

Sky Island Unitarian Universalist Church

Weekly Connections Newsletter

for week of 03/11/18

A Reminder, March 10 Book Discussion

Please join Rev. Linda for a discussion of *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* on Saturday, March 10th, from 10AM - Noon. If you haven't read the book but would like to listen in, you are welcome. There will be an optional lunch out together afterwards for those who wish to continue the conversation.

Sunday Service March 11 @ 10:30AM: *Embracing Daylight*

In this time of year when most of the country marks the coming of Summer by changing their clocks for Daylight Savings time, we gather together to reflect on the passage of time in our lives. Join guest minister Rev. Dylan Doyle-Burke as we ask the questions of: how do we make the most of the daylight we are given? How do we make sense of the many seasons in our lives? How do we react with love and hope when the daylight in our lives is cut short by grief or death? All are welcome for this time of worship and community.

Message: Rev. Dylan Doyle-Burke

Memorial Service for Rita Johnson-Aronna Saturday 3/17 @ 2PM At The Church

There will be a memorial service for long time member, Rita Johnson-Aronna on Saturday March 17 at 2:00 PM.

The Sierra Vista Community Chorus, which Rita was also a member, will have a small group to perform during the service.

Pat Aronna

Sunday Service March 18 @ 10:30AM: *Breakdown/Repair/Balance/Redo*

Living a balanced life is probably a myth. We can approximate balance but it is never steady state. So, perhaps we are better served by savoring the brief moments when balance is achieved, knowing imbalance will come again. We may treat ourselves and others more kindly if we think of balance as a process that we will have to continually engage because life is a series of breakdowns that require repair which leads to balance for a time but will shortly need to be redone.

Message: Kathy Baughman

Bio: Kathy Baughman moved to Arizona in September of 2006 to take a full-time position as a staff chaplain at Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, where she has worked for the past 12 years. She currently serves as the chaplain for the Mayo Cancer Center. At age 50, she transitioned from a long career as a nurse therapist, for children, adolescents and their families, to one as a minister.

She graduated in 2005 from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities; completed a chaplain residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota in 2006; and was ordained to the Unitarian Universalist ministry in 2008 in Topeka, Kansas. She received Board Certification by the Association of Professional Chaplains in 2013. Since 1985, she has been involved with UU congregations in Michigan, Kansas, Minnesota and Arizona. Kathy is a member and Affiliate Minister at the UU Congregation of Phoenix.

Please Note Schedule Change For The Book Discussion: *Daring Democracy*

The book discussion will be only on 3/18 after the Sunday Service, 12:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Bring in your snacks or brown bag lunch and a **covered** drink container. Join us for this timely discussion. Facilitated by Heather Borman and Sharon Travis.

Coming Soon- "Time, Talent & Treasure" Sunday on March 25!

The service on March 25th will be conducted by members of the Stewardship Team. They will be reflecting on the progress made by our congregation, both internally and in the community, since it's founding. They will also be looking to the future and the time, talent and treasure needed to continue our progress.

There will also be an update on the search for a new minister.

This will also be pledge Sunday. Please be thinking of how much of your "treasure" you will be willing to pledge toward the congregation's work during the next year, and the time and talents you have to donate as well.

There will be a catered congregational lunch after the service.

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First Thursday Hikers April 5

Morris and Molly are excited to introduce you to a spectacular road and hike they have recently discovered just north of the Bisbee tunnel. We'll be driving up to the communication towers for panoramic views of over a dozen mountain ranges followed by an easy 2 mile round trip hike to the Stone House Ranch ruins. Meet at 9 am at the church parking lot. If you're coming from Bisbee call to make arrangements for a place to meet. There will be an optional group lunch at the Bisbee Breakfast Club following the hike. Contact Morris or Molly with any questions: mandfar@gmail.com or 604-0981.

**2018 Pacific Western Regional Assembly, April 27-29,
in Portland, Oregon: Registration opens on January 4th**
See bulletin board for more information or click [HERE](#) for the website.

Linda's Letter

Our Soul Matters theme for March is balance. I've told you the story of the recurring dream I had as a young working mother: riding a unicycle on a high wire while simultaneously juggling balls and changing hats! Balance is often thought of in relationship to stress, overwork, busyness, and tiredness.

Our Soul Matters resource asks us to think of balance in different ways: Balance as reassessment, renewal, preparation, and even repentance; balance as restorative re-centering; balance as a matter of remembering, of pausing, and reconnecting; balance as a tipping point to something new just as the Vernal Equinox (the day when we have an equal number of hours of daylight and darkness) gives way to spring. With these thoughts in mind, we are asked: What if the problem is not about being busy and all those balls we're juggling? Could the balance we seek be about connecting who we are inside with how we use our time outside? Are we sure - when we feel a need for balance - that we are overwhelmed, or just out of alignment? Good questions.

I hope that you will think about the different ways of thinking about balance

this month and ask yourself if any are meaningful for you. Are you in need of reassessment, renewal, preparation or even repentance? Would it be helpful to you to spend some time remembering, pausing, or reconnecting? Might your current routine or sense of equilibrium be readying you for something new?

Being a "people of balance" is often the opposite of keeping things calm. In order to move toward a balance of justice, we have to upset the current state of things. Oppressive systems need to be challenged and toppled. We need to sacrifice our calm and comfort, and instead "go all in." Achieving a balance of equality requires us to be purposefully off-balance with our culture, or as Martin Luther King, Jr. said, we need people who are "maladjusted." Being out of sync with "the way things are" is the first step toward a better balance for all. (Soul Matters)

There is much to ponder as we focus on balance this month and what it means to us individually and as a congregation.

Namaste,
Rev. Linda Lawrence

Civic Engagement

The Board would like to encourage civic engagement but requests that all people who bring petitions wait until after Sunday services to have them signed. If you have brought a petition that aligns with UU principles, please remain at the small trapezoid table in the Community Room during coffee hour to answer questions.

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Sunday Services Committee Meeting [Minutes](#) 01/03/18

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Church [CALENDAR](#)

All meetings and events are open to members and friends of the congregation unless otherwise noted.

The current Members/Friends Directory is [HERE](#) 02/23/18. It is password protected. If you need the password contact Terry Z at skyislandchurch@gmail.com.

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Submitting Items for Newsletter, Calendar, Directory, etc.

The deadline for submitting newsletter items is Wednesday at 5PM. For those without email, please place a typed copy in the folder in the wall file holder in the office marked "Newsletter". For directory changes, calendar entries, or for issues with podcasts, the Sky Island UUC website or the office computers, please contact: skyislandchurch@gmail.com

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