laws are to pass muster.

Overturing *Roe v. Wade* in its entirety once and for all is, of course, what is motivating the sponsors of the draconian anti-abortion legislation that is making the news. This is misguided in so many ways, and for multiple reasons.

Decisions like *Roe* become a part of the law of the land because we in the United States have since before the nation was born followed a centuries old tradition inherited from the British common law known as *stare decisis*, which means that “things decided” are matters of judicial precedent. The whole point of *stare decisis* is to avoid re-litigating over and over again things that have already been decided by the courts.

The underlying assumption is that, having decided something once, the courts won’t change their minds. That allows citizens and businesses to manage their affairs with confidence, knowing that if something happens the result will be X, because the courts have already decided X.

Litigators frequently try to avoid the consequences of *stare decisis* by arguing that their case is distinguishable from a prior precedent.

And so, court decisions frequently get sliced and diced, “distinguished” in legal parlance, so that sometimes different results obtain if the underlying facts of a case are not sufficiently similar to those in a prior decision. That’s how the original US Supreme Court decision in *Roe* has become whittled away over the last several decades.

For a US Supreme Court precedent to be entirely reversed by the court though, it has to conclude that its prior decision was wrongly decided. That is a big deal.

For one thing, it places judges in the position of being legislators, by allowing them to change the established law just because they disagree with another judge’s decision. One of the foundation stones of the rule of law is that judges are obligated to follow the law even if they disagree with it. And that includes the common law set down by their predecessors under the doctrine of *stare decisis*.

The proponents of the recent anti-abortion legislation are counting on the court to violate this principle, emboldened no doubt by recent appointments to the Supreme Court.

And who can blame them? Just last year the Supreme Court, in the *Janus* case, reversed a long-standing precedent that had protected public sector labor unions’ finances for decades.

When business interests act in partnership with the judiciary, we are on a slippery slope indeed.

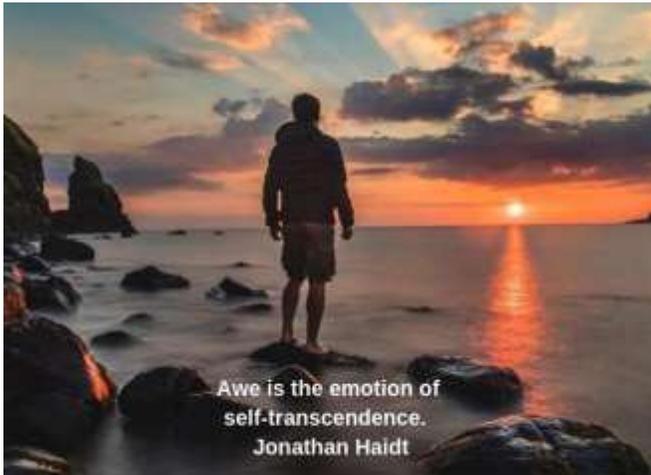
And the same is true when religious interests seek to partner with the judiciary, as they did for centuries before the modern era separated church and state. What’s scary to me is the conservative religious right’s recent ability to impact the passage of religiously-motivated laws that flaunt the constitution’s guarantee of a secular society where church and state are separate.

Shamelessly seeking to impose one’s religious views on the entire population though legislation of this kind serves only to deprive one’s fellow citizens of the right to conscience guaranteed by the constitution. That seems to me to be a very un-Christian way of living.

Jesus of Nazareth, by the way, never said a word about abortion one way or another. There is no passage in the Bible that speaks directly to the issue.

Yet if the Supreme Court is persuaded to reverse itself, the door will be open to all sorts of quasi-religious oppression through the judicial process. Let's not forget that Jesus did opine about the morality of getting divorced (Matthew 5:32, "But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery"). Will anti-divorce laws be coming next if *Roe* is reversed?

What's at stake in the upcoming litigation to determine the constitutionality of these anti-abortion statutes is the rule of law itself. As well as the desire of a minority of citizens to re-establish the United States as a "Christian Country." Our Unitarian Universalist principles, I believe, call upon us lawfully and peacefully to resist.



Awe is the emotion of self-transcendence.  
Jonathan Haidt

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### Granite Peak Vision and Mission Statements

**Vision:** Where ALL are welcomed, encouraged and nurtured.

**Mission:** We are a compassionate spiritual community that:

- Celebrates diversity
- Nourishes the personal and spiritual growth of all ages
- Shares our gifts
- Promotes justice for all



### May Message from the President

*Marianne Erickson, President*

May began during the end of Rev. Patty Willis' candidating week at Granite Peak. Since I had been away the preceding Sunday, I first met her at the weekly Wednesday morning Granite Peak Forum Politics and Religion meeting. Rev. Patty has a strong background and interest in social justice and social action activities, so she has a lot in common with us "Granite Peakers"!

As you know, the following Sunday, May 5, Rev. Patty Willis was called by the congregation to serve us as our settled minister beginning in August.

On Mother's Day, our interim minister, Rev. Terry Cummings delighted us with the first of her final seven sermons, "Honoring the Goddess." As you may know, she will be moving to York, Pennsylvania to begin ministerial service for the UU Congregation of York <http://www.uucy.org/> Don't miss the potluck "Thank You" party for Rev. Terry, Thursday, May 23rd at 5 p.m. There'll be music, surprises and fun!

This past Sunday, at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, these candidates were elected:

**Edie Ingersoll – Endowment Committee**  
**Rhea Batterman – Nominating Committee**  
**Kathleen Shaffer – Nominating Committee**  
**Bill Betts – Board Trustee, at Large**  
**Russ Erickson – Board Treasurer**  
**Drew Potter – Board Trustee, at Large**

Other Annual Meeting actions included: Passage of the FY 19-20 Congregational Budget and revised bylaws. These documents are available in the GPUUC office and also on our website.

Granite Peak really "cooks" because of the dedicated work of SCORES of volunteers. I really enjoyed watching these folks being recognized at the Annual Meeting for their great voluntary service:

**Pillar of the Congregation Award Winners:**

**Nancy Beeson  
Russ Erickson  
Elayne Hayes  
Lila Witt  
Clark Reid-McKee  
Kelsey Wilkes**

Ministerial Search Committee members, B.J. Allgood, Gary Baker, Bobbie Bollinger, Steve Cook, Marilyn Coulter, Art Gorski and Jenelle Scott were also recognized, as were the members of the Interim Minister Assistance Team: Brigie Dickinson, Norma Meier, Cal Nigh, Clark Reid-McKee and Jo Sprague. Kathleen Shaffer and Donna Kesler were thanked for their Nominating Committee work, while Sally Richards was recognized for serving on the Endowment Committee. The Sunday-Monday Depositing members, Bonnie Forte, Barb Nigh and Norma Meier received thanks for their dedicated work, while Bill Betts and Gerre Carley were recognized for their hours of delivering GPUUC food donations to local food banks. And, retiring Stewardship Co-Chair, Sherry Betts and retiring Worship Committee Chair, Nancy Reid McKee received thanks for their leadership this past year.

An important question came up at a recent dinner gathering of GPUUC members – “Can our part-time staff members volunteer extra unpaid hours in their current positions if our budget is not sufficient?” The answer is “No.” Granite Peak is bound by the federal law called the “Fair Labor Standards Act” that states that non-exempt (not salaried) staff members must be paid while on duty and performing their prescribed tasks. For more information, see: <https://www.dol.gov/whd/flsa/index.htm>

Granite Peak staff members CAN provide volunteer service in a role that is not part of their job description. For instance, Heather Knowles, our new Office Administrator, can continue as a Sunday morning A/V volunteer, if she chooses because those tasks are not included in her current job description. And, our Music Director, Faith Development and Social Justice Coordinators CAN volunteer to help with coffee hour or grounds upkeep, if they choose to do so. Happy summer! Marianne

**Touchstones Journal “Transcendence”:**

[Click Here](#)

[Touchstone Discussion Guide A](#)

[Touchstone Discussion Guide B](#)

**Summer Potlucks**

*From the Linkage Team*

Time to mark your calendars for our traditional summer potluck events with PUUF.

Family and friends welcome. More details to follow.

June 22 Potluck at PUUF  
July 6 Picnic, Goldwater Lake  
Aug. 10 Potluck at PUUF  
Sept. 28 Potluck at GPUUC



**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.

**Caregivers' Support  
Group now at 1:30 pm**

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 pm** at Granite Peak. For questions please contact Bobbie Bollinger.



**Nancy Beeson will be on vacation from May 24 - June 14, 2019. If you have a need for help from the Care Team (with grief, serious illness, other life crises, or if you are homebound), please contact Kelsey Wilkes.**



**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.

**General Assembly  
2019—June 19-23,  
Spokane, WA,  
*The Power of We***



In a time of great challenge and heartbreak in our world, what does our faith demand from us? At this year's General Assembly we will explore the power, possibility, purpose, struggle and joy of finding the path forward together as Unitarian Universalists.

The 2019 Ware Lecturer is Richard Blanco. Selected by President Obama as the fifth inaugural poet in U.S. history, Richard Blanco is the youngest and the first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to serve in such a role.

**Sunday Soup and Munch**



The Soup and Munch will be on summer break during the months of June, July and August.

Soup and Munch will resume on September 8, 2019. It will then continue to be held on the second Sunday of each month

**Children's Religious Education**

*Cassie Delaney  
Faith Development Coordinator*



Thank you to all the volunteers and families that participated in our Faith Development this year! We cannot do it with you.

This summer we will have volunteer driven curriculum and more garden work. If you haven't stopped by, check out everyone's hard work out there.

Our family is sad to be leaving the GPUUC family but know we will always have a home here in Prescott.

GRANITE PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION  
INVITES YOU TO THE  
ORDINATION OF  
*C. Nancy Reid-McKee*  
INTO THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST MINISTRY  
SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019  
AT 4:00 P.M.  
GRANITE PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION  
882 SUNSET AVE., PRESCOTT, AZ 86305  
CLERGY AND SEMINARIANS ARE INVITED TO ROBE AND PROCESS AT 3:30  
CELEBRATORY DINNER TO FOLLOW AT GPUUC  
CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE 3:30-6:30 IF YOU RSVP TO [CASA@CABLEONE.NET](mailto:CASA@CABLEONE.NET)

RSVP are appreciated! Please let Paula Burroughs know if you plan to come to the Ordination:.

(And childcare will be provided if you RSVP that you need it!)

## 2019 Summer Camp

The Faith Development committee is developing a scholarship program to help send Granite Peak youth to summer



camp at Camp De Benneville Pines in Angelus Oaks, California in the San Bernardino Mountains.

We will be offering scholarships that will reimburse one-half of the registration cost.

This year the summer camps will be held as follows

- \* UU Elementary School Summer Camp  
(Completed Grades 2-5) 7/07 - 7/13
- \* UU Middle School Summer Camp (Completed  
Grades 6-8) 7/14 - 7/20
- \* UU Senior High Summer Camp (Completed  
Grades 9-12) 7/21 - 7/27

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Clark Reid-McKee.



### Choices We Make and Upcoming Adult Education Programs

By Steve Cook

Very preliminary planning for 2019-2020 GPUUC Adult Education suggests building several programs around use of *Choices We Make* playing cards. As described on pages

10-11 of the April 2019 issue of *View*, these decks contain fifty two cards, each having quite different themes on front and back sides representing a choice. Specific choices can be linked to positions people take on various social issues or answer “big” questions involving spirituality; many choices can collectively be used to describe how people find meaning / purpose in life or characterize worldviews.

In this regard imagine people, many spurred by concern over what kind of distant future world our grandchildren will live in, getting together to discuss global climate change. Were I to facilitate such discussion, I would focus on eight of the fifty two *Choices We Make* playing cards, perhaps beginning with the Ace of Spades card containing “*Freedom*

From *Limits*” on one side, and “*Limits & Ethics*” on the other. Would such discussion end on an upbeat or pessimistic note? In a related blog (at [www.projectworldview.org/worldview60watch.htm](http://www.projectworldview.org/worldview60watch.htm)) I’ve recently written, “Given the special place the words “freedom” and “economic growth” and “proud to be an American” ...hold in American hearts and minds, given what some feel is an ethical low in the current national leadership, many are skeptical that Americans can make the tough choices needed to adequately respond to the...climate crisis.”

Might you want to be part of such a discussion, or discussion on another social justice issue or spirituality related question? I currently envision a number of one hour programs that would provide you an opportunity to do that—perhaps to be held at GPUUC on upcoming Sundays either before or after our regular service. Besides “*Climate Change*,” possible focus topic titles might include: “*One’s Conception of God*,” “*Pro-Life or Right to Choose?*,” “*Is Death the End?*,” “*Immigration: Building Bridges or Walls?*,” “*Paths to Knowing—Many or One?*,” “*Economic Inequality—Dangerous or to be Expected?*,” and “*Religious Beliefs—Healthy or Unhealthy?*” For all these, like the climate change example I’ve provided, I propose focusing on the basic underlying choices behind the topic, and helping people prepare for discussion by similarly writing a blog with links to all of the themes on relevant playing cards.

We plan to gauge interest in these and other topics (please feel free to suggest additional ones!) with a survey form insert in an upcoming Sunday Order of Service. As I write, four or five *Choices We Make* card decks are available for loan through our GPUUC Library. While we can produce more if need be as our related adult education program shapes up, you can find complete details—including instructions to print out your own cards—at

[www.projectworldview.org/choices.htm](http://www.projectworldview.org/choices.htm)

“Information is just bits of data. Knowledge is putting them together. Wisdom is transcending them.” Ram Dass



**New Member  
Recognition Ceremony  
May 12, 2019.**

Liz Pressman  
Karen Denney  
Rick Denney  
Miriam Krock  
Debbie Wells

Kim Schroeder  
Stephen Lovejoy  
Lynn Manyfires  
Rosemary Murray  
Blaine Lemert  
Shea Richland  
Craig Phillips

**Music Director News**

*by Noelene Patterson*

*Music soothes the soul.*

The choir wishes to thank Reverend Terry for all of her encouragement and support during her interim ministry and wish her well in carrying forth the wonderful messages she conveyed to us all this past year. We also hope you all enjoyed our last performance Sunday as we strive to do even better this next year. It is exciting to think we will have a new music conductor and with that many more new choir members.

During the summer, there will be guest musicians as well as Chris and Lena so please support our lay speakers, worship associates and musicians during vacation by attending summer services.

And to all of the choir members, visiting musicians, and Lena, many thanks for all of your hard work. Keep singing during your break as it lifts you up and enriches lives.



Have a great summer!!

**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 10 am-12 noon.

We are once again going to meet at the Manzanita Common House thanks to Joan Burrell's generosity. 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!

**June 22, 2019:** *"The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches From The Border"* by Francisco Cantu

**July and August Read,** "My Dear Hamilton" by Stephanie Dray...

This book is 622 pages, so we've allowed 2 months to read; our meeting will be on **August 24**

**Come, Join Us and Celebrate the Annual**

SUMMER  
**SOLSTICE**

**DRUM CIRCLE**

June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM - sundown



Petroglyph Hill is at the top of the Vista View Trail at Prescott Lakes: From Smoke Tree Lane, take Solstice Dr. (at the circle) to trail head on Tawny Dr. It is short hike up the hill, so come early.

Please bring a chair, water bottle, and if you have a drum, flute, shaker, a song or a drum beat to share and love in your heart. There will be extra drums and shakers.





Second Monday  
Drum Circle June 10

Watson Lake

Prescott, 6:30 pm

**June 10 at 6:30 pm:** at this time of the day, no entrance fee is required

**Watson Lake**, in Prescott

just below the big gazebo on the hill,

In case of rain, we will meet in the big gazebo

Remember to bring a chair, water and bug repellent,

Please feel free to bring a reading or story to share, this is a safe place.

During the summer months we celebrate the long days and warm evenings by drumming with Mother Earth outdoors. We open our hearts and spirits as the sounds of our drums echo off the canyon walls of Watson Lake.

All are welcome and encouraged to join in... there are drums and shakers to share.

**Social Justice Ministry**

*By Miriel Manning  
Social Justice Coordinator*



June is LGBTQ pride month! This is a time for the queer and trans community to celebrate, stand proud, and bring awareness to LGBTQ issues. While there is much to celebrate, there is also much to mourn. A Black transgender woman who was brutally attacked in Texas last month was found shot and killed on May 18th.

Muhlaysia Booker is the fifth transgender person killed in 2019, according to the Human Rights Campaign. Hate crimes are common, and trans women of color experience disproportionate levels of this violence. We can remember those killed and fight for changes on a personal and structural level.



On May 21, I joined about 200 people at the courthouse square protesting the recent abortion bans; there were nationwide actions on the same day. I think it's important to uplift how an attack on reproductive rights is more than a women's issue. Nonbinary people and transgender men are also impacted and in our fight, we should be careful not to erase that.

Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri and Ohio are among the states to pass new abortion restrictions. Our hope is that these restrictions are challenged legally in the Supreme Court.

Another social justice issue I've been following is the inhumane detention of migrant children. On May 20th, a fifth child died after being detained by US Border Patrol since December. These tragic deaths include 16-year-old Carlos Gregorio Hernandez Vasquez, 2 1/2-year-old name not released, 16-year-old Juan de León Gutiérrez, 7-year-old Jakelin Caal Maquin, and 8-year-old Felipe Gómez Alonzo. I encourage you to read more about each of these cases.

For me, it is important to not shy away from the news or realities that face our world. I come back to our shared faith for strength and hope. I come home to you all.

With pride, Miriel



**Social Justice Reflective Service:**

**First Wednesday of the Month  
Wednesday June 5 at 7:00 am.**

