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***Camp Thunderbird is fast approaching!***

***We need people to lead activities or just help out.  
If you are interested in supplementing the cost of your  
campership, please fill out the application form in your  
Thunderbird brochure. Applications are due May 15<sup>th</sup>.***

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES START AT 10:30 AM**

**May 4th**

**“Why Good Things Happen to Good People”**

*Ann Singer*

*\*\* Details of R.E. Programs are found on the Child & Youth Religious Education page\*\**

**May 11th**

**Intergenerational Service: “At the Heart of Our Faith”**

*CYRE*

Join us for Parent's Day (aka Mother's Day) and let our kids pamper you and show you what they've learned this year.

**May 18th\***

**A Historical Overview of Our Presidents**

*Dr. Carl Jackson*

**May 25th\***

**Things We've Changed Our Minds About**

*Aurolyn Luykx*

Aurolyn Luykx presents "Edge" questions and people who have changed their minds about significant issues over the course of their lives and careers.

**Orders of Service and Bulletin announcements need to be to Ginger no later than Wednesday of that week. 915-562-4001 or [uucep@uelpaso.org](mailto:uucep@uelpaso.org)**



**\*Note:** My apologies for the brevity of these announcements. I did not give myself enough time to get all the information.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE  
& RECEIVE SERVICE**

**CONCERNS:** If you have concerns for you or others or need a ride, please call 562-4001.

**FOOD COLLECTION:** Clear box with a blue lid next to the Sanctuary information table. Food is donated to the Missouri Street Shelter.

**CHALICE LIGHTING, FLOWERS, MUSIC:** For opportunities to help with Sunday morning programs, call 562-4001

**Membership Committee**

Carol Veit, Chair

We have new members to welcome into our Community. They are: Gari Lewis, Leila Rodriguez and her two young children Stella and Kai (her husband is coming home from Korea soon), James and Stacy Sayah and their children Allison and Andrew

Unitarians do not like rules—we know that. But...the Membership Committee would like to suggest that the congregation try a "20 Minute Rule". This states that no Community business can be discussed until 20 minutes after the service has ended. The time right after the service is a good time to meet someone that you do not recognize, ask an old friend how life is going or let others know what is going on in your life. Please try it. We are like family and families need time just to be together.

If **YOU** are interested in exploring membership within our Community, please ask a greeter for a membership card and give it to one of them at the end of the service or call Carol at 594-1555.

**Need a new name tag or never had one?** You do not have to be a member to have a name tag. If you would like one, please see a greeter on Sunday morning.

**Have you met any of our visitors lately?** We have some very interesting people who visit us—go and introduce yourself and you might be surprised at what you learn! .

The Membership Committee meets every other second Sunday 30 minutes after the service (see note about the 20 minute rule!). All are welcome to attend. Our next meeting will be in May 11.

**Recycling at the Community**

There is now a blue recycling container at the back of the sanctuary. Paper, plastic 1 and 2, and aluminum cans can go into this container. It would be much appreciated if you would rinse your cans before placing them there. Please note that styrofoam cups are NOT recyclable and should go into the regular wastebasket.

**Address Changes**

Anytime you move, change your phone number, or your email address, please let Ginger, our office administrator, know so she can update our records and the directory. Just send her an email:

[UUCEP@UUELPASO.ORG](mailto:UUCEP@UUELPASO.ORG)

### Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help with Sunday Services. There is a sign-up sheet to bring snacks on the table next to the double doors in the sanctuary. People are also needed for set-up and clean-up. Please contact Dina Vargas with any questions or if training is needed to perform these tasks. Her phone number is 833-4153

***Choir practice has moved to Monday nights at 7pm.***

***Stanley Ross is also offering a free voice clinic, open to all who would like to learn to sing, on Thursdays at 6:30pm, by appointment only; contact him at 845-5847***

### May Birthdays

Joanne Cook	05/04
Stephen Mills	05/05
David Larsen	05/06
Malcolm Mitchell	05/06
Lucius Padalino	05/06
Kenneth Muncy	05/09
Rebekah Alcala	05/10
Robin Witzky	05/13
Colin Burton	05/18
Fred Ashworth	05/20
Ellie Witzky	05/22
Chris Vine	05/28
Bill Day	05/30

### Want to Know What is Going On?

Copies of the minutes from Congregation and Board Meetings are posted on the door between the middle hallway and Fellowship room. Reading these minutes is a good way to keep up with what is happening in our Community.

## **New Community Projects**

### **UUCEP COOKBOOK**

Members are invited to send me or give me copies of their favorite recipes, better if personalized with individual tips or little secrets. The recipes will be published in the "UUCEP Cookbook" (suggestions for a more appealing title are very welcome too), which will be sold as a fundraiser for our community. Please contact Susanna Sabin (915-921-8136 - [susanna.gallani@alice.it](mailto:susanna.gallani@alice.it)).

### **UUCEP BOOK CLUB**

Sign-up for the UUCEP Book Club. We will meet on the last Wednesday of the month to discuss a book and choose the title of the next one. This initiative is totally free of charge.

If you are interested in joining this group please email Susanna Sabin ([susanna.gallani@alice.it](mailto:susanna.gallani@alice.it)) and feel free to suggest titles that you may like to be included in the list. There will be an initial meeting on Sunday, May 11th after the service to communicate the final logistic arrangements and choose the title of the first book, that will be discussed on May's meeting. For more details, please contact Susanna Sabin (915-921-8136)

### **Skills exchange**

Monthly educational forum starting. The group will meet to to share knowledge and socialize. Ideas and skills needed. Contact Greg Sabin if you have ideas/skills/talents and want to share those with others. Examples could be arts & crafts, cooking, music, personal finance, photography whatever you feel like teaching to others."

## **DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**PAT WHITE**

### **MOUNTAIN DESERT DISTRICT (MDD) OFFICE**

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**This year's General Assembly (GA) will be June 25-29 in Ft Lauderdale, FL.**

**Russell Lockwood Leadership School – July 20 – 26 at Alta Lodge in Alta, UT**

Check the UUA homepage for some interesting new sites and email lists: <http://www.uua.org>

## **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Pat White**

### **Service Auction**

Our annual Service Auction on April 19 was a success. We made a total of \$2,762.50 at the auction and \$131.50 in food and drink donations for a grand total of \$2,894.00. Thank you to everyone who helped and bid on items.

### **Fall Canvass**

To date, we have received 59 pledges for a total of \$77,533.00. If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, please give it in to Carol Irwin or Pat White.

### **On-going fund raisers**

The Albertsons card is easy to use. Just give it to the clerk to scan when you checkout. We receive 1% of the first \$300 you spend each month and 2% after that. If you don't yet have your new card or know someone who would like one, see Carol Irwin or Pat White.

The E-scrip system is just as easy. Register your Master Card and/or Visa Card at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). We get a percent of your purchases made with registered cards at participating merchants credited to our checking account. Stores in the area that are in the program include Pep Boys, and several restaurants including Bangkok Pepper, Jando's Italian Cuisine, Panache, Ye-Ye Kitchen, La Cuesta, Michelino's, Downtown Sports Bar, Medallions Restaurant, Cincinnati Club, Bar 26, Cappettos Pizzeria, Café Central, and Hudson's

Grill. Macy's is also in the system but you need to have a Macy's card to register and use. Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) for more information about what stores are in the system.

We are also selling our UUCEP t-shirts and cookbooks on Sundays. The t-shirts are \$15 for adult sizes and \$10 for children's sizes. We have a few cookbooks left at \$10 each.

## **Camp Thunderbird**



Our annual family camp will be held Wednesday, July 2 – Monday, July 7 this year. Save the dates and get your leave requests in early so that you can join us for a wonderful time in the cool Gila Mountains. If you enjoyed camp last year, it will be even better this year. We will have a dress-up night with a patriotic theme and prizes. We will have our usual sack lunch day, fun run and talent night. If weather conditions permit, we plan to have a bonfire one night. Brochures are out and contain a financial aid form for financial assistance in the form of jobs or camperships. You must turn in an application by May 15 to be eligible for a job or financial aid. Registration forms are due by June 1. If you didn't get a brochure in the mail, we have more at UUCEP. The fee is only \$38 a day or \$190 for the entire camp (half-price for children). Can't come for the whole time? That's okay. You can still come for part of the time at the daily rate. Cabins are available or you can bring your own gear. Remember, the fee is the same whether you stay in a cabin or bring your own gear. Contact Carol Veit, Pat White, Joe Knapka, Alex Ceely, or Deb Simon for more information. Bring your circle to our circle!

**The Radical Knitters and Crocheters of UUCEP** will meet every Sunday, 9:30-10:20 in the Fellowship Hall. There are people who can teach anyone who would like to learn how to knit or crochet. At this moment, we are making baby items to donate to Casa de Nacimiento. Feel free to join us. Also, we will gladly accept donations of knitting **worsted weight yarn** or baby yarn in baby friendly colors. For information contact Barbara Peters at Reggie3661@yahoo.com or 842-0659.

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP**  
(AKA BORDER ZEN CENTER)



**Meets: Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm** (Sanctuary)  
El Paso's only Zen practice group welcomes newcomers for meditation, readings, tea and discussion.

**MEN'S GROUP**

The Brother Spirit Men's Group meets at UUCEP on the third Sunday of every month at 6:30 pm to drink beer, eat pizza and discuss topics ranging from "What is Truth?" to why the Lone Ranger is our hero. If you need more information please call John Pearson at 838-3816. Please join us.

**New Covenant Group**

A new Covenant Group has started under the direction of the Membership Committee. This group is being developed especially for new members and friends; however, everyone is welcome. There will be a 10 minute

presentation on subjects of interest to new members. The May meeting will have a presentation the history of our Community. Did you ever wonder why we are called a Community. Come to Group and find out!

There will also be a "Check In" time where each person has the opportunity to tell others about what is of concern in their lives. The group will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM (with the next meeting being May 14) at the Crane House. Please call Keith if you have questions (581-5858) . A note to "old time" members. This would be a great way to meet the new people of our congregation. Look for a day change in June—we will be going to a Friday night and we will have a baby sitter available

**Pagan Spirituality Group**



The Pagan Spirituality Group meets on the second Friday of every month. Sabbats are held on the Friday closest to the Holiday.

For any more information please contact Carrie at 915-217-8288 or [cvinex5@yahoo.com](mailto:cvinex5@yahoo.com)

I am looking for someone to take over this group. If you are interested please call me.

**GI Rights Hotline**

UUCEP is sponsoring the El Paso GI Rights Hotline. It is a small group of people taking phone calls to help the men and women of the Uniformed Services. Training is available and all are welcome.

# Child-Youth Religious Education Program 2007-2008

## CYRE Sunday Class Schedule:

### Mark Your Calendar for Monthly Events...

**May 10<sup>th</sup>:** CYRE Meeting and Potluck at the Crane House-11am followed by a dress rehearsal for the Intergenerational Mother's Day Service. All teens and youth participating in the service are asked to be present in the sanctuary by 1pm

**May 11<sup>th</sup>:** Come be inspired by our youth and teens as they present the Intergenerational Service, "At the Heart of Our Faith." Hear the historical interpretation of our Jewish/Christian roots and beliefs.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>:** CYRE Meeting & Potluck is scheduled for 1:00pm at the Crane House. All parents and friends are welcome to join us! Our doors are always open, and we welcome new ideas.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>:** Visit to the Bahai Center-Leaving UUCEP at 10:00am 9931 McCombs

**May 25<sup>th</sup>:** End of the year celebration and party at Bowlero Lanes. Pizza and refreshments included. Entry fee paid by UUCEP-Returning by 1:30

**May 4<sup>th</sup>: 10:30 am:** Elementary & Jr. High RE: "Shh, it's a surprise!" *Parent's Day Gifts that Mom or Dad will just love! Prep for Intergenerational Service*

Teachers:  
J. Kincaid  
P. White/A. Ceely  
N. Emerick

Teen RE: Our Whole Lives "Preparation for Intergenerational Service"

Teachers: Aurolyn Luykx/Joe Knapka

**May 11<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am:** Intergenerational Service: "At the Heart of our Faith" *All students and teachers will be present at the service.*

Thank you: The Melrose Congregation of Mass. headed for home after their weeklong pilgrimage on the border. Many thanks go out to this congregation for your generous donations of food, help with transportation, and excursions. Special thanks to Bill Day for helping with the vans and transportation, Bruce Coronet, for leading the excursion to the Dinosaur exhibit, and Nick Emerick for taking the crew on a hike to Sugar Loaf. The Boston team also had an opportunity to visit The Annunciation House and learn more about immigration

**May 18<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am:** Elementary & Jr. High RE: "Visit to the Bahai Center at 9931 McCombs." *Children are asked to be at the Community by 10am. We will return by 1pm.*

Teachers:  
J. Kincaid  
P. White/A. Ceely  
N. Emerick

Teen RE: Our Whole Lives Teachers:  
Aurolyn Luykx/Joe Knapka

**May 25<sup>th</sup>: 10:30 am:** All CYRE Classes: "Celebrate the end of the year with a good time at Bowlero Lanes. All fees will be paid by UUCEP"

Teachers:  
J. Kincaid  
P. White/A. Ceely  
N. Emerick  
J. Knapka/A. Luykx

Community Garden and Farmers Market: On April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, some very hard working folks made a dream a reality as we put the final touches on our community garden at the Crane House. My thanks to Mark, Jay, Tina and Mike, Carrie, and Deidra who spent countless hours tilling, shoveling, and preparing the soil. But the best part was planting all the yummy veggies and fruits. A big hug and thanks to all the children who planted with such diligence and care!



## CYRE AT A GLANCE

issues. They were also treated to a tasty lunch prepared by the Annunciation House guests, and had a chance to practice their Spanish. Although there was a glitch in the departing flights, their trip was very worthwhile! They all made it home by Sunday evening, just in time for school on Monday!

More Thanks: I would like to thank all of the parents and friends of RE who attended our faith development workshop and seminar put on by Kathy Vaughn, our YRUU coordinator at the Mountain Desert

District. The three major goals that families would like to pursue are Social Justice, Spirituality, and Community. Some projects include a community garden, building a home in Juarez, mentors for teens, and families lighting the chalice on Sunday morning. These were just a few items on our to-do list. It is amazing what we can do when compassion, caring, and commitment are guiding our hearts.

May Activities: Take Note: Please be sure to mark all of the field trips and times for the various events we have planned in May!

# May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				8-9:30 p.m. - NA, FH	7 p.m. - Beltaine, Sanctuary	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:30 a.m. - Service 10:30 a.m. - Children/Teen RE Classes, Crane House 12 p.m. - Youth Choir Rehearsal, FH 2-4 p.m. - Rosicrucians, FH	Office Closed 7 p.m. - GnUUs Choir Rehearsal, FH	6:30 p.m. - Border Zen Center, Sanctuary	8-9:30 p.m. - NA, Sanctuary	8-9:30 p.m. - NA, FH		11 a.m. - CYRE Meeting & Potluck, Crane House 1 p.m. - CYRE Service Rehearsal, Sanctuary
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<i>Mother's Day</i> 10:30 a.m. - Service 10:30 a.m. - Children/Teen RE Classes, Crane House 12 p.m. - Membership Committee Meeting, Sanctuary 12 p.m. - Youth Choir Rehearsal, FH	Office Closed 7 p.m. - GnUUs Choir Rehearsal, FH	6:30 p.m. - Border Zen Center, Sanctuary	7 p.m. - New Covenant Group Meeting, Crane House 8-9:30 p.m. - NA, Sanctuary	8-9:30 p.m. - NA, FH		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:30 a.m. - Service 10:30 a.m. - Children/Teen RE Classes, Crane House 12 p.m. - Board of Trustees Meeting, UUCEP 12 p.m. - ThunderBoard Meeting, UUCEP 12 p.m. - Youth Choir Rehearsal, FH 2-4 p.m. - Rosicrucians, FH 6:30 p.m. - Men's Group, FH	Office Closed 7 p.m. - GnUUs Choir Rehearsal, FH	6:30 p.m. - Border Zen Center, Sanctuary 7:30 p.m. - Fellowship Council Meeting, Petersen home	8-9:30 p.m. - NA, Sanctuary	6:30 p.m. - Program Council Meeting, Sanctuary 8-9:30 p.m. - NA, FH		Newsletter Deadline
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:30 a.m. - Service 10:30 a.m. - Children/Teen RE Classes, Crane House 12 p.m. - Youth Choir Rehearsal, FH	<i>Memorial Day</i> Office Closed 7 p.m. - GnUUs Choir Rehearsal, FH	6:30 p.m. - Border Zen Center, Sanctuary	8-9:30 p.m. - NA, Sanctuary	8-9:30 p.m. - NA, FH		