



The El Paso NUUsletter JUNE 2010

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CYRE MAY SERVICES

ANIMAL BLESSING:

What an *incredible* turnout we had this year! Thank you to the CYRE for putting on this great service. Special recognition goes to Stanley Ross, Aurolyn Luykx and Mariel Montero for the delightful music.

Here are a few pictures from the service:



COMING OF AGE SERVICE:

Hats off to Janet and the young ladies for a wonderful service! We even welcomed two of our teens as members!

Here are some pictures from this service:



All of these pictures and *many* more can be found at: <http://www.facebook.com/UUCEP>



June 6th

Alexander Pope

Presented by Dr. Larry Johnson

Dr Johnson will be considering another satirist--Alexander Pope, whose *Dunciad* is another variation on the celebrations of the stupidity of mankind addressed by Machievelli and More. But this time he'll focus on Pope's *Essay on Man* and the first book of that work, where he addresses, directly, a critique of theological warfare and an alternative baseline for the engaged citizen and believer.

June 13th

How Would Buddha Teach?

Presented by Alexandra Ceely

Just as Buddha was a teacher, so are we all teachers in one form or another. Those of us who teach for a living can learn a lot from the Buddha. No, we probably won't be meditating in class, but we can practice compassion, loving kindness, mindfulness and wisdom while still keeping a tight rein on the little dears. Think of it as a guiding hand of iron in a tender glove of compassion.

June 20th

The Lure of the Fuzzy

Presented by Tina Priester and CYRE

Please join us with your favorite stuffed animal as we pay homage to the sacred place they hold in our hearts.

In honor of Fathers' Day, there will be a special potluck breakfast prior to the service. Please see Mary Walsh for items to bring. Breakfast will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. in order to give everyone an opportunity to eat and socialize before the service.

June 27th

Service Auction Winner's Service

Presented by Aurolyn Luykx

John Dart purchased a sermon on his topic of choice from Aurolyn at the Service Auction; this Sunday we'll find out what topic John requested!

UU LITE WILL BEGIN JULY 4 AND CONTINUE THROUGH AUGUST 15.

Crafting classes and childcare will be available for those attending UU LITE activities.

There will not be any CYRE classes during the summer.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE & RECEIVE SERVICE

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

Food Bank:

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, please call 562-4001.

Recycling at the Community:

Please look before you put garbage in a container at the Community. The blue container with the swinging lid is for recycling only. There have been times when we were unable to recycle due to garbage in the container.

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 Mary Walsh with any questions or if training is needed to perform these tasks. Her phone number is 526-6469.

Orders of Service and Bulletin

Announcements need to be to Ginger no later than Wednesday of that week. 915-562-4001 or uucep@uuelpaso.org

Events taking place at UUCEP will be listed on the calendar when a room reservation (Building Usage Form 1-A) has been made through the office. Forms are available in the hutch outside the office. Forms need to be submitted 30 days before the event.

This congregation welcomes the participation of all members, friends and visitors without regard to race, class, national origin, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity/expression.

Recycling at the Community:

El Paso recycles not only paper, but also cardboard, junk mail, plastic containers, cans, and aluminum foil. We don't have a recycling pickup at the Community; however, there are members willing to take stuff home to recycle; so, when we have community events, like the potluck luncheons, please set aside recyclables which includes the disposable foil baking pans and the plastic cookie or raw veggie trays. Thanks.

Please remember to observe the 20-minute rule: No Community business the first 20 minutes after service ends. Please use this time to greet our visitors.



UU Summer Days:

By Janet Kincaid

Oh, how we in El Paso have enjoyed the extended visit of balmy Spring; yet, her time to flee has come and Summer beckons, *filling the air with a dreamy magical light, while the landscape lay as if newly created in all the freshness of childhood.* Yes, all this, and so much more, is in the works to make our summer days at UUCEP memorable! Traditionally, summer is a time when hectic schedules ease, we get to play a bit more, take time for ourselves and spend time volunteering in our communities. But, why wait till June 21; let's start planning and get a head start on summer events at UUCEP now. Here are a host of activities and events you might be interested in:

- ✓ **Circle suppers are back!** Come join us on **June 12th** for a backyard cookout and potluck at the home of Don and Pat White as we wish the Louis and Carol Irwin and Carol Veit the very best on their retirement ventures. If you would like to host one of these fun events, there is a sign up sheet in the Sanctuary, or see Janet Kincaid for more information.
- ✓ **Camp Thunderbird** will kick off our lazy days of summer as UUCEP families and friends gather in the Gila for a week of fun activities and relaxation, the week of **July 4th**. See Alex Ceely, Pat White, or Joe Knapka, our registrar, for more information or brochures! Believe me; you don't want to miss this one!
- ✓ **June 5th, the prison outreach program begins at La Tuna.** Aurolyn and I are looking for more volunteers to help with the services. If you are interested in attending or helping with service preparation, please check with us. Our visits are scheduled for once a month, possibly twice a month if we can get more volunteers on Saturday morning.
- ✓ **"UU Lite"** will begin on July 4th and end on August 15th. For newcomers, this means that **formal services** are suspended during this time. However, the fellowship doors are open as usual by 10am and there is plenty of good conversation, coffee, and craft-time for the youth. Child care is also available during these weeks.
- ✓ **CYRE** is looking for community volunteers to teach a craft to the youth during our **UU Lite** days. If you are interested, contact Tina Priester so she can put you on the schedule.
- ✓ **The first game night** for the whole family is set for the 3rd Friday in July. Game-host John Dart has more details! If the turnout is good, we'll continue with the Friday schedule until the 15th of August.
- ✓ **Pastors for Peace** will be rolling into El Paso in **mid-July**. We host this group at the Crane House and provide a potluck dinner in the sanctuary. I will have more information and brochures for you this Sunday!
- ✓ **The Reverend Nancy Anderson** is retiring from The UU Church of Las Cruces, and will now have time to preach in El Paso. Her first scheduled sermon will be **August 22nd**.
- ✓ **Don't forget that Kathy Anderson** will be scheduling a **movie night** or two in late July and/or early August before the kiddos head back to school. We'll finalize plans by our quarterly meeting.

With all these events happening this summer, you can be assured we won't be hearing those six dreaded words of summer at UUCEP!

I'm bored! There's nothing to do!

MORE TO DO THIS SUMMER:

BEGINNER'S SPANISH:

Aurolyn Luykx will be heading a Beginner's Spanish conversation group this summer -- some folks (Joe Knapka, Janet Kincaid, Steve Mills, and Mary Walsh) paid their in way in at last year's service auction, but if anyone else would like to pile on, you're more than welcome. (Just to be fair, it would probably be nice if any new members made a modest donation to the UUCEP). Schedule TBA. Contact Aurolyn (aurolyn2@yahoo.com) if you're interested--all levels welcome!

ARE YOU CRAFTY?

CYRE is looking for volunteers during UU Lite to supervise and/or teach crafts to the youth and teens wishing to participate. Craft-time will be from roughly 10:30 a.m. to about 12 p.m. and CYRE will help provide supplies, if at all possible.

Please contact Tina Priester to schedule your Sunday craft-time. The number of children will vary from Sunday to Sunday.

MORE INFO ON JUNE'S CIRCLE SUPPER:

Our June Circle Supper will be a "Last Chance to Get Together with Carol and Louis Irwin and Carol Veit" (in case you didn't know, they are moving away from El Paso in June or July) on Saturday, June 12, at 6:30pm in the backyard of Don and Pat White's home at 10525 Texwood. This will be a potluck; so, be thinking about what you would like to bring. We'll have a sign-up sheet at UUCEP on Sundays. Please sign up then or contact Pat at 591-3562 or pat_white@hotmail.com so we know how many to plan on.



SAVE THE DATES!

Our annual family camp will be held Thursday, July 1 – Tuesday, July 6 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 prizes in both children’s and adult’s categories. Sack-Lunch Day will be Saturday, July 3 during which time there are usually expeditions to outlying points such as the Gila River, the Cliff Dwellings, the Cat Walk, Pinos Altos, and historic Silver City. We will also have the 32nd Annual Firecracker Fun Run (2 miles – walking allowed) and the No Talent Required Talent Show – always one of the highlights of the year! The book “Speaker for the Dead” by Orson Scott Card has been chosen for a camp book discussion. There will also be an Adult Cocktail Hour from 5 to 6pm daily under the parachute; and simultaneous supervised children’s activities will be provided by the camp babysitters. You should have received your brochure either by mail or email. It is also available on the web page and we have copies available at UUCEP. Financial aid forms were due May 15 and registrations forms were due June 1. After that, there will be a late fee of \$15 per form. Both forms are included with the brochure. The fee is only \$13 per meal per person (\$39 a day) or \$195 for the entire camp (half-price for children under 12). Can’t come for the whole time? That’s okay. You can still come for part of the time at the per meal 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. We hope to see you all there. This is a great time to relax and do as much or as little as you want. Meals are provided by the camp staff so we don’t have to do any cooking. It is also a great time to get to know each other better.

**CAMP
THUNDERBIRD**

Contact Pat White, Joe Knapka, or Alex Ceely for more information.

From The Lavender Room

Ronna’s column will be back next month.

Please send your thoughts and prayers to Ronna as we wish her a speedy recovery.

The UU Spirit

Anna’s column will also be back next month.

Please send healing thoughts and prayers to Anna to feel better soon.

Denominational Affairs Mountain Desert District (MDD) Office:

District Executive: Rev Nancy Bowen executive@mdduua.org

2242 S Albion Street Denver, CO 80222

(303) 756-1378/ (303) 756-1407 FAX



The MDD has hired Eric Bliss as the new Youth Ministry Chaplain and Jennica Davis as the new Youth Ministry Consultant.

District Conference 2010: “Embracing the Vision” will be October 8-10, 2010 at the Ogden Marriott Hotel, 247 24th Street, Ogden, UT 84401. Registration forms are now available. Go to <http://www.mdduua.org/news/upcoming-events.html> for more information.

This year’s UUA General Assembly will be June 23-27, 2010 in Minneapolis, MN. See the website at <http://www.uua.org/> for more information. See Janet Kincaid if you would like to be a delegate.

The Russell Lockwood Leadership School will be August 1-8, 2010 at Sunrise Ranch.

Go to the MDD website at <http://mdduua.org> for more information.



The Board of Trustees will meet in the Sanctuary the third Sunday of each month after the Service. Regular meetings are open meetings with no set agenda. Members and friends of UUCEP are invited to attend and present matters for consideration by the Board.

Do You Want to Know What's Going On?

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



The Program Council Committee Chairs meet the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

These meetings are open to anyone wishing to be more active in our community.

 **MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!** 

Our choir is always open to new members, no audition required. Join us for rehearsal on Monday evenings from 6:30 until 8:00; childcare is provided.

Vocalists and instrumentalists desiring to perform solo at Sunday services please contact me for scheduling.

Your Music Director,

Stanley Ross

915-845-5847 or rossstudios88@live.com

The Choir will be on vacation beginning June 21st; rehearsals resume August 16th.

Summer Singing Lessons available by appointment...

Administration & Finance Updates:

The Finance Committee Chair is still vacant! To volunteer for this position, please contact Aurolyn Luykx, Nominating Committee Chair.

On-going fundraisers: The Albertsons card is easy to use. Just give it to the clerk to scan when you check out. We receive 1% of what you spend each month. If you do not yet have a card or know someone who would like one, see Carol Irwin or Pat White.

UUCEP received a check for \$158.94 from the Albertson's Community Partner program. Thank you for continuing to support the community when you shop there.

We are also selling our UUCEP t-shirts & cookbooks on Sunday. The t-shirts are \$15 for adult sizes and \$10 for children's sizes. We have 1 cookbook left at \$10.

"A COURSE IN MIRACLES" STUDY GROUP

A new group has started at UUCEP! Our purpose is to learn a more peaceful, compassionate and meaningful way of living our lives. Our guide is *A Course In Miracles*. Our hope is that we can support and facilitate each other's growth. We are open to anyone who wants to attend. **The study group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and will meet at 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall for the month of June.** For those of you not familiar with ACIM, feel free to contact Sonia Galindo selindo@gmail.com, or visit www.acim.org to find out more. Please check the order of service for dates or contact Sonia.

Membership Committee Chair: **Alex Ceely**

If **YOU** are interested in membership in this Community, please ask the greeter for a membership application. After completing the form, please put it in the offering basket or give it to a greeter at the end of the service.

The Membership Committee meets every other second Sunday, 30 minutes after the service. All are welcome to attend. If you need a new nametag, please see a greeter on Sunday morning. You do not have to be a member to wear a nametag.

Interested in getting to know us?

If you have been visiting and feel that you would like to get to know us better, please fill out one of the light-green Welcome Guest!/Visitor Cards found in the packet that a greeter can get for you. The packets are located at the entrance to the hall on the shelves. Please ask for one; fill it out and place it in the offering basket or give it to one of the greeters at the end of the service. Remember that you do not have to be a member to wear a nametag; so, if you would like one, be sure to let us know.



UU Social Justice:

Update on Shawn Rhoden's electrical problem:

Pat White and Sharon Cornet went with Shawn Rhoden to survey the neighborhood, and found out, so far, that a few people already have had their electric lines replaced, and are not interested in putting in new ones; plus, another man did not want to participate in the survey at all nor answer any questions. Several people were not home; but one family said that their electricity flickers when they use the vacuum or other appliances, which indicates a similar possible problem with their lines as Shawn has been having for years. One trailer was vacant because it had caught fire - an electrical fire from what we heard - but there is no indication that we know of to assume if it was related to electrical LINE problems rather than just an issue within the trailer itself; so, we do not know if there is a correlation.

We still have several more homes to survey since they were not home the day we went; follow-up calls are being made as well to landlords of renters. Regardless of how many (or few) people we find that may want or need to update their electric lines, it has become obvious that it will be impossible to incorporate the entire block for electrical updates. At this point, we will see just how many want/need to participate and we will go from there.

Vanessa Bustillos received a phone message back from the office of Carl Robinson, who is the Representative for the northeast where Shawn lives; so, hopefully we can find out if there is any city funding for low-income residents for projects and areas like this that the city has annexed. Vanessa plans to join us and any other volunteers after church to finish the survey of Shawn's neighborhood. If anyone can donate time to help with this project, it will be very much appreciated since Sharon is leaving from the Social Justice Committee Chair position and is moving to Seattle by June 12th. To help, please call Sharon at 915-494-4628 or email her at sunstarangel@msn.com

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

It is with a heavy heart that we will be bidding farewell to Sharon and her family. Sharon has done a tremendous job as Chair of the Social Justice Committee.

Safe journey to you & your family on this new chapter in your lives! You will all be missed!

So with this in mind, do you have a knack for social justice issues? Do you want to be more involved within the greater El Paso community?

Then Social Justice wants YOU...to be the new Chair! For more information on this position, please contact Sharon or Aurolyn Luykx (Nominating Committee Chair) and let's continue the good work!

Border Interfaith Volunteers Needed!

If anyone would like to get more involved with the Border Interfaith project, please contact Sharon Cornet; she can put you in contact with the right people.

Annunciation House

If you would like to volunteer to help prepare a meal or donate items, please contact Ann Singer or Janet Kincaid for more info.

Casa Vidas

Thank you to everyone who has come out to support this wonderful cause!

If you would like more information, please contact: Ann Singer, 755-6818 or Janet Kincaid, 539-8851.



“Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained.”

~Helen Keller

NEED A HAND?

The *Caring Committee* at UUCEP is alive & well. If you are ill or need help of any kind or know someone who is or does, please call Ann Singer at 915-755-6818. We will do our best to see that you are taken care of.





The Wisdom of Sages

SIoux PRAYER REQUEST

A letter from Chief Arvol Looking Horse
(Present Chief and Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe of the
Lakota, Dakota, Nakota Nation of the Sioux)
Gulf Coast Oil Spill - Sioux Prayer Request

***** A Great Urgency *****

To All World Religious and Spiritual Leaders

My Relatives,

Time has come to speak to the hearts of our Nations and their leaders. I ask you
this from the bottom of my heart, to come together from the Spirit of your
Nations in prayer.

We, from the heart of Turtle Island, have a great message for the world; we are
guided to speak from all the White Animals showing their sacred color, which
have been signs for us to pray for the sacred life of all things. As I am sending
this message to you, many Animal Nations are being threatened, those that
swim, those that crawl, those that fly, and the plant Nations, eventually all will
be affect from the oil disaster in the Gulf.

The dangers we are faced with at this time are not of spirit. The catastrophe that
has happened with the oil spill which looks like the Bleeding of Grandmother
Earth, is made by human mistakes, mistakes that we cannot afford to continue to
make.

I asked, as Spiritual Leaders, that we join together, united in prayer with the
whole of our Global Communities. My concern is these serious issues will
continue to worsen, as a domino effect that our Ancestors have warned us of in
their Prophecies.

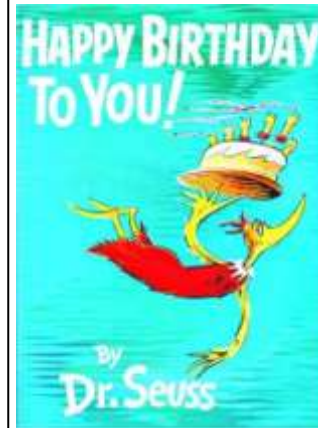
I know in my heart there are millions of people that feel our united prayers for
the sake of our Grandmother Earth are long overdue. I believe we as Spiritual
people must gather ourselves and focus our thoughts and prayers to allow the
healing of the many wounds that have been inflicted on the Earth. As we honor
the Cycle of Life, let us call for Prayer circles globally to assist in healing
Grandmother Earth (our Unc'I Maka).

We ask for prayers that the oil spill, this bleeding, will stop. That the winds stay
calm to assist in the work. Pray for the people to be guided in repairing this
mistake, and that we may also seek to live in harmony, as we make the choice to
change the destructive path we are on.

As we pray, we will fully understand that we are all connected. And that what
we create can have lasting effects on all life.

So let us unite spiritually, All Nations, All Faiths, One Prayer. Along with this
immediate effort, I also ask to please remember June 21st, World Peace and
Prayer Day/Honoring Sacred Sites day. Whether it is a natural site, a temple, a
church, a synagogue or just your own sacred space, let us make a prayer for all
life, for good decision making by our Nations, for our children's future and
Well-being, and the generations to come.

Onipikte (that we shall live),
Chief Arvol Looking Horse
19th generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe



**JUNE
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1st Christian Leach
- 5th Carol Irwin
- 6th Sarah Bohannon
- 10th Mariel Montero
- Kira Eby-Martin
- Rachael Ribble-Padalino
- Enedina Vargas
- Ronna Kelley
- 18th Sandra D. Alcalá
- 22nd Aurolyn Luykx



PAGAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP

JUNE EVENTS:

- 10th TAROT
- 19th LITHA/MIDSUMMER - Tina Priestor
- 29th DRUMMING CIRCLE- Lisa McAfee with help from daughter Zoe

The Tarot study group will be meeting on
Thursday JUNE 10, 2010, 7pm.

The group is free and open to everyone -
No experience required. Study is based on
Rider Waite; however, you can use any
deck you like.

*Queens & Kings are next-and of course,
we will continue reading-practice.*

All events begin at 7pm and childcare is
available **except for drumming
circles/Esbats.**

**DUE TO RECENT FLOODING IN
THE CRANE HOUSE ALL
ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN
UUCEP'S SANCTUARY.**

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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