



**Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
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<p><b>July 7</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Disability and Ableism: More Than Ramps and Sign Language.</b> Julia Watts Belser (she/her) is a rabbi, scholar, spiritual teacher and a longtime activist for disability and gender justice. She is Professor of Jewish Studies and core faculty in the disability studies program at Georgetown University. Additionally, she is on the faculty at Starr King Seminary. The service will run approximately 75 minutes. Coordinator: Glenna Hudson.</p>
<p><b>July 14</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>What Now?</b> Now that UU's at GA have taken a stand for our global warming, the war in Palestine, the status of COVID and other medical care deficiencies and declaring LGBTQ an integral part of our UU Denomination, what now? Reverend Jacqueline Brett, Lead Minister of the Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Durham, North Carolina speaks to us of her perspective on our UU Family. Elements of this service will be from <i>Service of the Living Tradition</i> recorded at GA 2024.</p>
<p><b>July 21</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>A Better Together Potluck Conversation</b> will be facilitated by the Launch Pad program committee. Participants will use their published Guidelines to listen, ask questions, keep an open mind, and share thoughts and feelings in a respectful manner. Coordinator: Sue Tone. Music: Mark Mathewson</p>
<p><b>July 28</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Love Unites, Poetry Ignites – Poetry and Harp Music to Illuminate Article II Values.</b> Join Glenna and Dale Hudson as they bring us poetry inspired by the values adopted at this year's UUA General Assembly. Provide a poem you've selected or offer to read one from the Hudsons' collection. Coordinator: Glenna Hudson. Music: Adrienne Bridgewater and her harp.</p>

**Programs are held at the Fellowship.**

## 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 July 14, 2024, after the 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/Newsletter:</b> Mark Mathewson, 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

July 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.*

Growing up with a mother he describes as “an early feminist” who ran away from home as a young woman and a father who was the “black sheep of the family” yet was able to make a living in many different countries, it's no wonder this PUUF member loves to travel and continues to feed his curiosity on many topics.



He found it difficult to conform to the confines of a Catholic French Boarding school in Turkey where the students included Muslims, Jews, Armenians, and a smaller number of Catholics.

His favorite teacher, Monsieur Gustave, became a role model when he was 13 years old. “He was in his late twenties and taught French Literature with zest and a liberal clarity that was in stark contrast with the formal teaching methods of the religious brothers.”

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## 2024 UUA General Assembly



I appreciate the Fellowship giving me the chance to represent them at this year's **GA, GA 2024 Love Unites, Stories Ignite** a virtual GA.

Though I voted against Article II due to the mandate of our Fellowship, Article II –which has been the focus of the past three years – was adopted.

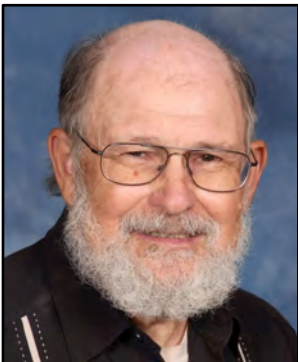
The synopsis written by Granite Peak UUC (at the end of this article) does not include the discussion and amendment to our Business Resolution “Affirming Transgender, Nonbinary, Intersex and Gender

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# PUUF ACTIVITIES

## President's Letter



Hello everyone. Well, the summer heat is definitely upon us this month of June. The rains are showing up early, so some relief is in sight. The garden is growing well with the hope for a great crop this year. Take a look when you are at PUUF on Sundays.

Thanks to Glenna, Dale and Jerry for keeping us updated on the goings on at the UU General Assembly this year.

Ron, Eunice and I attended the send-off party for Reverend Patty on Saturday, June 15. There were many thanks to her for her time at GPUUC, and also many memories of the activities with her and Mary Lou. We wish them a good and peaceful life in Tucson.



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Diverse People as a Fundamental Expression of UU Religious Values” which also passed with an amendment that added support for congregations who are helping those named in the resolution. It was a difficult discussion.

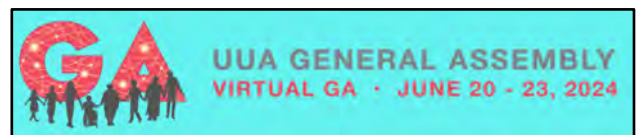
I encourage any of our Fellowship members to attend a GA—next year it will take place in Baltimore. It is an experience that opens your eyes to the many aspects of Unitarian Universalism.

The opportunity to get to know UUs from all over the country and even the world is exhilarating. The exhibit area is filled with booths that enlighten you about UU Jews, UU Pagans, UU Animal Ministry, UU Ministry for Earth, all the seminaries that train our ministers, and the many opportunities to join with UUs in service to various causes throughout the world. The publications area alone with Beacon Press’ latest publications and books written by the Ware lecture speaker and other speakers at workshops is a literary adventure.

Thank you for letting me be your delegate this year and in years past.



*Glenna Hudson*



### From the UUA website June 26, 2024 press release:

UU delegates from all 50 states and Washington, DC participated. 2,757 delegates from 734 congregations participated in voting democratically on denominational business. In total, there were more than 3,400 attendees to the Assembly.

In addition to adopting new core religious values language, UUs considered a Business Resolution offered by the UUA’s Board of Trustees entitled **“Embracing Transgender, Nonbinary and Intersex People is a Fundamental Expression of UU Religious Values.”** The resolution supporting transgender, nonbinary, and intersex people, which required a two-thirds vote by delegates, was approved, with 92 percent of delegates voting to adopt. Business Resolutions are one mechanism by which UUs express their religious beliefs, and once passed, require the UUA to implement as part of the Association’s work. In addition to articulating theological reasons for supporting the rights of transgender, nonbinary, and intersex people, the resolution also enumerates ways that UUs can actively work to further this goal.



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### Report from the GPUCC Delegates:

We, your delegates to the 2024 UUA General Assembly, wanted to let you know the results of this year's critical votes:

- Proposal to revise Article II of the UUA By Laws passed by 80.2%. Here is an article in the UU World about this new statement of our UU Values. Please note that the copy of the Values linked in this article does not include the revision to the the Equity Values which was amended to read, "Equity. We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love and compassion. We covenant to use our time, wisdom, attention, and money to build and sustain fully accessible and inclusive communities." For the text of the AIW and related discussions, see [https://www.uua.org/files/2023-10/a2\\_final\\_line\\_num\\_10312023.pdf](https://www.uua.org/files/2023-10/a2_final_line_num_10312023.pdf).
- Action of Immediate Witness "World on Fire: Humanitarian Work and Climate Change" passed by 95.6%. For the text of the AIW and related discussions, see <https://discuss.uua.org/t/amended-proposed-aiw-world-on-fire-humanitarian-work-and-climate-change/1509>.
- Action of Immediate Witness "Centering Love Amidst the Ongoing Impact of COVID-19" passed by 86.1%. For the text of the AIW and related discussions, see <https://discuss.uua.org/t/amended-proposed-aiw-centering-love-amidst-the-ongoing-impact-of-covid-19/1511>.
- Action of Immediate Witness "Solidarity with Palestinians" passed by 73.5%. For the text of the AIW and related discussions, see <https://discuss.uua.org/t/amended-proposed-aiw-solidarity-with-palestinians/1510>.
- Responsive Resolution: UUA General Assembly Support for October 7 Hostages" passed by 77.0%. For the text of the AIW and related discussions, see <https://discuss.uua.org/t/responsive-resolution-uua-general-assembly-support-for-october-7-hostages/1787>.

Watch for additional information about these items as we move forward.

*Mary Ann Clark, Elayne Hayes, Dawn Korade, 2024 GPUUC GA Delegates*

## PRIDE Picnic

Jim Liebling, left, and Robert Shegog participated in Prescott's PRIDE Picnic Saturday, June 29, 2024, at Granite Creek Park, along with many other community organizations. Jim and Robert are working on expanding the one-day federal MLK Day celebration to four events a year. Watch for more on their progress and plans in later newsletters.



## Pagan Gathering at Granite Peak UUC



July 20, 11-12:30 in the Faith Development Building

Maybe you've attended a theater production of "Dancing at Lughnasa," or maybe just wondered how to pronounce the name of this festival. Traditionally it is held on August 1, to celebrate the first harvest, and is named for the Celtic god Lugh -- warrior, king, and master craftsman. Come learn more about its significance and join us in a Lughnasa ritual.

# PUUF ACTIVITIES

## This Month's PUUF Member *continued from page 3*



1947 - First Girlfriend

In contrast to his early religious upbringing, Andy Reti took on the qualities empathy and compassion he ascribed to his mother, a doctor. From his father, he acquired a love of languages – Andy speaks five – and a love of music and the theater. “He never compromised his principles of honesty, truthfulness, and the value of hard work.”

“My dad had a sensitive nose for sniffing out political troubles to come. When Hitler invaded Austria, my dad said, ‘It’s time to leave!’ He was always able to find new opportunities, as the dark clouds of the economic depression in Central Europe followed him,” Andy said. The family lived in Moscow, Turkey, Venezuela and the United States.

attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on a full scholarship from an oil company to study civil engineering. He said MIT, where he learned English and assimilated quickly, changed his life.

In 1995, Andy and his wife, Jane, moved to Prescott and explored many of the traditional churches in search of a spiritual home. His neighbor and best friend, Larry Kumm, would discuss ethics and religion during regular Saturday morning walks. “Gently, without pressure, he opened the doors of PUUF to me, as a safe place to explore spirituality and dissent,” Andy said. At PUUF he found a warm, welcoming, tolerant congregation, accepting disagreement, and open to his atheistic inclinations.

“I like challenging conventional thinking, and social interactions with creative people with knowledge and experience in new areas,” he said. “I enjoy learning; hence, I am an active member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Yavapai College. There, I have given many classes on using computers in everyday life.”

He and Jane, who passed away in 2022, traveled to more than 24 countries after their retirement.

In his early 20s, Andy arrived in the U.S. to



1949 - Mechanic at National Cash Register Co, Venezuela



1983 - Greece with his Mother



2006 - Alaska



2001 - Forbidden City, Beijing



# PUUF ACTIVITIES

## Helping Women and Children Stay Fed

After a speaker from PAWS – Prescott Area Women’s Shelter (now PASS – Prescott Area Shelter Services – spoke at PUUF one Sunday many years ago, Anne Geoffrion and Eunice Ricklefs coordinated one meal a month for the women, children and volunteers in the shelter.

Originally this occurred on the second Monday of every month, but due to declining membership and fewer people participating, we are now participating in making meals every other month.

Current participants are Eunice, Glenna, Marion and Debra. Debra said when she got involved, Anne was the coordinator. Now, however, Eunice sets the schedule. She rotates everyone around so we all do each section of the meal once or twice during the year.

Two people prepare a main dish large enough to feed 10 people each, one person prepares enough salad for 20 people, and one person prepares a dessert for 20 people. When PUUF members first joined this community project, a lot more people participated and there were two people assigned to main dishes and salads, so both only had to make enough for 10 people.



Anne isn’t sure, but thinks she might have been the one who got PUUF started taking meals. Eunice isn’t sure either, but recalls that Anne was the one who made up the schedule.

Anne said she remembers thinking PUUF “needed more notice-ability,” and so she promoted the program. Neither one remembers when PUUF first got involved. The shelter was opened in December 2007, and Eunice said “we’ve been doing it for years and years and years.”



Please consider joining these four PUUF members’ efforts in helping feed women and children in need. Call Eunice or Debra to offer your time.

## Garden Updates

Al Schober’s “wascally wabbit” fencing looks like it’s working because the PUUF Community Garden has tomatoes, peppers and zucchinis ripening on healthy plants. It also seems that no deer have breached the fences to dine on the garden either.



Recent monsoon rains are providing nutrients to the soil, and Lesley Schuler and PUUF people are providing upkeep and labor.



# PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

## June 2: New Principles Counterpoint

Glenna Hudson and Jerry Matiatos presented their understanding and perspectives on the proposed new principles that will be voted on at the General Assembly later this month. A majority of PUUF attendees indicated a preference for keeping the current principles. Mark Mathewson added to the service with his piano skills.

See the General Assembly voting results starting on page 3.



## June 9: Finding Your Center

Lesley Schuler, creator of the PUUF labyrinth – it was the one-year anniversary of the labyrinth – explained some history and instructions for mindful meditation, and then put into practice with the audience.

Adrienne Bridgewater brought her Troubadour harp to this service, which had a gorgeous quality despite its smaller size.





# PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

## June 16: Rev. Patty Willis

PUUF members attended Rev. Patty Willis' final sermon at Granite Peak UUC. Several members also celebrated Rev. Patty the day prior at a party and dance at GPUUC. Her service Sunday, Father's Day, was about fathers who fought in war.



## June 23: UUA GA - Celebrating Connections

A small group attended this service to watch the virtual UUA General Assembly message "Celebrating Connections." Glenna noted that she'd like to learn and teach a song or two from the presentation to teach us during a future Sunday service. One of them might be "First we learn to mend. Then we learn to weave."



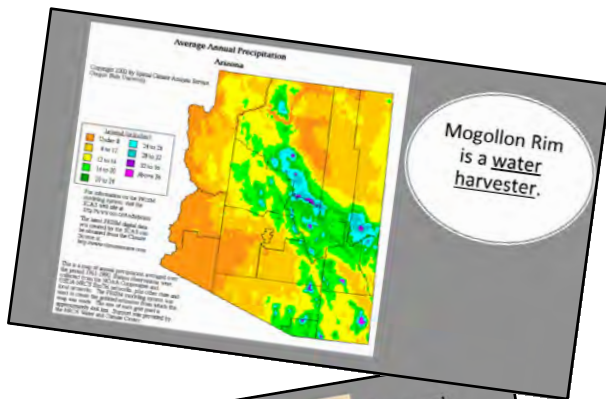
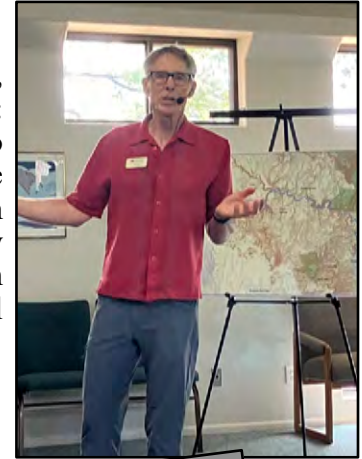


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## June 30: Green Guardians

**Bob Ellis**, executive director with the Natural History Institute in Prescott, spoke on the Verde River and the current NHI exhibit, **Green Guardians: Artists Standing Strong for the Verde**. Throughout his talk, Bob referred to the Mogollon Highlands Ecoregion in which we live as “a special place.” The Verde River, which extends 194 miles, is special for its bi-modal precipitation pattern (rain showers materialize twice a year), biodiversity, cultural history as a center for trade, and recreational opportunities. Bob is involved with efforts to designate the Verde as a Wild and Scenic River with the federal government, a process that can take 10 years or more.

Sue Daniel and Bev Worthman provided the music for the service.



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