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PLEASE NOTE:
STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2006,
SUNDAY SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 10:30 A.M.

ANNUAL SERVICE AUCTION SEPTEMBER 16 @ 7 PM

The Service Auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and you can help make it a success. We need more donations! Consider giving a dinner, or cleaning someone's garage or babysitting, or getting a gift certificate for restaurant meal. Deadline for donations is September 5th – get them in ASAP! Forms are on the website or at the church. Even if you can't think of something to give, come to the auction and bid!

We need volunteers, and donations of wine and pastries. Contact Alexandra Ceely (842-8603), Pat White (591-3562), or Melanie Trevino (833-3960) for more information.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR CONSULTING MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Judith Walker-Riggs is a life-long Unitarian Universalist and was educated for the ministry at Oxford University, England. In 34 years of ministry, she served four congregations in the United States, one in Belgium, and three in England. She also served in Interim Ministry, and has held positions in public service.

Rev. Walker-Riggs can be reached at revjwr@mindspring.com or (505) 524-4967.

**SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:30 A.M.
BEGINNING THIS WEEK**

September 3**

How Scouting Fits Into the UU

Community: Amissa Burton

Sponsoring scouting programs has a place in many faith communities. Where does it fit into ours? Discussion of the different scouting programs, their histories and where they fit into the Unitarian Universalist beliefs and values.

September 10**

Ingathering/Water Communion:

Rev. Dr. Judith Walker-Riggs

This UU ritual is conducted in the fall when friends and members return from their summer travels. Please bring a sample of water from your travels (or other water) to pour into a common bowl, to signify coming together again.

September 17**

The Earliest Christianities:

Dave Johnson

Focus is on the Nazorean school of Jesus and the "Apostles", the Greek Mystery school of St. Paul, and how those two very different religions were combined in Antioch, Syria to become Catholic Christianity.

September 24**

The Rose Cross Path: Mystic Light

Rosicrucian techniques that can enrich our spiritual and physical lives will be demonstrated.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 21

Please give hard copy items to Ginger to be typed and sent to the editors, or email submissions directly to:

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lauren Emerick	09/01
Jaxson Priester	09/01
John Wayne	09/05
Harley Alcala	09/05
Brian Ammerman	09/08
Mary Strabala	09/14
Doris Elevier	09/14
Gloria Pena	09/14
Mark Jones	09/15
Tracy Speaker	09/16
Felicia Priester	09/20
Kim Silva	09/20
Kaay Miller	09/21
Nicholas Miller	09/23
Nathaniel Ammerman	09/25
Ann Straus	09/30

Interested in Membership?

If you have been visiting and feel that you would like a more vital role in our Community, we would welcome you as a member. Please complete a Membership Application card and give it to a greeter to start the process.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE
& RECEIVE SERVICE**

Concerns: If you need a ride or have concerns for you or others please contact the office, 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: Unlimited opportunities to help with Sunday morning programs. Speak to "Doc" Gilliland (821-6832).

CHOIR PRACTICE

Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall – new members welcome! Call Stanley Ross, 845-5847.

Turn to cable channel 15 for the weekly UU TV show on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. Contact the office (562-4001) with ideas or comments, or if you can help with filming new services.

3500 Tyler!!

By the time you all receive this newsletter the Unitarian Universalist Community of El Paso will be the proud owners of the property at 3500 Tyler. At a community meeting on the 20th of August, the house was discussed and approved by a vote of 34 to 4.

The house is about 1600 square feet. It has 4 bedrooms, 1 and $\frac{3}{4}$ baths, a large kitchen, and a nice sized living room. It has been mostly redone inside and out. The paint is fresh and the brown speckled Berber carpet smells great! Modern light fixtures have been hung and the cabinets have been refinished. Off white 12 x 12 tiles cover the floors in the living room, dining room, kitchen and bathrooms. The water heater and electrical box have both been replaced.

With the purchase of this house I have great hopes for the community. The obvious use will be the Child and Youth Religious Education program. With the help of Alex Ceely and Janet Kincaid, I am sure the transition will be a smooth one. Each of the bedrooms will be converted into a classroom. High school, junior high, upper elementary, and lower elementary will all have their own learning space.

There will be many more activities happening in this house. I anticipate it to become the new "hot spot" of El Paso. Adult Religious Education, Pagan Spirituality, and Covenant Groups have all expressed interest in the new space.

With the purchase of this building come many new challenges. I hope that everyone is understanding and gives it a good chance. I am sure there will be many unforeseen issues that will crop up along the way. As a community I believe we can handle anything.

If anyone has questions or concerns about this new property please feel free to e-mail or call me. The inspection report is also available as an e-mail if anyone is interested.

In your service,

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NOMINATING— LOUIS IRWIN

Special thanks are due to Chris and Carrie Vine, Kimmy Cleven, and Stanley Ross for making numerous repairs to our building at the end of August. There will be a Buildings and Grounds Task Force meeting on Friday, September 8, at 7 pm at the Community, to keep up this good momentum, to map out a strategy for the new property, and to start planning for the Fall Work Party.

Buildings & Grounds still seeks a chair to coordinate the activity of a dedicated work force already functioning. Please submit your suggestions to any member of the nominating Committee: Kathy Anderson, Kimmy Cleven, John Dart, Greg Witzky, or Louis Irwin (585-9251 or lirwin@utep.edu).

The following members were elected at the Quarterly Meeting on August 27 to serve as the Search Committee for a new minister:

Amissa Burton	Kimmy Cleven
Bill Day	Janet Kincaid
John Pearson	Ann Singer
Melanie Treviño	Aurolyn Luykx (alternate)

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS – PAT WHITE

MOUNTAIN DESERT DISTRICT (MDD) OFFICE

District Executive: Rev Nancy Bowen

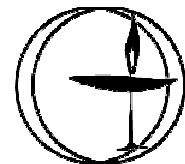
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The MDD Annual Meeting will be held Oct 6-8 in Denver, CO at the Marriott Denver South Hotel at Park Meadows. The theme is *Come Build a Land – Live the World You Want to See*. The keynote speaker will be "religious naturalist" Ursula Goodenough, author of *The Sacred Depths of Nature*. There will be lots of music and entertainment as well as workshops on personal and congregational development, programs for children ages 5-13, and young adult events.

Early Bird Registration has been extended to August 31 at \$175; Adult Registration by September 30 is \$195; and Late Registration after October 1 is \$220. The hotel is offering a special room rate of \$79 if reservations are made by September 15. Go to the MDD website www.mdduua.org for more information.

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 will be on Saturday September 16 at 7:00 pm. We need your service donations by September 5. The form is available on our web site. This is our big fundraiser for the year so donate auction items, then come and buy service items others have donated. It will be a fun evening as always. See the front page for more details.

Annual Canvass: Our annual canvass is moving along slowly after a fast start at our annual kickoff dinner but we have gone over the \$100,000 mark. We now have 68 pledge cards turned in for a total of \$100,645.73 and an average pledge of \$1,480.08. Let's try now to get it over that \$110,000 mark. If you have not turned in your card, please do so as soon as possible.

On-going fundraisers: Our on-going fundraisers include the Albertsons Community Partner card and E-scrip. If you don't have an Albertsons card please see Carol Irwin or me to get one. Present your Community Partners card the next time you shop at Albertsons when you present your Preferred Customer card and the cards will be linked. (Present your Preferred Customer card to get Community Partner benefits even if you don't buy any specials.) The E-scrip system is just as easy. Register your Master Card and/or Visa Card at www.escrip.com. Area stores in the program include Office Max, Pep Boys, and several restaurants.

We are also selling UUCEP t-shirts and cookbooks on Sundays; T-shirts are \$15 for adult sizes and \$10 for children's sizes, and cookbooks are \$10 each.

COMING IN OCTOBER!

9:00 A.M. CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Christian services resume in October after a 2-year absence. Teaching and Eucharistic ritual emphasize the Holy Wisdom tradition from ancient times until now. Celebrate Christianity without belief, something found only at UUCEP. You don't have to "be a Christian" to participate.

SUNDAY PROGRAMS – 'DOC' GILLILAND

New Time for Services

10:30 am

Even with the seemingly endless variety of programs seen here at our community, most Sundays come down to sit, listen, stand, sing, coffee – cooks. Now please don't misunderstand, there is nothing wrong with that, but "The Rose Cross Path" (the service on the 24th) will be mostly hands-on Spirituality. Meditation and other Rosicrucian techniques that can enrich our spiritual and physical lives will be demonstrated. It will also be a wonderful time to learn about our Rosicrucian friends who have held their meetings here for a number of years.

The next brown bag meeting of SPC, ARE and MC will be Friday the 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6PM-10PM

Parents' Night Out is a gift our community gives to all our busy parents. It is a **FREE** 4 hours to run and play and remember you not JUST parents. It is a wonder time to let our village help raise our children.

Caregivers are still needed to come and share a book or story or game. Come for an hour or come for all four, it is up to you what you give and share. All those giving time and those dropping children off please RSVP to Kimmy Clevon 915-474-4343 ASAP!

WORSHIP ASSOCIATE TRAINING

A special training session for new and prospective Worship Associates will be held at the Community on Saturday, September 9, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

If you are newly appointed, volunteered, or just interested in this important function, please attend. Louis Irwin will conduct training.

ADULT ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

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UUCEP Adult Religious Education encourages spiritual growth and the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. Courses are open to the public and free of charge. (Class size may be limited.)

UUCEP hosts the Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship and the UUCEP Pagan Spirituality Group. Affiliated Chapter meetings are open to the public and free of charge. (Voluntary donations are accepted.)

Wednesday Classes Return!

Meets: 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm (CYRE Annex)

Our own "Doc Ray" will discuss metaphysical topics in this series of three classes. Call him for further information at 821-6832.

Walking the Labyrinth

Meets: 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm (CYRE Annex)

"The Labyrinth is an archetype, a divine imprint, found in all religious traditions in various forms around the worldThe path ... becomes a mirror for where we are in our lives. It touches our sorrows and releases our joys. Walk it with an open mind and an open heart" – Rev. L. Artress

Please join us at the new CYRE annex (3500 Taylor) to talk about how to create a meditation path for UUCEP.



Tarot Study

Meets: 3rd Friday, 7:00 pm (Fellowship B)
Lecture/Meditation: A Royal Evening at Court

Learning the Tarot is both fun and easy so please join us and invite a friend. Bring your own Tarot deck or use ours if you don't have one yet. Facilitator: "Doc" Ray, docray@att.net

Committee Meeting: Sept. 22

Meets: 4th Friday, 6:30 pm (brown bag)

The combined meeting of Sunday Programs, Music, and ARE is open to all! Share your thoughts on what you would like to see in the way of Sunday services or adult programming.

UUCEP Chapter of UUBF

Unitarian Universalist
Buddhist Fellowship
(AKA Border Zen Center)



Meets: Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm (Sanctuary)
El Paso's only Zen practice group welcomes newcomers for meditation, readings, tea and discussion.

Pagan Spirituality Group

(Most events in Sanctuary at 7:00 pm)
September 7th: Pagan Coffee, Sanctuary, 7 pm
September 15th: Tarot Study (see details)
September 23rd: Mabon Sabbat, Sanctuary, 7pm

Keep October 28th open!! We will be hosting an El Paso area Samhain party. Start working on your costumes now! Contact Carrie at 565-5371 to help plan this awesome event.

November 18th and 19th will be a Shamanic workshop, *Path of the Shaman*, with Kristin Madden and Digby Henry. This will be hosted at Carrie Vine's home. Space is limited so sign up now!

Visit www.ardantane.org for more details and to register. Please e-mail Carrie with questions at cvinex5@yahoo.com. For more on Kristin, visit www.kristinmadden.com.



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Child-Youth Religious Education Program 2005-2006

Mark Your Calendar for Monthly Events...

September 5-8:
We'll be moving RE supplies and furniture into the new house. Are there any volunteer movers out there with a truck?

September 10:
"Water Communion"
First day of Fall RE Classes:
*Meet your teacher
*Covenants
*Introduction of Curriculum

September 16:
"UUCEP Auction"
Childcare will be provided, so parents can have an enjoyable evening, knowing the kiddos are in good hands!

September 22:
*Parents Night Out:
Childcare provided

September 23:
*CYRE Brunch Committee Meeting:
11:00am

CYRE Sunday Class Schedule:

We're Moving!! By Sept. 10th, RE Classes will be set up and ready to go at the new facility at 3500 Tyler Street (facing Byron Street).

September 3rd: 10:30am:
Safety first!

Lower Elem. & Upper Elem. RE:
Marcia Wyatt

Safety first! Children will be informed of rules for pedestrian safety. Children will then practice the rules as they walk to and from the new building with Marcia.

Jr. High RE: Alex Ceely

Moving Day! Students practice pedestrian safety as they take a few supplies and materials to their new classroom.

Sr. High RE: Nick Emerick

Moving Day! Teens will box items and take them to the new facility at Tyler and Byron.

September 10th: 10:30am:
Participation in the Water Communion, meet the teachers, "Thus do we covenant" and introduction of curriculum!

Lower Elem. RE: Carolynne Ayoub /Janet Kincaid

Upper Elem. RE: Alex Ceely/ Carrie Vine

Jr. High RE: Kim Cleven/ Amissa Burton

Sr. High RE: Violet Gilson

September 17th: 10:30am:

Carry the Flame
The first UU Principle: We believe that every person has inherent worth & dignity.

Lower Elem. RE: Carolynne Ayoub/Janet Kincaid

Upper Elem. RE: Alex Ceely/Carrie Vine

Jr. High RE: Amissa Burton/Kim Cleven

Sr. High RE: Linda Velarde
"Covenant Group"

September 24th: 10:30am
Continuation of Principle One.

Lower Elem. RE: Carolynne Ayoub

Upper Elem. RE: Carrie Vine/Alex Ceely

Jr. High RE: Amissa Burton/Kim Cleven

Sr. High RE: Connie Day, visiting Congregant:
"Life in Afghanistan"

All classes will begin at 10:30am in the Sanctuary at UUCEP. Students will then leave for classes at the new facility and return to the Community by 12:00 noon.

CYRE AT A GLANCE

CYRE Registration: Aug. 27-Sept. 3:

"A Religious Community that cherishes its children invariably learns to cherish all life!"

As DRE, I feel this statement by Sally Patton encompasses our Community's commitment to the families and children attending UUCEP.

Our CYRE Committee and volunteer teachers are incredibly gifted individuals who care deeply about a quality religious education program for the children and youth of this Community.

Parents:

If you missed our Teacher Recruitment Sunday, and have not yet registered your child for CYRE Classes, please see Janet for your registration

notebook. Forms must be completed and returned to her by Sept. 3rd.

Community Members:

If you were not present at the Intergenerational Service on Aug. 27th, but would still be interested in teaching or volunteering, please talk to Janet Kincaid or Alex Ceely, so we can help you find your niche in the CYRE program!

Fall Curriculum:

The CYRE team and I are looking forward to an exciting year of religious education for our youth!

The fall semester for Elementary and Jr. High Classes will focus on the seven UU Principles. We will be using an exciting new curriculum entitled "Carry the Flame." The curriculum is age appropriate and very teacher friendly. In

addition, supplementary activities from "I Believe" will be used to enhance lessons. Well-known UU's will be introduced weekly so the children can identify with individuals who lived their faith and "walked the talk." Lastly, all students will have the opportunity to participate in social justice events, seasonal celebrations and fieldtrips throughout the year.

Teen curriculum includes: discussions on Socrates & other great leaders of that era, teaching Pre-OWL (developing lessons for Jr. High), Covenant groups, and visits from congregation members.



September 2006

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<p>3</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. - Children/Teen RE Classes 2 - 4 p.m. - Rosicrucians, FHA&B</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Labor Day</i> - Office Closed -</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 p.m. - GnUUs Choir Rehearsal, FHA 7 p.m. - Border Zen Center, Sanctuary</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 p.m. - Board of Trustees Meeting, Sanctuary 7 p.m. - Adult RE, CYRE Annex 8 - 9:30 p.m. - NA, FHA&B</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7 - 9 p.m. - Pagan Coffee Hour, Sanctuary 8 - 9:30 p.m. - NA, FHA&B</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7 p.m. - Building & Grounds Task Force Meeting, FHB</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1 p.m. - Worship Associate Training, Sanctuary</p>
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