



**Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
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<p><b>Mar 3</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>“Stories from People You May Have Never Heard of!”</b></p> <p>In honor of Black History Month in February, we will hear from Arizonans who are fulfilling their destiny by sharing their culture and passing it on to future generations. Music: Meg Bohrman Coordinator: Eunice Ricklefs</p>
<p><b>Mar 10</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Henry and Marie Flurry</b> return to PUUF to enlighten and entertain us with their wisdom. Coordinator: Glenna Hudson.</p>
<p><b>Mar 17</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Objectification of Women in Advertising</b></p> <p>What it looks like and the damage it creates. Learn how advertisers use women’s (and men’s) bodies to sell products. Coordinator: Sue Tone.</p>
<p><b>Mar 24</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Jane Jones, End of Life Doula</b></p> <p>Jane Jones, studying for certification as a End of Life Doula, will familiarize us with this unique type of Doula and lead us in an activity and worksheet to help us think about our own plans for our end of life. Coordinator: Eunice Ricklefs</p>
<p><b>Mar 31</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Valuing Questions: An Ancient Jewish Tradition</b></p> <p>Jewish tradition values questioning and “wrestling” with important issues and each other for greater insights. What to question – and how – is as helpful now as ever. Speaker: <b>Rabbi Nina Perlmutter</b>. Coordinator: Glenna Hudson.</p>

## Caring Network

If you have any needs, such as shopping, running errands, transportation needs, or other help, or if you just need to talk with someone, please call someone from the Caring Network.

Eunice Ricklefs at 928-771-9559

Marion Pack at 928-642-6788

## PUUF Facilities Available

PUUF facilities are available for use for small gatherings.

Refer to the [PUUF web site](https://puuf.net/facility-rentals), <https://puuf.net/facility-rentals> for rental information.

**Board of Trustees meeting** will be on March 17, 2024, after the Sunday Service.

### PUUF (go to) POINT PERSONS

<b>Archives/Library:</b> <i>Vacant</i>	<b>Membership:</b> Glenna Hudson
<b>Building Maintenance:</b> Dale Hudson	<b>Music:</b> Glenna Hudson
<b>Grounds Maintenance:</b> Al Schober	<b>Caring Committee:</b> <i>Vacant</i>
<b>Programs:</b> Eunice Ricklefs	<b>Social Action:</b> <i>Vacant</i>
<b>Facilities Schedule:</b> Mark Mathewson	<b>UUSC:</b> Eunice Ricklefs
<b>Website:</b> Mark Mathewson	<b>PAWS/PASS:</b> Eunice Ricklefs
<b>Coming Up @ PUUF:</b> Mark Mathewson	<b>Newsletter:</b> Sue Tone
<b>Hospitality:</b> Debra Mathewson	

We have openings for “Point Person” positions if you are interested please contact a board member, thank you.

# PUUF NEWS

March 2024



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## Discover What Makes Us Unique Featuring this month's remarkable PUUF member

*This is a series of newsletter feature articles about PUUF members so we can get to know each other on a deeper more expanded level – before we learn of all the interesting things we wished we knew about before reading the obituary.*



This PUUF member's first ancestor arrived in America from England in 1558 – before the birth of the United States, and certainly preceding the states of Nebraska where she was born and Montana where she grew up and attended the Methodist, then First



Christian, churches.

“My father said that church was where old ladies went to show off their new hat and gossip. He refused to go to church, but did have basic beliefs,” she said.

A comment by her high school history teacher convinced her to discard her remaining religious beliefs. The teacher said both sides in each conflict (studying at the time Israel and Ireland) believed in the same god and both believed god was on their side. “I concluded that deities were something that men made up to make themselves right and give themselves power. I dumped God out the window with baby Jesus in the bath water and never looked back. I declared myself an atheist to my parents. Mom was not happy. Dad didn't care.”

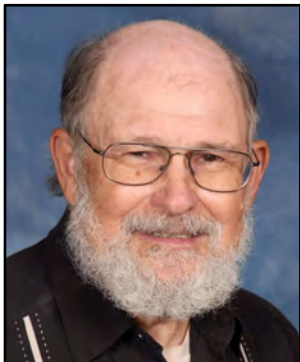
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## Calling all Green Thumbs - Mar 17

Gardeners, please consider staying after the Sunday, March 17, service to help prepare our raised beds for another growing season. We won't be planting until early April (and will appreciate any help then, too), but we do need to pull weeds and dig some steer manure and amendments into the soil, replace drip lines, and check/repair the fencing – those dang wabbits! Add your thoughts to what we might plant for another successful summer's contribution to local food banks.

# PUUF ACTIVITIES

## President's Letter



Hello everyone. Is winter over? It has been near 60 degrees this past week with more temperatures like this predicted. However, some of the biggest snowstorms that Prescott has had were in March, so hang on to your snow shovel. We can still dream of the those warmer springtime temperatures, though.

Here at PUUF, we are humming along with some very interesting programs. Check the Coming Up at PUUF for this month's listings. Again, a huge thanks to the program committee for their work on our services.

Speaking of springtime – and I was – it's almost time to get the garden ready for planting. We are having a garden planning meeting on March 17 after the service for anybody who is interested in helping in the garden. We need to amend the soil with compost and steer manure this year, so we will have a work party soon.

*CC Schuber*

## Yard Sale with Rancho Vista HOA - May 2

PUUF is joining forces with Rancho Vista HOA in organizing a neighborhood garage sale to be held in early May. The sale will be held both at PUUF and in the neighborhood. PUUF members and friends are welcome to bring their items to PUUF and sell their items. We are also looking for help from members and friends to manage the PUUF sale items, setup/tear down, traffic flow, and refreshments.

Stay tuned for more information in the April and May newsletters.



## Morgan Cooper Studio Grand Opening - Apr 1

We all have gotten to know our newest musician, Morgan Cooper, who has provided music and voice on the piano and guitar over the last several months.

Morgan Cooper is celebrating her music lesson business with a Grand Opening of the **Groove Street Theater** on April 1 at 125 Grove Avenue. Morgan is currently offering lessons in piano, voice and guitar. For more information, call Morgan at 808-634-1463.





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Later, Debra Mathewson joined Atheists of Northern Colorado (ANC) where she first heard about Unitarian Universalists. She found similarities between her beliefs and UU principles. "I decided early on to do what I could to help the environment. I've believed for a long time that all people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. I preached it to my children when they were growing up, especially when my son came home from school with some not-too-nice jokes about minorities."

Debra said she was surprised, then angry, when adult friends of her children felt free to interfere in her children's beliefs, even going so far as sending a bible home with them.

"I told myself that there were worse things they could turn out to be than Christians, and let them decide for themselves. They both tried it, but it didn't last long."



Wedding Day

Prior to her 1982 marriage to Mark, Debra earned a BS degree in Nursing from Montana State University because this profession allowed her live in different locales. Her first job was at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, on the rehab unit working with patients who were paralyzed. After a move to Salt Lake City, Utah, she worked on a cancer unit at University of Utah Medical Center, an "interesting place to work."

"We got unusual cases from the Intermountain West. I saw a lot of death and dying there, and it seemed to me that there ought to be a better way to die than in a hospital hooked to tubes and machines," Debra said.

She also traveled, including a month long trip with a friend to Turkey, Israel, Jordan and Egypt. "We were in Cairo in 1981 when Anwar Sadat was assassinated. We found out when we were in a shop and there was a crowd of people glued to the television. We asked what had happened and a man told us Sadat had been shot. They announced his



death the next morning."

She also visited Europe for a month and visited the Berlin Wall while staying with her

sister who was in the Army and stationed in Berlin. Later, with Mark, her trips included Australia, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland, France, and Taiwan.

Her career moved into public health work, then a job at a nursing home in Colorado where some of her patients entered hospice. "I really liked the concept. I quit the nursing home job and got one working for hospice," she said, adding that she stayed with that job until retirement.

A second "career" took place in Tonasket, Washington, where she and Mark trained with the local fire department and became firefighters, and she took on the job of secretary/treasurer.



Deer on our property in Tonasket, WA

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We built multiple burn piles each summer and burned them in the winter, while saving the good wood to heat our home.

“I loved living on the mountain and enjoyed all the wildlife and birds that we saw. We used the principles we learned in firefighting classes to make our 32 acres fire wise.

We bought ATVs to use to get around and haul wood to burn piles. In the winter we set the burn piles on fire.”

When Mark and Debra moved to Prescott, they wanted to join something and decided to look at UU churches. “I had grown tired of the Christian bashing that went on in ANC,” Debra said. They read online about PUUF and GPUUC, and gave PUUF a try as it sounded less spiritual. “We felt very at home and accepted,” she said.



Our first Halloween

Nowadays, gardening, sewing, knitting mittens for the Chino Valley School District, cooking, and volunteering for Hungry Kids once a week during the school year, take up Debra's time – that is, when she is not camping or riding ATVs, watching movies (science fiction, historic dramas, dystopian dramas and rom-coms), or reading her favorite genre of books.

“In third grade, my teacher, Mrs. McKittrick, read us mystery stories every day. I still remember the disappointment when she finished a chapter and we had to wait until the next day to hear more. I was hooked and have been a mystery fan ever since,” she said.

She also cans produce from her garden and fruit trees, a generational family skill. “My mom grew up on a farm in Nebraska and learned to can from her mother. I learned from my mom, and have fond memories of working side by side in the kitchen with her.” She preserves such things as tomato sauce, pear butter, grape jelly and strawberry jam.

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Debra and Mark Mathewson - 2010

Something not everyone is aware of is that Debra signed up for a dating service, the International Marriage Bureau in Salt Lake City. This predated computers and online photos; candidates were interviewed, then hand-matched by bureau employees. Because she planned to move in six months, Debra signed on only for a half-year subscription. "I got my husband for half price. It was the best bargain I ever made," she said.

They even share the same birthday, and alternate years where they choose what kind of cake to make. They take yearly photos to not forget who picked the cake last year!



Same birthday has its advantages.

# PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

## Feb 4: Barbara Jacobsen

Barbara Jacobsen presented her recent travels and humanitarian efforts at the southern border of Arizona and Mexico. Barbara, 72, volunteered with two organizations. Casa Alitas in Tucson offers shelter, necessities and travel assistance to asylum seeking families. These guests arrive for a short stay after their release from Border Patrol and ICE detention. Frontera de Cristo (Catholic Charities and FEMA) in the sister cities of Douglas, Arizona, and Agua Prieta, Sonora, works with ministries and secular organizations to offer shelter, resources, education, emotional support, medical care, and new solutions to those seeking refuge.

Barbara showed photographs and a short video clip along the border wall. The number of migrants has increased, she said. In 2014, Casa



Alita served about 100 people per day. Today

that number is about 1,500 per day. She said Border Patrol is really working to keep families together.

Also of concern is the disruption the border wall causes to wildlife. Barbara shared a video from the Sky Island Alliance and Wildlands Network which shows many types of animals unable to cross through the fence to their habitat. In some cases wildlife had to detour many miles to find an opening in the fence.



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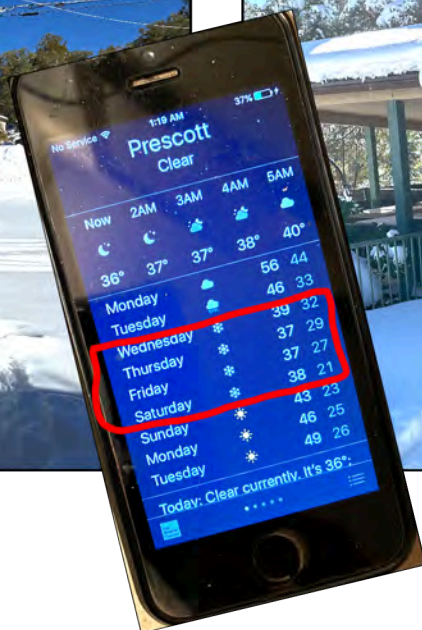
The day's offertory contributions were donated to help these organizations.

Mark Mathewson provided music on his jazz organ that matched the message: *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, *You've Got a Friend*, and *What a Wonderful World*.



## Feb 11: Weather closes PUUF

PUUF Services were canceled on Feb 11 due to several major winter storms during the week prior. Debra and Mark Mathewson came into PUUF to check out the building and shovel a path into the building.



The phone app provided plenty of warning before the storms.



# PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

## Feb 18: Side with Love



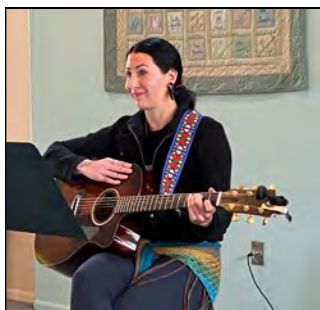
Glenna and Dale Hudson led off their program with a short video from the UUA series Side with Love. Dale read his thought-provoking essay on Walls and Bridges which talked about how walls can keep out or keep in people thought of as “undesirables.” Historically, these included Irish, Germans, Asians, Eastern and Southern Europeans – different groups tarred with the same brush – and structures such as the Great Wall of China, Hadrian’s Wall, Berlin Wall, the West Bank, and the Sunset Laws in southern states of the U.S.

Dale asked what it would look like locally if we had no immigrants, and how to be open to differences in others. Morgan Cooper provided the music.



## Feb 25 - Father Hecker and Catholicism

James Olague wove his life story with his religious beliefs, education, and Catholicism into an interesting presentation on Father Isaac Hecker. James was raised by his great-grandmother (she was born in Mexico during the time of Pancho Villa, and traveled 889 miles to Prescott in 1919), “surrounded and enchanted by Catholicism.” He wrote his Master’s thesis on Father Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers and a charismatic missionary. James also expressed a liking for the simplicity within Unitarian beliefs. He said, “Even with no God, you’re still called to be a Good Person.”



Morgan Cooper provided her skills on the guitar and voice with music for the service.