

EL PASO NUUSLETTER

May 2014



*Unitarian Universalist Community of El Paso
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President's Message

By Sonia Galindo, UUCEP President 2014

In preparation for this month's column, I wanted to comment on May's Touchstone theme - Truth. As you already know, our fourth principle is "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning", but if you are like me, you may not have given much thought to the ramifications of this principle. Truth can mean different things to each person. We also have universal truths, personal truths, scientific truths, and so on. In writing of the meeting house, New England home to our religious tradition, Unitarian Universalist minister Kenneth Patton affirmed that, "It is a house of truth-seeking, where scientists can encourage devotion to their quest, where mystics can abide in a community if seekers." For us, science and religion are both valuable and venerated tools for truth-seeking; complimentary, not contradictory.

If we needed further reinforcement of the importance of renewing our personal and community commitment to our fourth principle, I learned that May 3rd is World Press Freedom Day, May 4th is Renewal Day, and May 28th is Amnesty International Day. Also, May 14th is Dance Like a Chicken Day and May 16th is National Sea Monkey Day; but I just threw these last two in to see if you're paying attention!

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This month we will carry the theme of Truth through our Sunday Programs, through our CYRE activities, and hopefully through our own personal activities. Examine what you believe are truths, look for new levels of truth, and be willing to discard old "truths" that no longer serve you.

This will be another busy and fun month. The Thunderboard is ramping up their preparations for Camp Thunderbird, so don't forget to register. The CYRE will be providing our annual Mother's Day Sunday Program. There will be opportunities to volunteer and socialize throughout the month. Don't miss any of them!!!

As always, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Sonia Galindo

Sunday Services

May 4

One Truth, Many Truths... Any Truths?

by Reverend Joshua Mason Pawalek

Presented by Sonia Galindo

One truth; many truths...or are there any truths? Could it be that what passes for truth is simply our deep-seated emotional loyalties rooted in family, religion, culture and politics and sustained by reasoning designed only to win arguments? This Sunday we will examine our understanding of Truth and search for the One Truth.

May 11

Mother's Day

**Presented by the CRYE Program
w/Cemelli de Aztlan**

"The Heart of a Mother"- Come and join us in celebrating Mother's Day as the children and teens tell what they believe a mother is and will always will be.

May 18

Homeless Heroes of El Paso

Presented by Justin Treadway

Join Justin as he presents a personal approach to the Homeless Veterans of El Paso and what we can do as a community to help those who want help.

May 25

Animal Blessing

Presented by



IT IS ALMOST TIME!

CAMP THUNDERBIRD 2014

IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

JULY 3RD – 8TH

DON'T MISS ALL THE FUN:
WINE & CHEESE PAIRING CONTEST
BOOK DISCUSSIONS
FIRECRACKER FLING DANCE
NO TALENT REQUIRED TALENT SHOW
HIKING
FIRECRACKER FUN RUN
AND MUCH MORE (OR LESS IF YOU PREFER)!!!!!!!!!!!!

REGISTER ONLINE BY MAY 31ST TO AVOID LATE FEES!
SEE JOE KNAPKA OR CHRIS WARD FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

UUCEP's Pagan Spirituality Group



In an effort to help with scheduling difficulties, we will be holding our Pagan Council Meetings online using www.anymeeting.com's free service.

Please message Tina Priester at pagangroup@uuelpaso.org for more information.



Las Cruces Pagan Pride Day Divini-Tea
Sponsored by Paso Del Norte Paranormal Society



FUNDRAISER FOR LAS CRUCES PAGAN PRIDE DAY
at *Ghosts 915 Paranormal Research Center*

108 E. San Antonio

El Paso, TX

915-274-9531

May 3, 2014

1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

\$20 per person

Includes 2 readings, refreshments and entertainment



For a wonderful Beltane experience, the Desert Spirit CUUPS group will be having their annual Maypole dance after the service on Sunday May 4th. Please join them for this special occasion!

Service begins at 10:30 a.m. at 2000 S. Solano, Las Cruces at UUCLC.

May 18th at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall

The Art and Work of Tarot Magick Workshop



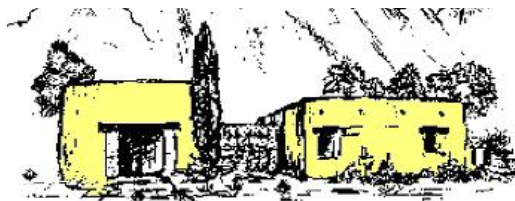
A Tarot deck is the only thing you need for quick and simple (or complex) Magick that works. No need to be an Adept or to master complex ritual operations - Break out that long ignored deck and learn how to put it to use!

Workshop will be by Withincircle's Todd!



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-Canceled in honor of Mother's Day

As discussed at the Quarterly Meeting on March 30, 2014 we will have our 1st Pizza & Cleaning Party on May 11th. But as this falls on Mother's Day, we will skip this month & look forward to June's! If you know of any projects you would like to see worked on, please write them on the clipboard by the office, so it can be added to the list.

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



MAY BIRTHDAYS

<i>Joanne Cook</i>	<i>5/04</i>
<i>Stephen Mills</i>	<i>5/05</i>
<i>Lucius Paladino</i>	<i>5/06</i>
<i>Ann Singer</i>	<i>5/06</i>
<i>Rebecah Alcala</i>	<i>5/10</i>
<i>Robin Witzky</i>	<i>5/13</i>
<i>Tina Priester</i>	<i>5/16</i>
<i>Ellie Witzky</i>	<i>5/22</i>
<i>Bill Day</i>	<i>5/30</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](#).

CHALICE LIGHTERS 2014

The MDD Board and staff wish you a happy and healthy 2014. We remain grateful for your continuing support of the Chalice Lighters Program – an amazing outreach of financial support by individual Unitarian Universalists to our **Chalice Lighters 2014**

The MDD Board and staff wish you a happy and healthy 2014. We remain grateful for your continuing support of the Chalice Lighters Program – an amazing outreach of financial support by individual Unitarian Universalists to our congregations. We have three exciting calls for 2014. That means that we have one additional opening: if your congregation is in need of financial support for an initiative that qualifies for a Chalice Lighter grant, please send an application to the MDD office.

Our first Chalice Lighter call this year is for the exciting new outreach project, **Create Meaning**. Create Meaning is first of all a fully digital/online outreach to spiritual seekers longing for communities of practice. Through an active online presence with website, Twitter, Tumblr, Pinterest, Facebook and Meetup, Create Meaning offers relevant articles, videos, music and face to face opportunities to explore values and practices central to Unitarian Universalism. You may investigate by visiting createmeaning.org. In addition to the significant online presence, Create Meaning provides resources and technical support to local Spiritual Centers in Denver, CO; Los Angeles, CA and Reno, NV. Each of these centers is sponsored by a Unitarian Universalist congregation offering various opportunities for spiritual exploration. Many of you will recognize that Create Meaning is consistent with the Congregations and Beyond initiative launched by our UUA president, the Rev. Peter Morales in recent years. This initiative is open and available to benefit all Unitarian Universalist congregations.

For the past many months Create Meaning has been sustained by volunteer efforts, First Universalist Church Denver, 8 sponsoring congregations and a small grant from the Fund for Unitarian Universalism. It is time to expand that support and the Chalice Lighter grant is an important method of informing MDD members of this important opportunity. Is your congregation a sponsor of Create Meaning? I hope you will consider that as well as send a generous contribution to its continued success.

Please make your **check payable to MDD** and note **Chalice Lighter in the memo section**. If you are willing to make one annual contribution for all four calls it will reduce program costs and increase benefit to congregations. **Please note if your gift is annual (2014 Chalice Lighters), so that Melanie can distribute your contribution equally across all four calls.**

See the [Chalice Lighters page](#) for more information on the program as a whole. Thank you for your contribution to growing Unitarian Universalism in the mountain west!

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.

From the 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.

Albertson's 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,

We are gearing up to get involved! This past month the CYRE program visited the Horizon Health Center for the elderly on Easter. We sang, played Bunny Bingo and passed out Easter baskets filled with love (self-care products) to all the elders there! As we assisted the elders with their Bingo Cards, I encouraged all the kids to place their little hands on the shoulders of each elder. I explained that a simple touch is like medicine and we all have the power of heal. With each little hand, with each little smile, you could see the elders light up!

For this
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information
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month, we are participating in the Punk Market to pass out FREE Burritos and about our UUCEP and Food Not Bombs. have a booth at the Market each month, so connect with me if you have any donations. continue to grow our Social Justice Initiative, important the our youth be exposed to a events and gatherings where they can learn current issues we face. Please try to attend the

March Against Monsanto on Saturday, May 24th @ 11 am @ Mundy Park, 1299 W. Yandell. Hope to see you there!

Also, please join us for our Mother's Day Service, presented by the CYRE Youth. Mothers are the most over worked & underpaid positions in the world. Let's make the world a better place, first and foremost, by taking the time to appreciate our mothers. We wouldn't be here without them. May we always celebrate their power to give us life.

For this month, we will be focusing on TRUTH. As we seek and explore the meaning of TRUTH, we will utilize Howard Zinn's "A People's History" to illustrate that there are multiple perspectives to consider when examining what TRUTH means.



Thank you!

Cemelli de Aztlan, MDiv

“There is a world of difference between truth and facts. Facts can obscure the truth.” – Maya Angelou

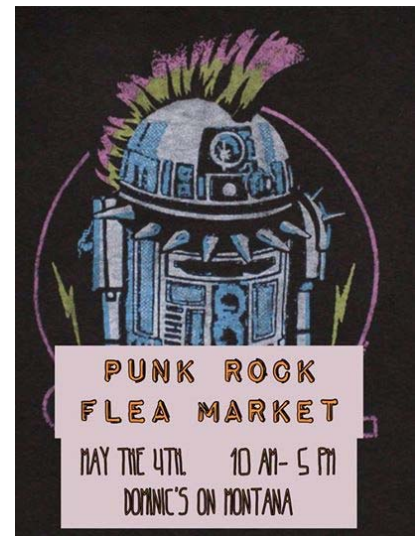
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

El Paso Punk Rock Flea Market

On Sunday, May 4 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 Dominic's Restaurant, 6201 Montana and sample our food (burritos, I think) and find out about Food Not Bombs and other cool stuff.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Social Justice Committee will be meeting at 12 noon on Sunday, May 18 at the Community. We need volunteers to help residents of Villa Maria shelter with their English, and in return maybe they can help some of us with our Spanish. We also need donations of English textbooks geared toward native Spanish speakers, or money to purchase said books. Please contact John Pearson at jpears_qc@yahoo.com.



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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.