

EL PASO NUUSLETTER

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Unitarian Universalist Community of El Paso
4425 Byron St. El Paso, TX 79930

President's Message

By Sonia Galindo, UUCEP President 2014

Greetings to all of my UUCEP family, and happy summertime! June is shaping up to be another full month.

One of our busiest groups, the Veteran's Committee, is branching out this month by sponsoring our first Mobile Food Pantry. This is a joint endeavor with El Pasoans Fighting Hunger. Food will be distributed to 100 qualifying families in the 79930 zip code area. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet our neighbors, put our belief in social justice to action, and to serve those who are in need. I urge you to volunteer to help. This is an activity I guarantee you won't regret! I know this because I spent a Saturday morning in May volunteering with the committee at El Pasoans Fighting Hunger. The work was...well...work. It involved lifting, carrying, cleaning and sorting. However, it didn't seem like work. It was time spent with friends, laughing, talking and sharing an activity that you knew would make a tangible difference in someone else's life. Those things make work seem like play, even nourishment for your spirit.

Camp Thunderbird is something that is near and dear to my heart. There are the obvious reasons for it being such a priority to me - it is fun and relaxing. Personally, a vacation that involves no cooking on my part is always a hit. Also, I love being outdoors. But there are more important reasons for my love of camp. Camp Thunderbird allows us to spend time with our friends and family. It allows us the opportunity to get to know members of UU that we might not have gotten to know otherwise. The kids of UU that attend get to spend time with the adults of UU, helping to form a stronger intergenerational community bond. At camp we play, we dance, we read and discuss books, we eat together, and we make ourselves vulnerable by performing in the No Talent Required Talent Show. There is competition (I'm looking at you and Bocce Ball, David Wyatt) and collaboration. For me, there is the sense that I am participating in an important UU tradition.

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It is for these reasons, and many more that I serve on the Thunderboard. We are a hardworking committee, and the planning starts months before camp. I feel the work is important, and do it gladly because I believe in the value of Camp Thunderbird. Indeed, I think it is safe to say that the tradition of Camp Thunderbird helps revitalize and strengthen UUCEP, and is one of the reasons we continue to be an active and vibrant community. If you haven't registered yet, please do so now! If you have never attended, make this your year. You won't regret it.

Finally, don't miss the Quarterly Meeting on Sunday June 29 immediately following the service. This is your opportunity, and indeed your *responsibility*, to participate in the democratic process that governs our Beloved Community. There will be a potluck lunch, so bring your favorite dish, eat and meet with friends, and spend time together before the start of UU Lite.

As always, I am deeply appreciative of this opportunity to serve you.

Sonia Galindo
UUCEP Board President 2014

Sunday Services

June 1

Good Works and Happiness

Presented by Ann Singer

Ann Singer examines the connection between Good Works and Happiness. See how coming to church can make you a happier person and the world a better place.

June 8

Change & Creativity

Presented by Dr. Scott McDonald

Creativity and innovation get a lot of press and receive a good deal of lip service regarding how badly our organizations and country need to embrace the future (to change). We, as individuals, are faced with the need to change -- lose weight, have less stress, learn a new skill -- yet more often than not we will resist change in one way or another. We'll talk about some of our barriers to creativity and change as well as some things we can do to be more successful in our effort to be more creative and change.

June 15

"T" is for Trans

Presented by Victor Santana Melgoza
Diversity Talks trainer, speaker and consultant

The "T" at the end of the alphabet soup of letters representing the queer community has long been treated as the unrecognized stepchild of the group. The transgender population has also had to endure prejudices not only from straight and cisgender people, but also gay, lesbian and bisexual members of their proverbial family.

June 22

Forum on Education

Presented by Janet Kincaid

As UU's our 3rd & 4th principles encourage us to be responsible learners and divergent thinkers when discussing complex issues that affect young and old alike. Thus, this service will take an in-depth look at our current educational system through the eyes of educators, parents, and students. Forum to follow. Please see Kathy Anderson or Janet Kincaid if you would like to be a part of the worship service or forum.

June 29

Bob Dylan: An Enigma

Presented by David Larson

David Larson and friends will take a musical look at the puzzling aspects of Bob Dylan's songwriting.

It's not too late to register for Camp Thunderbird 2014!!!!!!



But, time IS running out!



Camp starts July 3rd!

Registration and forms are online now, or contact Joe Knapka!

<http://www.uuelpaso.org/brochure-forms-children-10-under.pdf>

UUCEP's Pagan Spirituality Group

June

14th From 6-9 pm in Las Cruces

Fundraiser for the Las Cruces Pagan Pride Day event. See flyer and come out and join the fun!

21st @ 4pm Midsummer Celebration

Come celebrate the turning of the wheel & join us as we celebrate Midsummer. This is a potluck event. There will be no childcare as it is a family event.

July

6th @ 2pm Meditation Exercises with Carlos

Come learn a different type of meditation with a bit of scrying. Childcare will be available.

Beginning in July we will start having classes UU Lite on Sundays for those wishing to learn more about Paganism. Time and material for the classes will be determined at the first class on July 6th at 11:45 a.m. these will be a potluck & we will have childcare for the first meeting. Future meetings, will be determined.

UUCEP is a Pagan Friendly and inclusive community. Please come out & see how this place is different on Sundays for service at 10:30 a.m. and come & meet more in the Pagan community that call UUCEP home. We network with other Pagans of all practices through Alamogordo, El Paso & Las Cruces.

You are not alone!



Fairy Frolic & Divination at the **Las Cruces Divini-Tea**

June 14th

6-9 p.m.

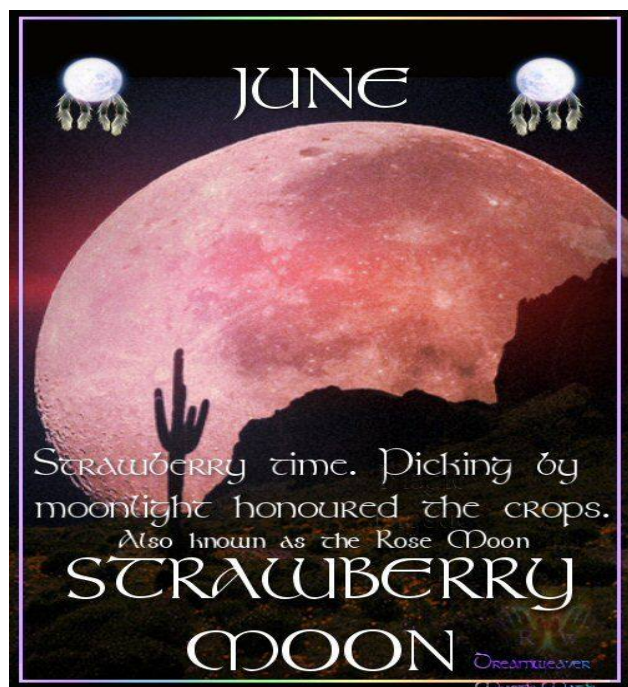
Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces
2000 S. Solano, Las Cruces NM

\$20 per person includes 2 readings,
Refreshments & entertainment.

Come join in the
Midsummer celebration!

Pre-sale tickets now available through Tina Priester

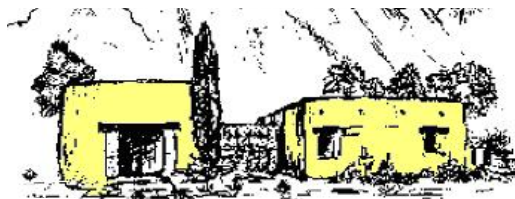
Fundraiser for Las Cruces Pagan Pride. For entertainment purposes only.





YOGA

at the Unitarian Universalist
Community of El Paso



John Kuberka, Instructor
'Traveling Eastward Across the Ocean'

~ Reduce Stress ~ Improve Physical Health ~
~ Balance Emotions ~ Uplift the Spirit ~

Email: johnkuberka@hotmail.com

Wear comfortable, non-binding clothes for bending and stretching.
Do not eat before class. No experience is necessary, no equipment is required.

Class Schedule (Classes are held in the Sanctuary)

Tuesdays 11:30am-12:30pm AND 6:00pm-7:00pm (New Class!)

Wednesdays 10:00am-11:30am Thursdays 10:00am-11:15pm

Fee Schedule Please go to <http://www.mergebodymindspirit.net/YogaClasses.FEES>

2nd Sunday's Pizza & Cleaning Party

June 15th

This will happen after the service and each month there will be a project selected for that month that needs attention.

For this month's project, please watch the order of service for details!

SUNDAY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

The Sunday Programs Committee is seeking services. If you are interested in either, please contact us via the UUCEP at uucep@elpaso.org, or see our Sunday Programs Chair, Ann Singer at a service. You need not be a speaker yourself to suggest topics, ideas, or to let us know about speakers or groups in the community. Also, if it will be your first time volunteering as a worship associate, know that we are here to support you with training, script, and support throughout the process.



Hospitality Volunteers Needed



Everyone knows UUs love their food and coffee! We need volunteers to help make it happen!

There are plenty of opportunities to bring snacks, help set up the Sunday feasts, and/or help clean up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet on the table next to the double doors in the sanctuary, or simply contact Marcia Allen or Angela Treadway



OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE & RECEIVE SERVICE

NEED A HAND?

The *Caring Committee* at UUCEP is alive & well!

If you have concerns for yourself or for others; or if you need a ride to services, please call the UUCEP office at 562-4001; or call Ann Singer at 915-755-6818. We will do our best to see that you are taken care of.

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.

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

Food Bank

Place donations in the clear box with a blue lid next to the Sanctuary information table. Food is donated to the Missouri Street Shelter.

Flowers & Music

For opportunities to help provide flowers or music please call 562-4001.

Recycling at the Community

El Paso recycles not only paper, but also cardboard, junk mail, plastic containers, cans, and aluminum foil. We now have recycling pickup at the Community! When we have community events, please place recyclables in the blue bin outside.

Program Council

The next meeting date will be announced. These meetings are open to anyone wishing to be more active in our community

We have set up email addresses for board members and committee chairpersons that are forwarded to the individual holding that position. The following email addresses have been set up. The recipient(s) can easily be changed when a new person holds that position. We can add other board members and committee chair persons if they are interested. Please contact Pat White.

nuusletter@uuelpaso.org which goes to the office

pres@uuelpaso.org which goes to Sonia Galindo

treas@uuelpaso.org which goes to Pat White

tbird@uuelpaso.org which goes to Joe Knapka

tboard@uuelpaso.org which goes to all Thunderboard members

uucepboard@uuelpaso.org which goes to all board members

pagangroup@uuelpaso.org which goes to Tina Priester

sundayprograms@uuelpaso.org which goes to the Sunday Program committee

cyre@uuelpaso.org which goes to Janet Kincaid

dyre@uuelpaso.org which goes to Cemelli de Aztlan

veterans@uuelpaso.org which goes to Steve Mills and Heather Furr for the Veterans Committee



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<i>Christian Leach</i>	<i>6/01</i>
<i>Carol Irwin</i>	<i>6/05</i>
<i>Sarah Bohannon</i>	<i>6/06</i>
<i>Dusty Baker Adamson</i>	<i>6/09</i>
<i>Ronna Kelley</i>	<i>6/10</i>
<i>Mariel Montero</i>	<i>6/10</i>
<i>Enedina Vargas</i>	<i>6/10</i>
<i>Sandra Alcala</i>	<i>6/18</i>
<i>Aurolyn Luykx</i>	<i>6/22</i>

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

QUUest Camp

Dates: **July 6th-12th, 2014** at La Foret, Colorado Springs, CO

Please [click here for information and registration](#). Final Registration Deadline: **June 1, 2014**.

- [Click here to find out all about this summer camp for HIGH SCHOOL youth.](#)
- Download the QUUest Camp brochure (PDF): [Quuest Brochure 2014](#)
- Apply for a [Scholarship to attend QUUest](#).
- For the **Middle School Camp**, [Spirit QUUest, please click here](#).

SABBATICAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NANCY BOWEN

Friends,

One of the privileges of working for the Unitarian Universalist Association is their policy of granting staff regular sabbatical leave. Every seven years we are offered 13 weeks of sabbatical for study, professional development and reflection. As I complete nine years of service in MDD I will be on sabbatical **between May 18 and August 11**. I will be exploring effective organizational change methods to support our four Pacific Western Districts and codify our collaborative work together.

If you need congregational services during this time please contact Rev. Deborah Holder. She will be able to access all of the Pacific Western Regional staff to meet your needs. You can reach Deb at dholder@uua.org or at 303-625-3979.

Our able administrator, Melanie Buck, will be in the office all summer - save some brief family vacation time. You can reach her at mbuck@uua.org or 303-756-1378 or 303-946-4105.

If you have an emergency and call me I will gladly respond. There are no sabbaticals in a crisis. Thank you for the privilege of a sabbatical and your mutual support during this time.

Rev. Nancy Bowen, MDD Executive
Pacific Western Regional Lead.

The **Board of Trustees** meetings will be announced. 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.

Finance Committee

Our pledge drive total is currently 44 pledges totaling \$49, 571.00. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please contact Nick Emerick or Pat White.

Service Auction

So far, we have received \$1217.00 from the Service Auction. Several people have not yet paid for the items they bid on successfully. Please do so. Check with Nick Emerick to see if there are items of interest to you still available.

Albertsons Card

Our latest check from Albertson's was for \$100.18. If you need a card contact Nick Emerick or Pat White.

Membership Committee Chair: Janine Peters

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 that can be found in the packet provided by the Greeter and on the shelves near the entrance to the hall. Place your card 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.



Mon:
Closed
Tues: 10-2
Wed: 1-5
Thurs: 10-2
Fri: 1-5

Address Changes:

Anytime you move, change your phone number or your email address; please let Judith, our office administrator, know so she can update our records and the directory.

Orders of Service and Bulletin:

Announcements need to be submitted to Judith no later than Wednesday of that week either by calling 915-562-4001 or emailing uucep@uelpaso.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.

Children and Youth Religious Education

Dear UUCEP,

For the month of June the UU Youth will be exploring mystery. As children, life is such a mystery! That mystery drives our curiosity, our sense of adventure, and our thirst for knowledge. As a community that is committed to making this world a better place, what better place to start than with the youth. Through connecting with the youth, guiding them, teaching them and being in community with them, we help them unearth the mystery of humanity. As a child, my father told me that whenever I saw a hummingbird it meant that he was thinking of me. Through that teaching- that gift of mystery- I found companionship, connectedness with nature and a loving curiosity of the mystery that is life. In that moment when a child's curiosity is allowed to explore- silently guided and unnoticably tended to, we plant seeds- visionary seeds of a hopeful future.



**"Religion begins with experience,
not with words."**

At times, those seeds seem to stall and we grow anxious for them to sprout, but we should reflect during those most potent times, when we, in our own child-like curiosity learned a deep lesson, a reflective light of truth, an answer to a piece of the mystery- when we experienced life's wonders. Speechless, without words, we learned the deepest lessons of life, not by some directive explanation or authoritative teaching, but rather, by living and learning. Take a moment to allow the mystery of life's forces overcome you, remember the child in you, and embrace the journey of life.

In exploring the mystery that life is, the UU Youth will participate in art activities that are intended to engage the unknown. Questions about life forces and circumstances will be the topic of our circle time conversations. We will discover our own spirit animals and learn how to create meaning and deepen our understanding of our own complexities. As we journey the maze-like path of mystery, we will seek comfort in unity, compassion in crisis, and solace in creation.

As always, it is an honor to serve as the DRE for the UU Community, as we, together, tend to the growing minds and spirits our youth. Please connect with me if you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time with the CYRE program.

-Cemelli de Aztlán, MDiv

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

El Paso Punk Rock Flea Market

On Sunday, June 1 Food Not Bombs and the Social Justice Committee will have a booth at the El Paso Punk Rock Flea Market. So please stop by between 10 AM and 5 PM at 10280 Montana and find out about Food Not Bombs and other cool stuff.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Social Justice Committee will be meeting after Sunday services on June 15. Before then, we will be marching with several other churches as part of the ecumenical

El Paso Religious Folks Standing for Love at the annual Sun City Pride Parade!

Date: Saturday, June 7th

Time: 10am

Location: The parade begins at Houston Park (900 Montana Ave, 79902) and concludes at Pride Square (500 N Stanton)

THE EL PASO PUNK ROCK FLEA MARKET

is inviting you to

“Help Out Our Gente”

Sunday,
June 1st
10280
Montana
10a-5p
at
The
Eskimo Hut



Donation boxes will be placed in front of vendor booths and you will receive a button with each donation !!



We will be accepting the following:

- . Un-opened diapers, wipes, bottles, over-the-counter children's medicine, toys, clothing and any other type of hygiene or child care product.
 - . Gently used women's professional business attire.
- Anything you donate will go directly to The Child Crisis Center or the Battered Women's Shelter.

www.facebook.com/elpasopunkrockfleamarket



In other news, we had a really nice dinner with the residents of Villa Maria Women's Shelter on May 18. I'd like to thank all who contributed but especially Oscar Morales' mom Alicia for making the chicken enchiladas and Heather Furr for cooking the beans. If you'd like more information, please contact John Pearson at jpears_qc@yahoo.com or Janet Kincaid (915-539-8851).

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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.