
Sky Island Unitarian Universalist Church

Weekly Connections Newsletter

for week of 04/15/18

This congregation affirms and promotes the full participation of persons in all our activities and endeavors without regard to race, color, gender, physical or mental challenge, affectional or sexual orientation, class or national origin.

**Saturday, April 14th, from 10:00-12:00:
Workshop on Nonviolent Communication
In Our Community Room**

Invite Your Friends and Neighbors

Many families, countries, churches, mediators, lawyers, counselors and civic organizations around the world have found the information presented in Nonviolent Communication to be invaluable. The developer of this new way of communicating with one another, Marshall Rosenberg, was a psychotherapist who came to understand that we were creating violence in our relationships worldwide because 5,000 years ago we began thinking that human beings were innately evil and needed to be shamed and punished if they didn't do what was "Right". And what was "Right" and "The Punishment" were determined by the institutions or groups who happened to be "in power or in charge" of our lives.

Marshall believed that human beings are innately good, and that we enjoy connecting with others in a naturally giving way that makes life "more wonderful" for each other. His methods for helping us to overcome some bad habits of communicating with shame and blame and developing good habits that create peace and get everyone's needs met with dignity,

fairness and human empathy are what you are going to learn about in this workshop. As Marshall has said, "These ideas are simple but actually practicing them takes some time, training and discipline."

If you are willing to take a giant step in this direction by learning how to make everyone's lives more wonderful in your communication with them, you will not be disappointed in the result and your quality of life will be greatly improved. This information is especially important for our church relationships and the way we communicate with one another, so we want to encourage many of you to attend this coming Saturday!

The workshop will be followed by a soup lunch.

Much love to all of you.

David Weigel and Lorraine Groberg (your facilitators)

Sunday Service April 15 @ 10:30AM: *Religiously Liberal Political Conservatives: Mythical Beasts or Endangered Species?*

Do you think that all Unitarian Universalists are Democrats or politically "progressive"? Wrong. Why do politically conservative members seek a home in Unitarian Universalist congregations? As, or perhaps more importantly, how does our Covenant of Right Relations apply when it comes to realizing the political differences in our midst?

Message: Rev. Linda Lawrence

**Exploring Membership: Sunday, April 15th from 12:15 to 2:15 PM
(times approximate depending upon # attending)**

If you are interested in learning about Unitarian Universalism, Sky Island UU Church, and what it means to become a member, please join Rev. Linda and some welcoming members after the service on April 15th for a

fun and informative session. Bring a sack lunch or chow down on coffee hour snacks. We'll meet in the sanctuary.

There is no pressure to join, but we hope you'll get your questions answered. If you do decide to become a member of SIUUC, there will be an opportunity to sign the Membership Book. A formal welcome ceremony will take place during the service on May 6th.

See sign up sheet on table below bulletin board in kitchen. Call or email Rev. Linda for questions.

Cochise Pride Club Presents: "The Language We Use": Monday April 16 at 6:30PM

This is an open forum discussion addressing bullying, identity, expression, orientation, gender, coming out and more. Event will be held at the Cochise College Student Union, SV.

Southern AZ Interfaith Meeting Tuesday April 17 @ 330PM

If you are interested in learning about how we might partner with Southern Arizona Interfaith in Cochise County and the Sierra Vista area, you are invited to attend a one hour meeting with their organizers in the Community Room on Tuesday, April 17th, at 3:30 p.m.

Beth will share through story and image, the spiritual and symbolic dimension of hummingbirds, touching on stories that communicate how deeply these little birds have touched people's souls and lifted their spirits. She will conclude with her version of Robert Fulghum's "All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten" entitled "Everything I need to know I learned from Hummingbirds."

Message: Beth Kingsley-Hawkins

Bio: Growing up in New England, Beth is quick to claim her heritage as a

third generation Universalist. She is a music psychotherapist, a nature photographer and owns the Sedona Hummingbird Gallery featuring her spiritual photography of nature, as well as a silver-haired grandmother of five, and an author. She has just published her second hummingbird children's book, Hummy the Magnificent: how a hummingbird learned to read which she will share in the Children's Story for all ages.

Reminder

All the wonderful food that we have for refreshments on Sundays after the services are paid for out of pocket by the social activities volunteers. We are reimbursed from the money put in the donation jar on the refreshment table. So if you like the food, please put your contributions in the donation jar.

Thank you, Sue, Norine, Virginia & Terry

Pledges

If you have a pledge card, please get it to Dave Weigel (our Treasurer) as soon as possible. If you need a pledge card, take one from the back table or let Dave know. So far we have received pledges totaling \$90,044. There are still approximately 14 pledging units that haven't pledged yet. We need about \$20,00 more in pledges to meet our proposed budget of \$110,000. Don't be shy!

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VICaP

Volunteer Interfaith Caregiver Program is a non-profit that strives to assist our senior and disabled neighbors primarily by providing transportation for medical appointments and grocery shopping. VICaP is in need of of volunteers. See bulletin board for more information.

Sign Up Sheets

All of the sign up sheets and all the non-UU pamphlets are now in the kitchen on the table under the bulletin board.

Terry Z

PSWD Chalice Lighters

Our church has been chosen to be the recipient of the grant from the Spring Call from all Chalice Lighters in the Pacific Southwest District. Please consider becoming a Chalice Lighter so that we can receive a larger grant. We will also be asking Chalice Lighters in the other Baja 4 congregations to be extra generous with their spring call donations. You can sign-up to become a Chalice Lighter at [CHALICE](#).

David Weigel

Memorial Day Camping Weekend at SAWUURA

Friday, May 25 - Monday, May 28, 2018

UU 100-acre woods in the Sierra Ancha Wilderness near Young, AZ (about 4 hrs drive from Phoenix). Meals provided. Cost: \$60 per adult, \$25 per child. Registration Deadline: Friday, May 18. Visit [SAWUURA](#) or call Eb 520-622-6966.

Minister: Rev. Linda Lawrence

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Sunday Services: 10:30am

Visit Us on the Web @
www.skyislanduu.org

Click [HERE](#) for Important Links and Recurring Information 01/05/18.

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.

Facebook [PAGE](#)

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

Please do not send to an individual person's email.