



**Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
**945 Rancho Vista Dr., Prescott, AZ 86303**  
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<p align="center"><b>Oct 5</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Banned Book Week</b></p> <p>October 5 marks the beginning of Banned Books Week 2025. Dale Hudson and Sue Tone will give an overview of historical censorship events and current issues regarding attempts/laws to keep books out of the hands of children, schools and public libraries across the nation. Music: Jonathan Best.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Oct 12</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples Day?</b></p> <p>Dale Hudson will look at the conjoined and opposing holidays of Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day, both the commonalities and the differences between them.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Oct 18</b> Saturday 5 pm</p>	<p><b>PUUF Movie Night and Potluck - Chocolat</b></p> <p>Potluck at 5 pm. Movie at 6pm. See <a href="#">page 8</a> for details</p>
<p align="center"><b>Oct 19</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Shabbat Service on a Sunday?</b></p> <p>Rabbi Nina Perlmutter and Al Steinberg will give us a taste of the Jewish Friday night service of Shabbat including the traditional songs--with English translation of course. Music/Cantor: Al Steinberg</p>
<p align="center"><b>Oct 26</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Samhain: The Witch's New Year</b></p> <p>Trisha Pittman will speak on Samhain (pronounced sah-win): The Witch's New Year. The crops are all harvested and the Veil is at its thinnest. Samhain is the celebration of our Ancestors and the beginning of a new cycle of life. Kai Kennedy will give a preview of the upcoming Oct. 31 Drag Show. Music: Kai Kennedy</p>

**Programs are held at the Fellowship, except as noted.**

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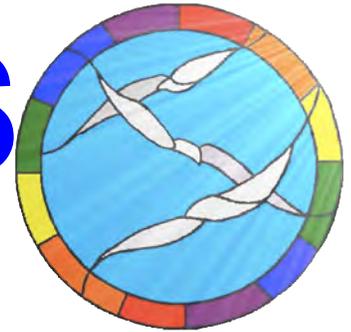
### **PUUF Facilities Available**

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 October 12 after the Sunday Service.

# PUUF NEWS

October 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.*

This PUUF friend and regular speaker marches to the beat of her own drum – much like the rest of her eclectic family, she says. A voracious reader with an insatiable imagination, she created make-believe stories and adventures with her childhood friends casting herself as a mermaid or pirate captain.



Creativity has been a big part of her life – including music, poetry, gardening, dancing, and art. She is a world traveler and bi-lingual in English and Spanish. In fact, her family spoke



only Spanish in the home until she was 8 or 9 years old.

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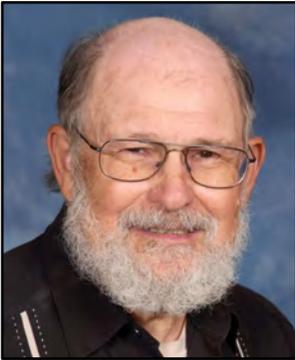
## More than just Movie Night

Before September's movie night, participants saw several deer along with 17 turkeys. PUUF is a great place to view wildlife.



# PUUF ACTIVITIES

## President's Letter



Hello, everybody. Fall is falling slowly so far, but don't be lulled as winter is just around the corner. The garden is winding down after a lackluster harvest this year. I think a soil test and some shade cloth is in order for next year.

The really big news for September is Empty Bowls. Last year we set records as far as money collected and donated to the food banks. Last year a little over \$20,000 came in on Empty Bowls day itself. This year the total is more than \$24,000!! Other donations and sales will be added to that amount, and by next spring we will have a total for the 2025 event.

Now for some great news. The board of directors has welcomed Erica as a new board member. Welcome, Erica! I'm looking forward to working with you for the betterment of our fellowship.



## Fry's Community Rewards Program Helps PUUF



Another way to help PUUF financially is to sign up for Fry's Community Rewards; each purchase benefits PUUF. See <https://www.frysfood.com/i/community/community-rewards>. It is easy to set this up.

**Create a digital account:** A digital account is needed to participate in Fry's Food Stores Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose. Your digital account also saves you on groceries.

**Link your Card to an organization:** Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Fry's Food Stores Community Rewards selection on your digital account. There is a link on the web page.

PUUF's Organization Number is **JG620** and the Organization Name is **Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**.

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Fry's Food Stores donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Fry's Food Stores Community Rewards organizations.

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juniper flurry grew up in a musical family with younger brother, Nathan, and was raised Unitarian attending 12 years in children's programs and youth groups at Granite Peak UUC.



"I think growing up with the Universal Unitarian foundations of caring for each other and the

earth did a lot to encourage a radical love for people and all living



beings," she said. "I believe there are some common truths that a lot of spiritual practices share, and I think that has probably helped me in both my lifelong search for truth and meaning, and my core belief that at the end of the day, we all have more in common with each other than we realize. Growing up UU also set me on the path of social and environmental justice from a very young



age, and that commitment to love and liberation for all beings has guided me my whole life."

juniper was familiar with PUUF because her grandfather (Walt Vom Lehn) attended PUUF. "Everybody



I was surrounded with growing up has always felt like grandparents to me." Even while working at Granite Peak as the Social Justice Coordinator, juniper said she kept getting drawn back to PUUF, giving sermons and connecting with people. "Over the past year in particular, PUUF has opened its arms wide open to receive me and the LGBTQ+ community, and I am so deeply grateful for that. It has impacted a lot of people's lives."

"There wasn't a lot of trans/nonbinary/genderfluid representation when I was a kid, so I sought out the stories that sang to a part of me that I wouldn't fully recognize until decades later, and am still getting to know. But those parts of me were always there, waiting for me to say hello to them."

Music was a big part of her childhood that faded into the background of her adult life until recently. Now that she's teaching piano and

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other instruments again, she has welcomed music back into her life. “I have set the goal to learn all of the songs that my students learn this semester - and I’ve got 21 students, so it has certainly been a commitment,” she said.



Something else juniper loves is to create drag looks, do makeup, and spend time in beautiful places. She once sold her hair on the internet for \$500. The second time was less successful – she only earned \$200.



International travel is another love, and juniper has visited 15 countries, once spending three months in the South America countries of Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, and Chile. Her travel experiences bring up complex feelings of privilege, inequity and global separation “especially within countries that the U.S. actively takes advantage of economically and politically,” she said.



How did she choose juniper as a name, and why spell it with a lower case j?

“I never hated my given name, but it never felt quite like it was me, you know? And when I figured out more of my identity stuff, I wanted a name that was more gender-neutral and Earth-based. Honestly, my form changes so often that in an ideal world, I would probably flow from name to name every few

days, and I do sometimes go by other names. But “juniper” is the name that has felt the most fitting most consistently.



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“I have had a strong connection with alligator juniper trees since childhood, and I would spend hours as a child reading books at the tip-pity top of “mama juniper,” as I call her, the beautiful tree in front of my house.”



The underground root and fungal networks, as well as providing food and shelter for animals, also appealed to her. “And juniper trees have such vibrant personalities. They are at once playful and wise, generous and reserved, open and protective around the edges, in that high desert way. Plus, they can live to be 2000 years old! And who doesn't want to have a long life?”

The lowercase letters symbolize a feeling of being grounded and interconnected, and less invested in systems of hierarchy, she said.

“I feel like I still have so much to learn from these sacred trees. I can only hope that as I learn, I am able to honor them in the ways that I live my life.”

## Sue Tone Family Performs at Gypsy Bakery

PUUF member Sue Tone was invited to bring the grandnieces and grandnephew to perform during Kathleen Hess' music gig at Gypsy Bakery in Prescott on Sept. 6. They played and sang eight songs, including one where they all played the kazoo and strummed at the same time. Harris also performed on the mandolin with his teacher and a classmate.



From left: Gini Norgard (the kids' grandmother/Sue's sister); Becca, 15; Adalida, 12; Harris, 10; and Sue.

# PUUF ACTIVITIES

## PUUF Movie Night and Potluck - Oct. 18

Please plan to attend this month's movie night and potluck. Doors open 4:45 pm, potluck at 5 pm, and movie starts at 6 pm.



**Chocolat** tells the story of how a mysterious single mother and her exceptional confectionery disrupt the rigid, traditional way of life in a small French town in 1959. The narrative is a whimsical tale about the clash between hedonism and conservatism, with delicious chocolate as the catalyst for change.

Enjoy this free movie with our community. Please bring drinks or dishes to share. No alcohol please.

## Kathleen Hess and Mark Mathewson at Gypsy's Bakery - Oct. 4

Join Kathleen Hess and PUUF's own Mark Mathewson for some lively guitar, organ, and vocals at Gypsy's Bakery in the Old Firehouse Plaza downtown Prescott. Saturday Oct. 4 from noon until 2pm.



**Movie Night Potluck**

**NOW SHOWING**

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**Saturday, Oct. 18th**  
**5pm: potluck & 6pm: movie**  
**PUUF**  
**945 S Rancho Vista Dr**  
**Prescott, AZ 86303**

**Free & Family Friendly!**  
**bring food or drink to share!**

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**CLEAR CHANNEL MUSIC**

**Kathleen's "Clear Channel Music"**

Saturday, October 4th from 12 -2  
 Old Firehouse Plaza, Goodwin St., Prescott

First Act Featuring  
**Jon Erickson (Guitar & Vocals) & John Phillips (Bass)**  
 &  
 Second Act Featuring  
**Mark Mathewson (Keyboard & Vocals)**

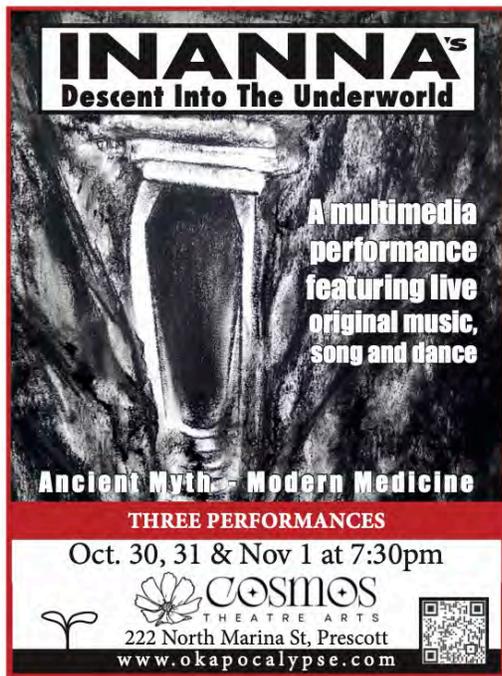
**GYPSY'S CAFE & BAKERY**

*Enjoy live acoustic music at the best bakery in town!*  
*(breakfast and lunch served all day)*

Contact Kathleen: (928) 772-8838 (msg. no text); email@kathleenhesspratt@gmail.com

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## Inanna Comes to the Cosmos Theatre



See Meg Bohrman's creation of Inanna at the Cosmos Theatre. Three performances on Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1. It was last presented to the public two years ago at PUUF where it played to standing-room only crowds.

See <http://www.okapocalypse.com> for details and tickets.



Photos from  
2023  
Performance.



# PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

## Sept. 7 - Poetry and the Seven Principles of UU

Glenna Hudson put together an especially wonderful program of poetry, this one centered around the Seven Principles of UU. Adrienne and her harp accompanied the readers as they read works from poets Billy Collins, Maya Angelou, Charles Benafield, Gwendolyn Brooks, Emily Dickinson, Walt Whitman, Seamus Heaney, Hafiz, Boe Burke, and PUUF's own Elaine Murray and Kateri Alexander. Adrienne's selections included Amazing Grace, Let it Be, and I'll Never Stand Alone.



Even after all this time  
The sun never says to the earth,  
"You owe Me."  
Look what happens with  
A love like that,  
It lights the Whole Sky.

Hafiz



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## Sept. 14 - Empty Bowls

PUUF did not have service on Sept. 14 due to the Empty Bowls event downtown Prescott. Many of the congregation joined Granite Peak UUC and other community members to put on the annual event to raise money for the various food banks in the area. It was a record year for receipts from the sale of bowls and soup.



## Sept. 21 - Abolition

James Tobin, section manager for Yavapai County Substance Abuse and Mental Health programs, and Sabath Oliver, program manager, described the work they do with people entering the community after incarceration. The Connections Center provides a safe place and access to information and services such as clothing, hygiene, transportation and food. They also offered free Naxolone/Narcon packets and medication deactivation disposal containers. Meg Bohrman chose songs that spoke to mercy and love.



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## Sept. 28 - Blessing of the Animals



Karen Crawford and Jerri Lewis brought their canine friends Emma, Higgins and Willow to PUUF to visit with their human friends. The speakers talked about the Paws for Friendship organization that takes specially trained dogs into public settings such as the Chino Valley Public Library where the dogs interact with children and adults. Service dogs are trained to assist their owner for certain illnesses and disabilities. These could include low/no vision, seizure disorders, diabetes, and head injury. Therapy dogs are emotional support animals that provide comfort to owners and others experiencing distress. The group even has a therapy cat named Toby. Glenna led the congregation in the Blessing for Animals for each of the furry pets who were present, and those who appeared via photos or images. Morgan Cooper offered her wonderful talent at the piano.

