



Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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<p>Feb 2 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>Weaving the Threads of Connection</p> <p>Join musicians Maria and Henry Flurry as we discover and shape a shared experience that makes us stronger. Music is calming, inspiring. It's the soundtrack we cook to. It's the concert we look forward to. It's the shared, "Ahhhh!" moment.</p>
<p>Feb 9 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>Letting Life and Our Divine Truths Guide Us Through the Great Turning</p> <p>What does it mean for us to truly feel what is happening in this movement, without completely drowning in despair. How can the truths that our living bodies share with us guide us towards one another, towards a more loving world. Juniper aka Anna Flurry will share with us her perspective on this.</p>
<p>Feb 16 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>The Story Within the Presidential Rankings</p> <p>PUUF Member Sue Tone will speak about criteria and results of presidential rankings from a variety of sources. Join her in creating your own ranking on how historic and more recent presidents fulfilled their job. Music: Tom and Christa Agostino.</p>
<p>Feb 23 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>Black History Month</p> <p>What does Black History Month mean to the history of UUs and to the history of the Quad City Area. Find out from the point of view of a Black person growing up in this area and one who walked out of a UU General Assembly in 1969. Music: Mark Mathewson</p>

Programs are held at the Fellowship, except as noted.

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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 Committee.

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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 February 2 after the Sunday Service.

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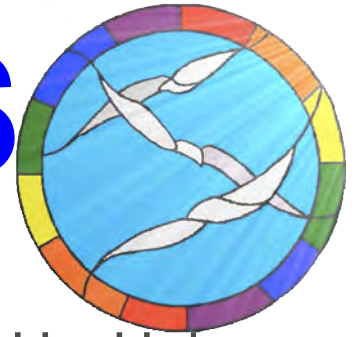
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PUUF NEWS

February 2025



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

This is a series of newsletter feature articles about PUUF friends and 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.



Although she left the religion she was raised with at age 17, this PUUF friend acknowledges that the Jehovah's Witnesses, an "activist" religion, taught her skills she continues to use well into adulthood. At age 5, she was knocking on doors and passing out leaflets; public speaking came a little later. Just as Jehovah's Witnesses are conscientious objectors, this person also protested the Vietnam War.

"It was a good background for somebody who became a peace activist," she said, adding that she had lots of practice speaking up for herself all through school in order to explain why she didn't say the Pledge of Allegiance (Witnesses' lives are pledged to God, not a country), or celebrate birthdays, or national and religious holidays. Her parents and a younger sister continued with the Witnesses; a younger brother did not.

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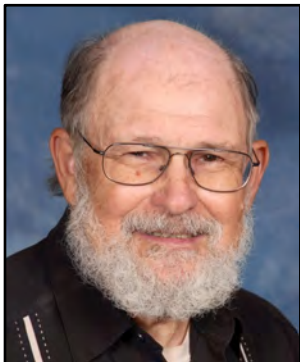
Sparky's Celebration of Life - Feb 1

We will celebrate the amazing life of Sparky, the miniature horse, who visited PUUF for Blessing of the Animals Day in 2023. Join Sparky's owner, Joann Bremer, at PUUF from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, to pay tribute to this amazing friend and to enjoy a slide show of Sparky's many adventures.



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President's Letter

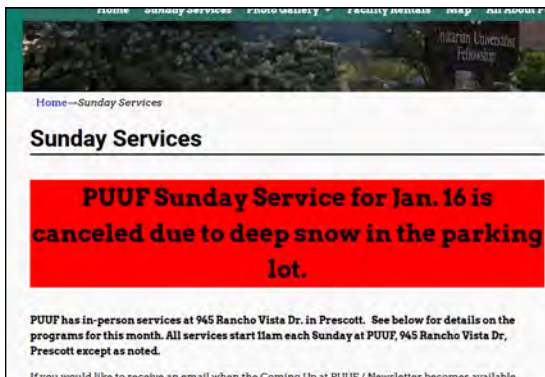


Hello everybody. Winter, at least the cold part, has arrived. As I write this, there is a prediction for rain and snow this last week of January. Let's hope that is correct as we really need the moisture. As a reminder that on Sunday morning if you are uncertain because of snowy conditions whether PUUF will be holding services, please check out website, puuf.net for any announcement as to closures.

Now on a personal note, I passed a milestone on Jan. 1 that sort of crept up on me. It has been 25 years since I gave up drinking alcohol! As I have met many people throughout my life who have battled alcohol, I realize that I am one of the fortunate ones who have done without, as it had the possibility of causing trouble in my life.



Watch for PUUF Snow Closure Alerts



Visit [PUUF's Sunday Service web page](#) on Sunday mornings after 9 am to find out if we are closed due to snow conditions. A red banner will be shown in the event of closure.

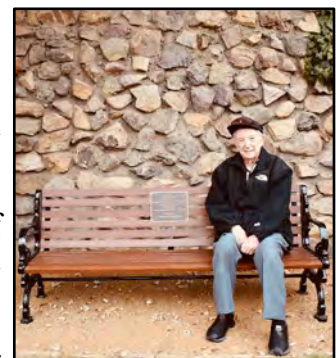
Last year we closed just one day due to snow conditions; in 2023 we closed twice.

Just a reminder: PUUF does not perform parking lot snow removal so please wear appropriate footwear.

Jane Reti "Chat Bench" Dedication



Join us on **Saturday, March 8, from 12 to 2 p.m.** for a delightful light luncheon at the **Sharlot Hall Museum**. All PUUF members are warmly invited to celebrate the installation of the **Jane Reti Memorial Bench** near the rose garden. This special bench, generously donated by her husband, Andy Reti, is dedicated in loving memory of Jane Reti. Known as the "Chat Bench," it is designed to encourage conversations and connections.



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Marion Pack singing during her arrest for blocking the doors of a Federal building in 1990 as a statement of opposition to sending U.S. military into Kosovo. This photo made the front page of the Orange County Register, a California newspaper, and is Marion's all-time favorite.



An anti-nuclear power protest with Alliance for Survival

Activist Marion Pack has been arrested 17 times. The most recent was in March 2017 in Prescott when she and others blocked Gurley Street while protesting against then President Trump and the Republican Party's attempt to overturn the 2010 Affordable Care Act. The Prescott Daily Courier ran a photo of protesters and spoke to Marion, writing this: "(Marion) Pack is part of a statewide progressive community action group called Arizona Indivisible. The organization put out a "red alert" action call on Monday, March 20, to encourage a larger attendance at

this week's Resist Trump Tuesdays demonstrations, such as the one that has been taking place in downtown Prescott near Representative Paul Gosar's office for the past two months.

"This is the first red alert and we expect with Donald Trump being in the White House there will be many more," Pack said.

Later the judge came down to the jail to talk to the protesters. "He said he'd let us go if we promised not to do it again."

Marion was married at 16 and divorced by 18. Her early marriage – a "teenage mistake" – was a means to get out of the house, and it took her to Germany as her husband was serving in the Army.

Jehovah's Witnesses also do not participate in government and don't vote, so it wasn't until she was 28 years old that Marion became active in political protests when a nuclear power plant was built seven miles from her home in Ohio. She thought, "I don't like this. Somebody should be doing something about it." So she began with phone calls, meetings, visits to City Hall, and then participating in demonstrations. Because of her and other's efforts, plans for building two reactors were dropped to building just one.

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Marion was attending meetings (for a nuclear freeze) at a UU church in Anaheim, Calif., when someone told her, if you want volunteers, ask the Unitarian Universalists. Of the two nearby UU churches, she picked the one that was lay-led. "And that's why I chose PUUF," she said.

Traveling got into her blood early when she shared the front seat on car trips and learned to read maps. Her first trip to India was by herself when her traveling companion baled on her while they were in Nepal in 1998. "That was the best thing that happened. I got to meet all kinds of people," Marion said. She's taken 15 trips to the country (her husband John accompanied her on three trips); she tries to visit every two years or so.



Engagement photo, Marion and John



Marion with two of her three daughters



Marion with a friendly snake in India



John and Marion in the mid-1990s

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She's also traveled to Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Brazil, Turkey, Italy, Greece, Egypt and Jordan; her favorite capital city is Prague. For now, though, she is at home in a modified geodesic dome house with John and a multitude of happy houseplants. Oddly enough, Marion collects Japanese sake and tea sets, but has never been to Japan!



Marion in Darjeeling, Nepal



Hope Independence award for Super Volunteer given by the Yavapai Democratic Party



Spirit House from Thailand keeps evil spirits away



Some of Marion's sake and tea set collection

June Ruth's Legacy Continues

Many of you know the late June Ruth bequeathed a substantial amount of money to PUUF. Did you know she also left \$217,000 to the Hungry Kids Project at Prescott Unified School District? This will benefit students on weekends for the next 12 to 15 years. We miss seeing June's smile and her presence at Sunday services.



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Get Your Girl Scout Cookies



Girl Scout cookies are back. Buy directly from Glenna Hudson or give her your order and she will deliver to you the following Sunday. Glenna reports that prices have gone up by \$1 per box.



Where have you gone, J.J.?

Many of you have wondered why J.J. hadn't attended PUUF services in the last month, especially since he attended practically every week previously. Eunice Ricklefs received a letter from J.J. this week which she shared with the congregation. This is a great example of an individual caring about PUUF and PUUF communities' influence on the individual.

Hi there Eunice, it's J.J. I hope that you and everyone there at PUUF are doing well. Gosh I am so sorry to tell you that I moved back to Flagstaff. It was sudden and for that reason, I was not able to say goodbye to you all. Your fellowship there really brought joy to my heart, and built courage in my mind. However way the universe guides me in this thing we call life, I will always remember you all. Thank you so much, and better believe if I'm ever in Prescott, I will come pay a visit.

Share and appreciate love, always, J.J.

Celtic & More Jam

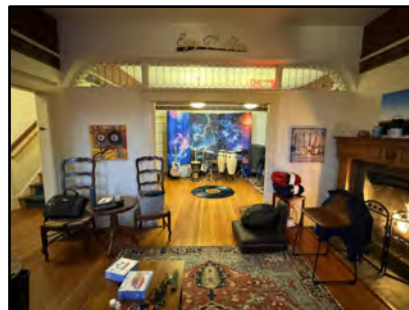
Celtic & More Jam takes place on the third Saturday of the month, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Granite Mountain Distillery, 400 N. Washington, Prescott. Sessions are open to all musicians and include bluegrass, country, and old time fiddle and mountain music. Join them this month on Feb. 15.

Music at Gypsy's Bakery

Music performances at Gypsy's Bakery occurs from 12-2 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month at Gypsy's Bakery, 220 W. Goodwin St. Ste. 1, Prescott (Old Firehouse Plaza). Feb. 1 features singer/songwriter Robert Johnson. March 1 showcases BC Cameron with original tunes, humor and stories. **The Robertson Sisters perform April 5.**

Morgan Cooper "Open Mic"

Morgan Cooper hosts an "Open Mic" at "The Groove Theater" studio at 125 Grove Avenue the first Saturday of the month from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Call 203-561-8314 for further information.



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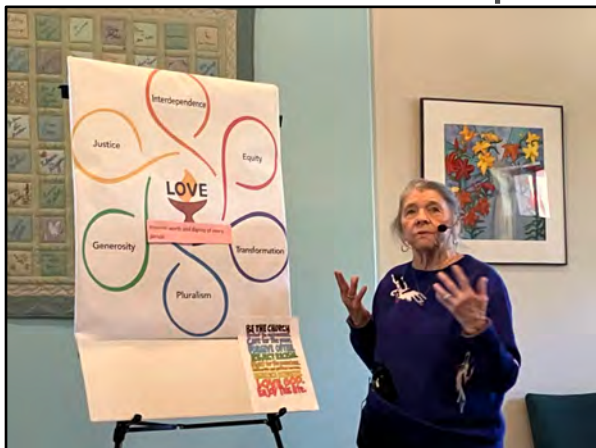
Jan 5: Love at the Center



Glenna Hudson coordinated UUA President Susan Fredrick Gray's sermon via video. Gray spoke about UU's belief that "love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our core values." Love is never singular; it is an active word that speaks to a person's relationship to something else. She encourages us to lean into love and practice it in our community. Musician Brian LaChance provided his songs and guitar skills via his CD titled Gospel Guitars.



Jan 12: The Principles within the Article II Flower



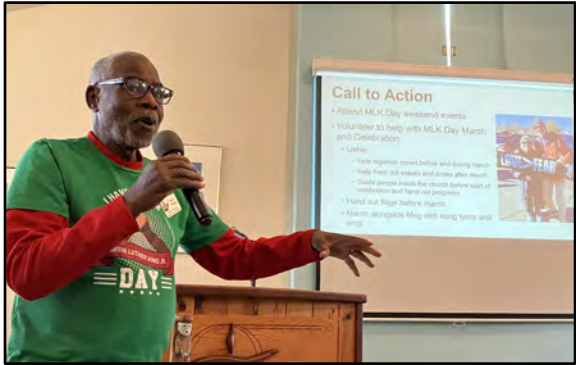
Glenna Hudson led a second discussion on how to combine the Seven UU Principles – and maybe an eighth – with the "flower petal" symbol that was adopted in last year's Article II. She asked which principle best fits which petal/word, and where would the eighth principle be placed (and worded).

Tess and Mykael Barnes provided music for the service.



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Jan. 19: MLK Day of Service



Two members of the MLK Peace and Justice Committee, Robert Shegog and Jim Helbling, reminded us of how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s actions impacted us all, and how MLK Day of Service wound its way into the federal holiday it is today. They provided information on how the day will be marked in Prescott with



a march and several events and opportunities to support the community on Jan. 20. Kathleen Hess led the congregation in songs appropriate for the holiday.



On Jan. 20, Sue Tone joined Robert and Jim on the MLK March with her sign that refers to Prescott's Mayor Goode's refusal to approve, sign or support the Proclamation of MLK Day of Service.



Jan 26: Sedona Center of Vedic Culture

Dasarath Pandit, Project Director for the Sedona Center of Vedic Culture, spoke on the Vedic religion, reincarnation, bodies/souls, and the sacred text, Bhagavad Gita. He led the congregation in three chants in the Sanskrit language, accompanied by Morgana Cooper. (Marion Pack's program is postponed to March.)

