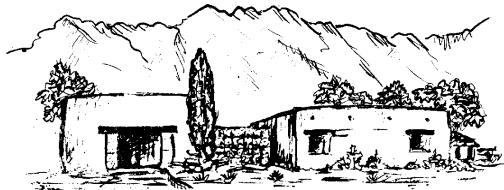


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ANNUAL CHOCOLATE AUCTION
FEBRUARY 10TH

BENEFITTING THE CYRE
AFTER THE MUSIC SERVICE
COME FOR THE MUSIC, STAY FOR THE CHOCOLATE AND
GIFT BASKETS.
THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
AFFORDABLE TO OUTRAGEOUS!

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES START AT 10:30 AM

February 3rd

February 24th

GI Rights Hotline

This will be a presentation on the work that the GI Rights hotline has been doing, as told by UU members as well as other members of the community.

February 10th

Music Service!

UU community

A morning of good music and good fun, with special guests Gene Keller, Gabriel Justus, Sonja Wayne, the GNUUS and others.

February 17th

“The Migration of Souls”

Anne Principe

Our fellowship as Unitarian-Universalists extends beyond the walls of our congregations and communities. Our speaker, a Religious Educator from Massachusetts, will explore the context for our ongoing relationship between our New England and Southwest Unitarian-Universalist congregations, as she leads her fourth home-building mission trip in Ciudad Juarez.

“Strange Fruit”

Garland Greene

This anti-lynching protest song provides the background for the collaboration between Jewish and African-American activists in the struggle against this American form of terrorism. The nexus of the labor movement, the civil rights movement, and anti-communism during the era of lynching in the United States will be explored in an hour-long film beginning after minimal opening words, in our celebration of Black History Month.

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

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

No birthdays this month. Well, I'm sure SOMEONE was born in February, but I don't have the list. Sorry! And happy birthday anyway!

Fourth Sunday Collection

February 24: La Clinica Guadalupana provides much needed health care services to residents of the colonias in far east El Paso County. It is located at 901 Ascencion Rd in the lower valley. The clinic, founded by Sister Janet Gildea, M.D., began operating from the trunk of a car in 1995. They have expanded in an effort to meet the needs of their community and now serve over 8,000 patients a year. Many of the services, materials, and equipments needed for the clinic are donated. At the present time, they need medical supplies (glucose test strips, insulin syringes, ACE bandages and gift cards for humidifiers and prescriptions), cleaning supplies, office supplies, and materials and labor to take care of the clinic facilities. Our 4th Sunday collection will help La Clinica provide services in an often-ignored part of our community.

Membership Committee

Carol Veit, Chair

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!.

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.

UU Covenant Group on the 7 Principles

Starting mid-January. New Members, visitors, and anyone else who is curious is encouraged to attend. The group will require a commitment to attend 6 meetings held every other week at the Community. Babysitters will be provided.

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

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

The Ray Ashworth Memorial Trust

Applications are now being accepted for the Trust disbursements. The deadline will be April 30, 2008. Any one is welcome to apply - it does not need to be a UUCEP member. A handwritten or typed letter outlining your reason for requesting consideration is all that is necessary. There are no additional forms to complete. Kindly mail your letter to UUCEP, clearly marked The Ray Ashworth Memorial Trust, or you may put it in the Trust mail slot, lower right on desk in foyer. The Trust was set up with its own bylaws by which the Trustees are regulated. More next month about the Trust and Ray, our wonderful young member in whose name we can give assistance. (For camperships, please contact the Camp Thunderbird Board.

Trustees:

*Fred Ashworth
Byron Chesbro
Anna Mattersdorff*

Web Log Roundup

There are lots of Blogs by UUs out there. These are some of the journals and commentaries you might be interested in.

Yet Another Unitarian Universalist
<http://www.danielharper.org/blog>
Danile Harper is a UU minister in Massachusetts.

The Wild Hunt
<http://www.wildhunt.org/blog.html>
This one is more Pagan than UU, and has lots of news of interest.

Boy in the Bands
<http://boyinthebands.com/>
Scott Wells is a Unitarian minister in Washington, DC

Surviving the Workday
<http://survivingtheworkday.com/>
“news, notes, & tips about spirituality and religion in the workplace”

Discover UU
<http://aaronsawyer.wordpress.com/>
Lots of UU commentary and links.

The Musings of Yet Another Working Mom
<http://anotherworkingmom.blogspot.com/>
She talks about being a mom and being a UU. Everyday stuff that can be very interesting.

Meanwhile Back at the Parsonage
<http://parslife.wordpress.com/>
Musings of a UU Minister's Wife.

UUJeff's Muse Kennel and Pizzatorium
<http://uujeff.blogspot.com/>
Jeff Lieberman is studying to be a UU minister in Chicago.

Miss Kitty's Saloon and Road Show
<http://mskittysaloonandroadshow.blogspot.com/>
“An ongoing, eclectic commentary on Unitarian Universalism as I see it, practice it, and love it, with sidebars on life, love and the pursuit of happiness.”

Monkey Mind
<http://monkeymindonline.blogspot.com/>
A blog about UU and Zen thought.

Out of Lascaux
<http://www.ladysmaidjewels.com/MTblog>
A blog about art, life and other stuff by yours truly.

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A Small Congregations Weekend will be held April 25-27 in Santa Fe, NM.

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

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

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Pat White

Service Auction

We have set the date for the Service Auction. It will be Saturday, April 12. Start thinking about what services you could donate. We will have donation forms available soon. If anyone would like to help, please contact Pat White at 591-3562 or pat_white@hotmail.com.

Fall Canvass

To date, we have received 55 pledges for a total of \$74,869.00. If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, please give it in to Carol Irwin or Pat White.

On-going fund raisers

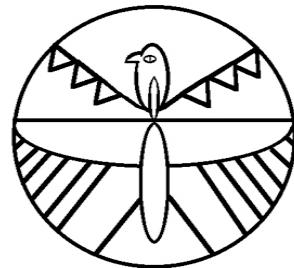
Our on-going fund raisers include the Albertsons Community Partner card and E-scrip. As you are probably aware, Albertsons dropped their "Preferred Savings" cards on June 20. Since the

Community Partner program was tied to the Preferred Card, they had to change how it is administered. We have just received the new cards this week and will be distributing them right away. They are good immediately. We will receive a donation from Albertsons equal to 8 weeks' worth of our total earned over the last year to make up for the time between June 20 and the use of the new cards.

The E-scrip system is just as easy. Register your Master Card and/or Visa Card at 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 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.

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.

Orders of Service and Bulletin announcements need to be to Ginger no later then Wednesday of that week.
915-562-4001 or uucep@uuelpaso.org

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.

"Be ours a religion which, like sunshine, goes everywhere; its temple, all space; its shrine, the good heart; its creed, all truth; its ritual, works of love; its profession of faith, divine living."

-- *Theodore Parker*

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

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

Upcoming Dates

February 1st - Imbolc

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. Please contact Carrie Vine for more information. 915-217-8288

Mark Your
Calendar for
Monthly Events...

January 31st: CYRE committee will meet at Violet Gilson's home at 4:30pm to work on truffles for the Valentine auction followed by RE business. (Note change in date)

February 1-3rd: Coordinator for the GI Rights Program will conduct a seminar at UUCEP for El Paso and New Mexico residents who are interested in providing information to military servicemen and their families. Jackie will also be speaking on Sunday morning at the Community.

February 8th: CYRE members will meet at the Crane House around 10:30am to put together baskets for the chocolate auction scheduled for Sunday, the 10th. Those who volunteered to make a basket, please leave it in the office or bring it with you to the Crane house.

February 16th-23rd: The Strickline UU Congregation will be in town to build a home in Juarez. If you would like to help, please see Janet for more details.

Child-Youth Religious Education Program 2008-2009

February 3rd, 10:30am:

Elementary & Jr. High RE: "Church ritual and sacraments"

Teachers:

C. Vine
P. White/A. Ceely
N. Emerick

Teen RE: Our Whole Lives "Responsible Sexual Behavior"

Teachers: Aurolyn Luykx/Joe Knapka

February 10th, 10:30am:

*Intergenerational Music Service" All classes will attend the service.

Child care will be available for babies and toddlers. We ask that children who are in the elementary classes sit with parents or an adult. If your child needs to leave the service, please accompany him/her outside to the attendant on duty.

February 16-23rd: Anne

Principle and 17 members of the Strickline UU Congregation will once again travel to El Paso to learn more about the immigration and border issues, as well as building a home in Juarez through the Casas por Cristo organization. While they are in El Paso, the group will be visiting La Mujer Obrera, speaking with Annunciation House founder, Ruben Garcia and hopefully meeting with our teen group on their last evening here before departing for Mass. If you are interested in helping or participating in some of the events,

CYRE Sunday Class Schedule:

February 17, 10:30am

Elementary & Jr. High RE: "Introduction to the Saints"

Teachers:

C. Vine
A. Ceely/P. White
N. Emerick

Teen RE: Our Whole Lives "Contraception"

Teachers: Joe Knapka/Aurolyn Luykx

February 24th, 10:30am

Elementary & Jr. High: "Male and Female Saints"

Teachers:

J. Kincaid
P. White
N. Emerick

Teen RE: Our Whole Lives

"Unintended Pregnancy Options"

Teachers:

Aurolyn Luykx/Joe Knapka

Just a reminder:

The CYRE

Chocolate Auction,

will take place immediately

following the

Music Service on

February 10th!

What a

wonderful way to say I love you!



CYRE AT A GLANCE

please see Janet for an itinerary of scheduled activities. Once events are nailed down a Congregational e-mail will be sent.

February 1-3rd:

Jackie Thomason from Oakland, California will be in El Paso to lead a GI Rights Hotline training for Albuquerque and El Paso residents who would be interested in providing information to our military families and service men and women who have questions or concerns.

The workshop will begin Friday evening at 5:30pm (Crane House) with dinner and continue with training until 9pm.

Saturday's training will run from 9am to 5pm at UUCEP. Lunch will be served.

Sunday, Jackie will be in the pulpit.

February 10th: Immediately following the Music Service, the CYRE Committee will auction off several baskets to the highest bidder. Here is a sampling of what will be on the chocolate block:

**Toddler's basket
Mead basket
Gourmet Coffee
lovers basket
Harry Potter basket
Chef lovers basket
Chocolate lovers basket
Quilt makers basket**

February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					7:00pm Pagan Imbolc Ritual, Sanctuary 1	2
10:30am - Service 3 10:30am - Children/ Teen RE Classes, Crane House 12pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal 1pm - GI Rights Hotline, FH 2-4pm - Rosicrucians, FH	Office Closed 4	5	Ash Wednesday 6	7	5:30-9:30 pm GI Rights Hotline Training: Crane House	9:00am-5:550pm GI Rights Hotline Training, FH
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				6:30pm Program Council Meeting, Sanctuary	8-9:30pm - NA, FH	
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