



Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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<p>Apr 6 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>What is Wisdom?</p> <p>Unitarian Universalists aim to develop wisdom.. What is wisdom? Rev. Clyde and Rev. Michelle engage in a dialogue sermon together on this topic. This dialogue sermon comes to us on video from the First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Canton, Massachusetts. Glenna will coordinate and Adrienne Bridgewater will play the harp.</p>
<p>Apr 13 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>What Drag Means to Me</p> <p>Members from the Prescott House of Hues drag troupe will join PUUF to share personal anecdotes about what drag has meant to us, and why it is so important to keep drag alive during these tumultuous times, especially in rural communities like ours.</p>
<p>Apr 20 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>Ostara</p> <p>Ostara marks the beginning of the light half of the year and the arrival of spring. Trisha Pittman will lead us to celebrate both the Earth and Sun and honor the balance of all things; female, male, spiritual and physical. Since it is often celebrated with symbols of fertility and growth, such as eggs, seeds, and nests to honor the fertile energy of the season, there will be simple craft materials for those who are inclined. Musicians: Tess & Mychael Barnes.</p>
<p>Apr 27 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>Prescott Indivisible's Immigration Activities</p> <p>Maria Elena Dunn chairs the Immigration Committee within the Prescott Indivisible grassroots organization, and is active in the greater Prescott area. She will speak about current immigration issues, how they are impacting the residents in our community, and how we can offer assistance.</p>

Programs are held at the Fellowship, except as noted.

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PUUF facilities are available for use for small gatherings.
Refer to the <https://puuf.net/facility-rentals> for rental information.

Board of Trustees meeting will be on April 20 after the Sunday Service.

PUUF NEWS

April 2025



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PUUF Wants Your Scraps!

Compost Bin Needs Replenishing with vegetable waste



For more than a year, the only food scraps dumped into the PUUF garden composting bin have been leftover coffee grounds from Sunday service. It's time to restock the bin with (almost any) food scraps and yard waste. Please bring whatever you have collected during the week (refer to information

below on what NOT to compost) on Sundays, and our gardeners will toss it all into the PUUF drum and give it a spin.

“A gardener can never have too much compost.” - Jeff Schalau, Backyard Gardener

Jeff Schalau wrote a column called Backyard Gardener while he worked at the UofA Cooperative Extension on the Prescott Rodeo Grounds. Here are excerpts from his column on composting:

I'd like to discuss some of the lesser known raw/recycled materials that can be used in making compost. Once you understand the relative amounts of green (nitrogen-supplying) and brown (carbon-supplying) raw materials needed to make compost, you realize we do not always have necessary amounts of these materials available. Sometimes, it becomes necessary to procure these raw materials from outside sources taking care to not introduce unwanted plants, insects, and pathogens.

Green material can be manure, food scraps, etc.

Brown material can be shredded newspaper, dead leaves, etc

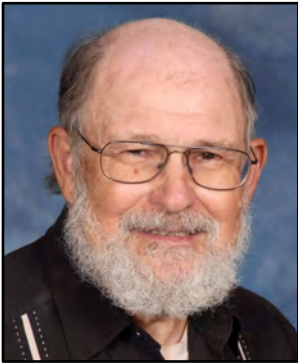
Coffee grounds are in between “brown” and “green” having some nitrogen, but other properties and compounds that may inhibit decomposition. Contrary to popular opinion, coffee grounds do not



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President's Letter

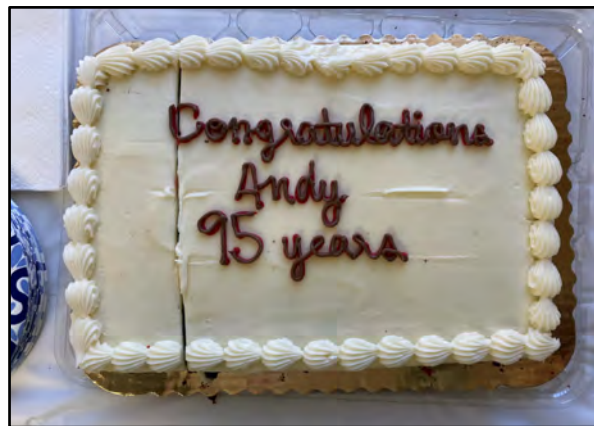


Hello everyone. Spring is here! The warmth is much appreciated and you know what that means. It's garden time at PUUF. Last year we did not have a very productive garden. Two reasons I believe: the purchased plants did not look very healthy and they never recovered from that condition; and also the extreme heat of the summer did not allow the plants to bloom and produce well at all. I had a conversation with Leslie, who helps in the garden, and we are making plans to address both of these issues.

I am amazed every month at the quality of the newsletter produced by the newsletter team. Sue and Mark do an excellent job putting out this newsletter. Thanks to both of you.



Andy Reti's 95th Birthday



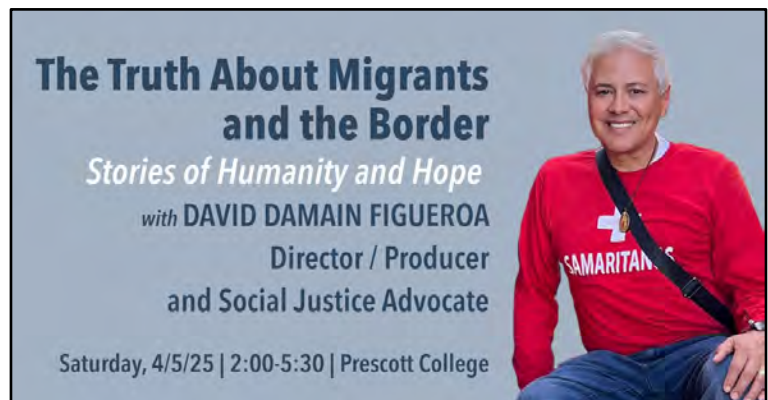
On March 2, 2025, PUUF helped celebrate Andy Reti's 95th birthday with a birthday song, best wishes and cake.

The Truth About Migrants and the Border

April 5, 2025, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Prescott College

David Damain Figueroa (director, producer and social advocate) will present two short documentaries on **The Truth About Migrants and the Border**.

Damian has launched nationwide social justice campaigns on policy issues related to education, farm-worker rights and empowerment, voting rights, immigration, public resource equity, equity, and employment. Following the films, he will join in a panel discussion. This is an opportunity for learning from his experience, as well as that of others involved in our local communities.



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appreciably acidify the soil and having greater than 20% coffee ground content in a compost pile is not recommended.

Grass clippings are very difficult to compost because they tend to create mucky layers that prevent aeration of the compost pile.

It is still not recommended to compost meat, bones, animal/vegetable fats or oils, manures from animals that eat meat, and other materials that could attract vermin.

The Environmental Protection Agency website provides additional information on the benefits of composting:

The composting process requires a proper ratio of carbon-rich materials (such as dry leaves or wood chips) to nitrogen-rich materials (such as food scraps or grass clippings). Maintaining adequate moisture level, oxygen flow, particle size, and temperature ensures microorganisms effectively break down organic materials into quality compost.

What are the benefits of composting?

- Reduces waste.
- Recycles organic materials into a valuable soil amendment— compost.
- Extends municipal landfill life by diverting organic materials.
- Conserves water and reduces water use by helping soils retain moisture.
- Reduces reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides.
- Improves plant growth and promotes higher yields of agricultural crops.

**Compost will make your plants stand up and say howdy! -
Bill Cook, UofA Cooperative Extension, Backyard Composting**

Bill Cook, UofA Cooperative Extension, Backyard Composting explains how it works:

To start, you will need compost materials: sawdust, leaves, table scraps, livestock manure (cow, sheep, chickens etc.), old hay (not Bermuda), etc.

Avoid materials like bacon grease, diseased plants, clippings with herbicide residue, wood ashes, or persistent weeds like Bermuda grass or bindweed.

Second, **air** is essential to the organisms responsible for decomposition. This greatly influences the temperature of the compost and the length of time required for composting to finish.

Lastly, **water** is also essential to life support. Moisture levels influence the organisms' ability to digest organic materials and multiply. If compost is too wet, it can simply rot. If it is too dry, the organisms will slow down, slowing the entire process. If it is way too dry, nothing happens at all.

The aerobic method involves piling materials above ground in a bin, a drum, or just a pile on the ground. The compost is then kept moist and turned occasionally to mix and add air. The pile will heat up, with 140°F being the ideal, this will kill most weed seeds and disease pathogens. The compost is done when it shrinks drastically and stops heating. This produces a finished material that can then be distributed



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Hands Off - April 5

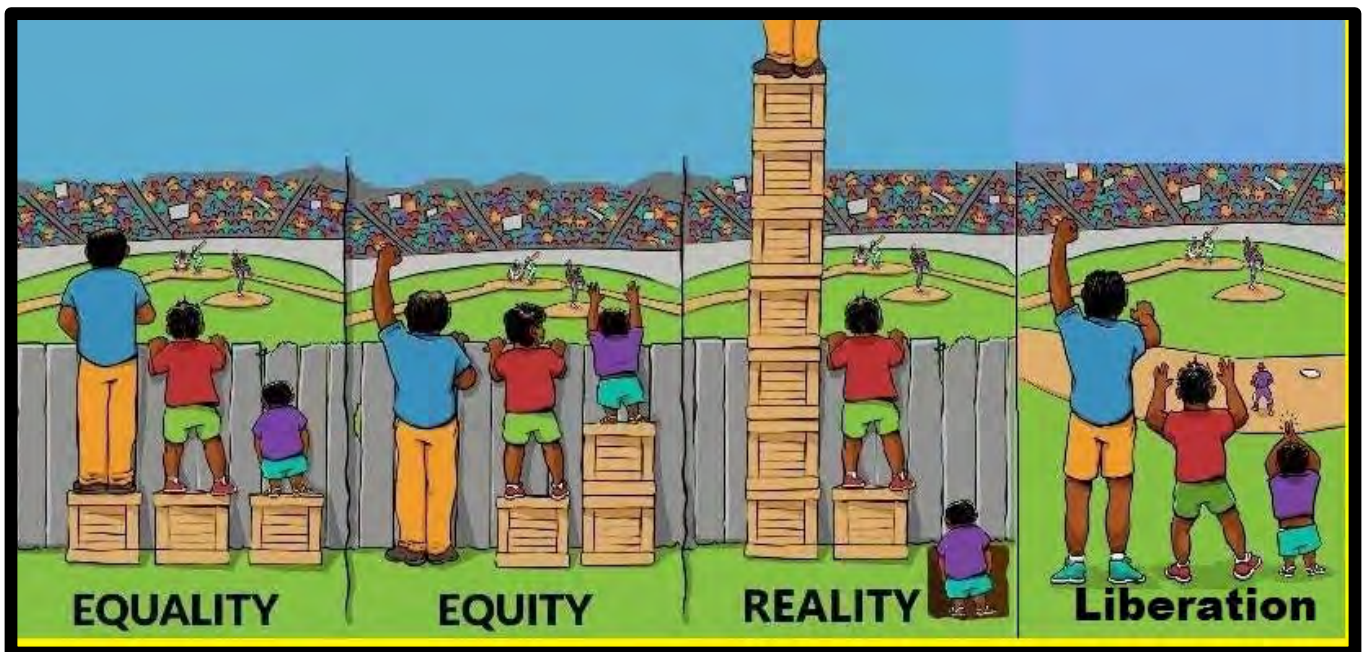
On April 5, noon, national and local organizations - including Prescott Indivisible - are coming together across the country - Yavapai County Courthouse - to organize for **Hands Off!**, a national mass activation in defiance of the Trump-Musk billionaire takeover and the Republican assault on our freedoms and our communities.

Whether you are mobilized by the attacks on democracy, the slashing of jobs, the invasion of privacy, or the assault on our services—this moment is for you. We are setting out to build a massive, visible, national rejection of this crisis. Our goal is to show that the people—the majority—are taking action to stop the corruption and power grab.

The services and jobs they're slashing aren't theirs—they're ours. Our communities are paying the price while the Trumps and Musks of the world cash in. It's not just about money—it's about power.

His administration is targeting everybody who isn't part of the 1%—veterans, kids, seniors, farmers, immigrants, transgender people, and political opponents. All to consolidate power and reward their allies.

The lawlessness, cruelty, and corruption has gone too far. On April 5, we unite to say: Hands Off!



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Tom and Christa Agostino Upcoming Event

Join Tom & Christa Agostino and others on May 3 at 7pm to celebrate the legacy of Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie.

**Eric Ramsey, Rita Cantu
Tom & Christa Agostino**

Pete and Woody
the story continues

Celebrating the music and legacy of Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie on May 3rd, Pete Seeger's Birthday!

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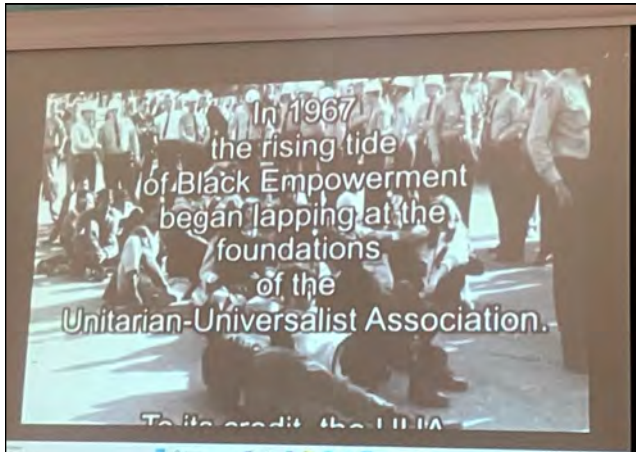


PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

March 2: UU and Black History

We watched the video, “Wilderness Journey: The Struggle for Black Empowerment and Racial Justice within the UUA 1967 – 1970”. It provided history of black involvement in the UUA during the Martin Luther King, Jr. era. Several black-orientated groups formed as sub-groups to the UUA with careful discussions between the UUA and the new groups concerning budgets, memberships, and other hot topics. Monies were promised but promises weren’t kept during changes in the UUA leadership and the inability to raise sufficient capital. Mark Mathewson played the piano featuring Roberta Flack songs

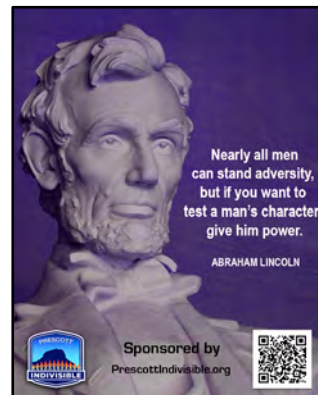
“Killing Me Softly” and “The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face” in tribute to the recent passing of a great black artist.



March 9: Prescott Indivisible



Jeff Daverman, who is on the Communications Committee of Prescott Indivisible, spoke on the national Indivisible grassroots organization and what it looks like in the greater Prescott communities. Many rallies and protests at the Yavapai County Courthouse are organized by PI, including the Women’s March that took place March 8. Members of the Kanikapila ukulele group provided singalong music, and also background music for a short video of a local javelina family that was recorded on the security cameras as they appeared from the bushes after the recent snowfall.



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March 16: Maria and Henry Flurry



Maria and Henry Flurry collaborated on a musical experience about water's essential role in our lives. Maria tapped, poured, scooped and manipulated water within her very large glass bowl to Henry's accompaniment on the piano. Each person in the audience could investigate different sounds with individual smaller bowls of water, and also with the larger water instrument.

March 23: Marion's Latest Trip to India

Following her recent visit to India, Marion Pack presented an update on her three families who live in that country. She explained how she met each one on her previous travels, how she has stayed in contact, and how these families have grown larger with marriages and children. She is considered a sister by one (and auntie to his children). She said knowing them has enriched her life. "Many trips have not gone as planned, but that's when you have the best experiences." Tess and Mychael Barnes provided music.



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March 30: Fascism or Freedom



Former Social Studies teacher Mike Fogel took us on a U.S. history lesson that touched on the definition of fascism, the Declaration of Independence, and the beginnings of fascism in this country in the post-Civil War of the South. He admonished us to take action – protests, letters to the newspapers, contacting legislators – and take up more space than that of fascist news and actions. Wendy and Nancy Robertson provided music alongside the content of this talk.



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