

Borderlands Unitarian Universalist



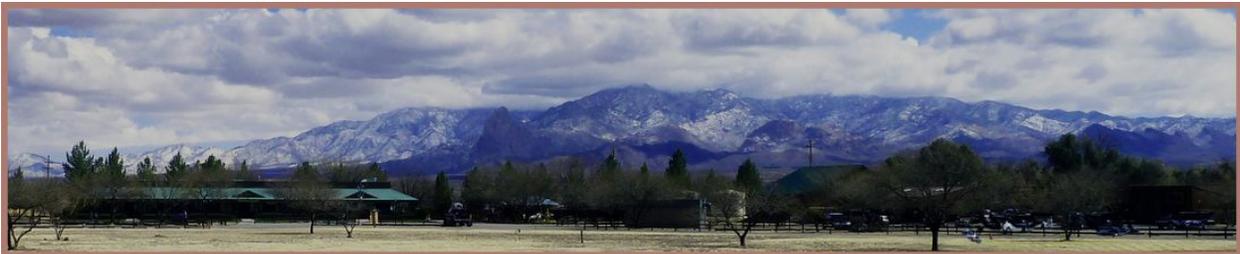
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Nurture Your Spirit, Help Heal Our World

Worship Services, Sundays at 10:00am

<p>September 1 “Nurture Spirit” Rev. Matthew We enter into our new annual theme “Nurture Your Spirit, Help Heal Our World” by exploring the first part</p>	<p>September 8 “The Comma” Rev. Matthew The comma in our annual theme, may be as important as the other parts, come and hear why.</p>
<p>September 15 “Heal World” Rev. Matthew We finish our introduction by engaging the healing that we are and our world so desperately need today.</p>	<p>September 22 “Meaning of Water Communion” As we conclude our water communion ritual, welcoming us back from time apart, we dip deep into its meaning.</p>
<p>September 29 “Pulpitpalooza!” Rev. Bethany It’s time for a pulpit exchange with the UU Church of Tucson’s minister, Rev. Bethany. She will swap with</p>	<p>If you would like to hear the recordings of our worship services you can find links on our UUCAmado.org.</p>

Rev. Matthew this Sunday!

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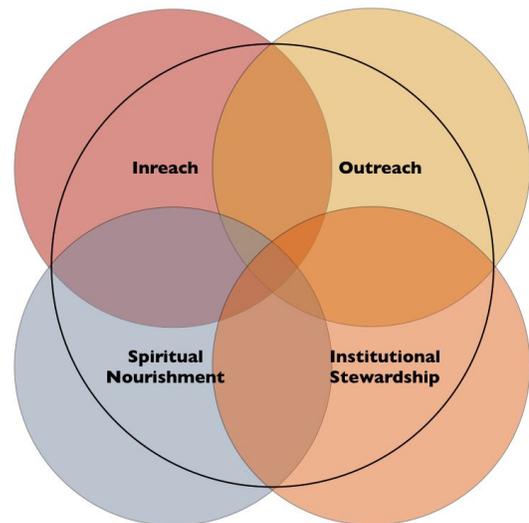
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WE CARE

- for one another through Inreach.
- for our community through Outreach.
- for our souls through Spiritual Nourishment.
- for our church home through Institutional Stewardship.

The organizational structure of our church is based on our gratitude for the four gifts named above. These are our ministries overlapping for our strongest programming and reaching beyond our congregation into our Southern Arizona Community.



We, the Borderlands Unitarian Universalists as a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are

inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As a free congregation we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

Matthew's Ministerial Musings

“This is no time for a casual faith”

- Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Coming back from my month of vacation/study leave/serving at our church camp, it feels as if it is time for Unitarian Universalists to be called off the bench and get into the game. That is, the social, political, military, economic and ecological trauma in our world feels as if it is accelerating and we are being called into a more than casual expression of our faith. Bill McKibben in his most recent book, *Faultline: Has the Human Game Begun to Play Itself Out?*, looks at these accerantants and ponders the endgame for our species. Instead of sitting on the sidelines through these traumatic times, it feels to me as if we Unitarian Universalists are being called to live out our faith in a way we have never been called upon before.

I have been talking with my ministerial colleagues from across the country about how we both engage this call. From some of our biggest congregations in major metropolitan areas to churches like ours that are smaller and more rural, there is a similar feeling that we must tend to our spiritual needs so that we can bring transformation to our local communities. Somewhere in the middle of an online conference call with colleagues, I was reminded of the decade old national ad campaign by the UUA. It was called:

NURTURE Your Spirit.
Help HEAL Our World.

At the time the campaign came out, I loved it. It was inviting and provocative, yet personal and direct. The UUA didn't dictate to our churches how we were going to do this nurturing and healing, but it did expect that we would. I suppose it stuck with me, because I believe that this is the very work Unitarian Universalists are being called to do in these traumatic times: nurture and heal.

Those of you who notice punctuation, will see a difference in how we are going to approach this slogan. I've removed both periods and added a comma. This is because I don't believe these are distinct sentences, but reflections of one single statement. I'll be speaking in much more detail about the first part, the comma, and the last part during the first three Sundays of September.

During those same Sundays we will practice our annual Ingathering ritual, the water communion. On September 1st, 8th, and 15th, you can bring water from any place on your journey and pour it out into our shared vessel as we symbolically come, connect, commit and covenant together once again. On September 22nd we will conclude the nearly month long ritual with a Sunday service crafted by our Worship Arts team exploring the meaning of our water communion.

This long-shared tradition is just one way that we symbolically enact the work of nurturing our spirits and healing our world. We have other means like this ritual within our faith that makes us the right ones to be called upon in the times we currently live. I believe we have many means to care for one another and for those beyond our congregation in our local communities.

“Nurture Your Spirit, Help Heal Our World” arises from the deep resources for care that we have been given by our UU ancestors. It will also flow from voices new to our faith, that envision how we are healers, binding up the broken.

Perhaps it goes without saying, but what we are being called to do will not be an easy task. It will not be accomplished without some struggle and discomfort. We nurture as the means of building our resilience for greater nurturing of our world. We see and heal our broken places to find the means to heal our world.

Called to nurture and heal,

Matthew

Judy's Presidential Thoughts

Dear Congregation and Friends,

We sadly said good-bye to our Dear Leslie Carter as she embarked on her retirement and exciting further adventures. The Board, as the Personnel Committee, discussed what's next. We agreed that forming a planning team which will do a needs assessment of the Congregation will be our first step. They will present their findings to the Board. From there we can proceed when we are sure what our Borderlands Unitarian Universalist current music needs are.

We also agreed that a Jubilee Fund Working Group needs to be formed. As you probably remember, when we sold some land that we owned 2 years ago, we established that 90% of the monies would go to the Endowment fund. 10% was established as a Jubilee Fund. This fund amounts to \$7,782. The agreement was that a group of congregants needs to do a bit of investigating and decide which local organization which does the work that we cannot, but support, receive the funds.

The Board also agreed that it's time for an Audit of the previous church year, and again a team will be formed to perform this task before this fiscal year is finished.

Shortly you may be asked to help with these groups. I sincerely hope that you can give the service needed to get these small, but no doubt interesting and enjoyable tasks done.

The Board has not had a full complement of members all summer so we could not vote without a quorum. We are grateful to Corrine Bartell for joining us on ZOOM, where we could talk with her, see her in England, and she could share her opinion and expertise with us. This helped us move forward and establish the ideas for forming the above groups to move us forward.

So now we can move forward and enjoy our late Monsoon rains and greet our dear winter visitors when they return to us!

In Love,

Judy Harmer

Ways We Connect

Here are several, but not all the ways we invite you to connect.

<p><u>Women’s Bag Lunch</u> 2nd Wednesday at 12:30 Marcia Weary - 520-625-0957</p> <p><u>Religious Exploration</u> 3rd Sunday at 9am (before Church), Fuller Room Contact: George Smith - 425-241-6307</p> <p><u>Santa Rita Chorale</u> Come sing at Sunday morning service. Practices on Friday mornings 10-11:30am Contact: Leslie Carter, Director, lesliecarter87@gmail.com</p> <p><u>Kitchen Wizards</u> Help set up & serve coffee & goodies after each service. Contact: Jim Lund - 612-801-5006</p> <p><u>Circle Suppers</u> Host or be a guest in someone’s home for a simple meal & conversation. Contact: Barb Meshanko - 210-365-4188</p>	<p><u>Potluck Dinners</u> Join in the fun on the 1st Friday at 5pm in the Fuller Room. Also on July 4 and Thanksgiving.</p> <p><u>Art Gallery displays</u> Hang your paintings, quilts or photos for about 3 months. A form is available to fill out your information. You can sell your art and give 20% to UU. Contact: Deanna Brooks – brooks697@outlook.com</p> <p><u>Share the Offering Committee</u> Has 3 – 4 members who each get to know one of the 12 agencies chosen for the year and write a paragraph of information for the Unitel and Bulletin Board. Contact: Deanna Brooks – brooks697@outlook.com</p> <p><u>Concert Series</u> We have 4 concerts each winter on Saturday afternoon. Help sell tickets the day of the concert. Place flyers around town. Contact: Deanna Brooks - brooks697@outlook.com</p> <p><u>Annual Book/Rummage Sale</u> Usually in November. Help setting up, organizing and selling is always needed. Contact: Deanna Brooks - brooks697@outlook.com</p>
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Places We Meet

Remember to contact our office to schedule space for your meetings or rental requests.

<p><u>Sanctuary</u> Our main worship space with multimedia capabilities. Seats 125 comfortably. Entry through our Gallery.</p> <p><u>Gallery</u> The main entrance to our Sanctuary and our most used fellowship area. Equipped with a speaker system.</p> <p><u>Fuller Room</u> Named for Margaret Fuller, a significant woman in our faith’s history, we are finding new uses for this space.</p> <p><u>Carmickle Library</u> Comfortable and resourceful, behind the Fuller room.</p>	<p><u>Administrative Offices</u> Our Minister, Office Manager, and Amado Youth Center all have offices here along with our conference room.</p> <p><u>Meditation Garden & Labyrinth</u> On the northside of our building is our outdoor space for contemplation and reflection in the midst of beautiful flora. Our walking labyrinth is an invitation to inner exploration.</p> <p><u>La Sombrilla</u> On the southside of our building is an outdoor space that we have yet to develop. What can you imagine we develop there?</p>
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Spiritual Nourishment

Caring for Our Souls

"Prayer for Living in Tension"

by Rev. Joseph M. Cherry

If we have any hope of transforming the world and changing ourselves,
we must be

bold enough to step into our discomfort,

brave enough to be clumsy there,

loving enough to forgive ourselves and others.

May we, as a people of faith, be granted the strength to be

so bold,

so brave,

and so loving.



Small Group Ministry Opportunity

Rev. Matthew will be leading a small group ministry exploring the book,

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism.

He is looking for a total of five people to join him in the engagement of *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo closely following the study guide (both published from our UUA's Beacon Press). Participants will be asked to commit to being present and prepared by reading both the book and guide.

During the month of October, there will be six sessions each 90 minutes in length. Each session will start by addressing one chapter, break, and continue by engaging a second chapter.

Please contact Rev. Matthew (minister.borderlandsUU@gmail.com) with questions and interest in participating.

INREACH

Caring for Each Other

Time to Plan for the Annual Book/Bake and Rummage Sale in November:

Check your shelves. The sale will be Friday and Saturday November 16th and 17th. The Amado Chili Cook-Off and our bake sale will be held on Saturday. Check your bookshelves and storage closets. Accepting any book in good condition (though old non-fiction books hard to sell). Rummage items should be clean and usable – no furniture that can't be easily carried and no clothes please. Anything for the kitchen, jewelry, backpacks, frames, yarn, bedding, games, art, Christmas decorations, etc. works. You can bring your books any Sunday and leave in the Fuller Room. Please hold the rummage items until late October since we have no storage space. Left-over rummage items will be donated to the White Elephant and Animal League. Ask for a donation receipt if needed. Any questions contact Deanna at brooks697@cox.net.

New Gallery in September: Seeking your paintings or quilts or framed photos, etc. for a new show going up Sept 22 nd . There is limited space for any table art that can't hang on the wall so check with me. That means the Posters will come down so you should plan to take yours home on Sept 15 th and then plan to use it for a Protest!. If you have art please send me information for display cards – Title, medium used, size, price if for sale and I will confirm. Remember 20% of any sale will go to UU. Thanks, Deanna: brooks697@cox.net

HELP DESIGN A BORDERLANDS T SHIRT: Seeking ideas for a t-shirt design that can be used for fund-raising. Should be simple, say Borderlands UU, and maybe a line drawing of mountain-desert? Should it say something like “seeking justice” or another phrase? I prefer the image on the back but could also have a smaller “borderlands uu” on front. Should t-shirt be white or a color? Leave your ideas in box on Gallery table or email to brooks697@cox.net

UUJAZ ISSUES +
ACTION DAY

OCTOBER
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2019

Tickets go on sale in August
at ujaz.org

**SAVE
THE
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Outreach

Caring for Our Community



SHARE THE OFFERING PROGRAM

Our Share The Offering Program in June donated \$621.00 to Sopori School and in July donated \$401.50 to **Hands of a Friend/Genesis House**. In September 50% of our Sunday collection will be donated to **The Community Food Bank, Green Valley Resource Center**.

The Community Food Bank Green Valley Resource Center is located at 250 East Continental, Green Valley and is open Wednesday – Friday, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Tuesday, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM. The recently renovated building of 1000 square feet has an attractive office, pleasant waiting areas and ample food storage space. The new Manager is Debbie Acuna.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) provides food obtained from USDA, donations from the community and purchased food (fresh produce, eggs, milk etc.) to those in need. The Amado Resource Center, which is supported by the GV Food Bank, has a unique

all-volunteer community garden program which demonstrates and teaches local residents how to grow plants to produce fresh food for Amado clients.

Referral Assistance Program (RAP) - trained volunteers help people find available resources which include rentals, jobs, medical referral and other needs. The phone number for RAP is (520) 625-5252, extension 7505.

CFSP features distribution of Senior Food Boxes. In Arizona 1 in 7 seniors lives in poverty. Help is available by contacting the local Food Bank.

Several events in the recent past have raised donations of both money and food for the local food banks. The annual Mail Carriers Drive raises both cash and many pounds of food. Every year La Posada Java sponsors Summer Friday Night Concerts requesting donations for the Amado and Green Valley Food Banks. The well-attended concerts feature a variety of outstanding music groups. Then there is the **Hunger Walk 2019**. Locally it will begin at La Posada on **Saturday, September 14** with registration at 7 AM and the walk at 8 AM.

FILL OUR RED WAGON!

Sonia Collins



Institutional Stewardship

Caring for our Home

A blast was sent out last week notifying everyone that our new website address is www.borderlandsuu.org.

In wanting to reflect our new name regarding our communication, both the church office and Rev. Matthew have new email addresses and we ask that you start using these new addresses immediately.

To reach the church office the new email address is:

officemanager.borderlandsuu@gmail.com

To reach Rev. Matthew please use:

minister.borderlandsuu@gmail.com

The church phone number has stayed the same: 520-648-0570.

Calendar for September

Friday	9/6	9am	Worship Arts	Mark Room
Friday	9/6	12:00	Staff Meeting	Mark Room
Sunday	9/8	11:00	Lunch Bunch	Firefly Restaurant
Friday	9/6	5pm	First Friday Potluck	Gallery and Fuller Rooms
Tuesday	9/10	10:30	Shared Ministry	Mark Room
Wednesday	9/11	Noon	Bag Lunch	Marcia Weary's home
Tuesday	9/17	1pm	Board Meeting	Mark Room
Thursday	9/26	9am	Program Council	Library