



Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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<p align="center">Nov 2 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>Speaking with the Universe: My Miraculous Journey. Feather Levey grew up in an evangelical background, which they left. Diagnosed with autism, they also left a bad relationship after eight years. All along the way, Feather's metaphysical higher power, The Universe, has given them clear, loving direction. Music: The Robertson Sisters.</p>
<p align="center">Nov 9 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>Accidental Soldier Jen Emmerich reflects upon her German father's experiences growing up during the rise of the Third Reich in Nazi Germany. She examines his experiences as a youth, soldier, and prisoner of war as seen through eyes. Music: Womansong.</p>
<p align="center">Nov 15 Saturday 5 pm</p>	<p>PUUF Movie Night and Potluck - Wendell & Wild. Potluck at 5pm. Movie at 6pm. See page 9 for details.</p>
<p align="center">Nov 16 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>Sand Creek Massacre Meg and Thatcher Bohrman discuss the 1864 Colorado's Sand Creek Massacre. It stands out among the many atrocities committed by the US Federal Government against Native Americans who called this land home. Today's program educates us about the history of this event, as well as bringing our human hearts together to feel and heal in community.</p>
<p align="center">Nov 23 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>Energy Healing Siuyin Castro is an intuitive energy worker and a spiritual teacher who has devoted her life to healing work. Siuyin will discuss the nature of Energy Healing and its positive and transformational impact on Mind, Body and Spirit. Music: Mike Castro with Kai Kennedy.</p>
<p align="center">Nov 30 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>Storytelling Sunday Join the congregation as we tell our favorite family stories that revolve around the holiday season, sing along with some favorite holiday songs, and enjoy a potluck lunch of our favorite holiday foods.</p>

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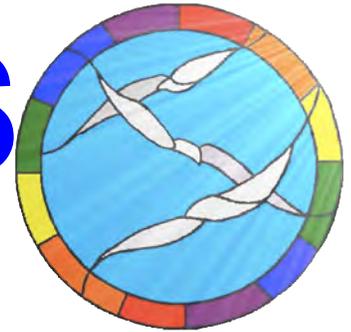
PUUF Facilities Available

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 November 9 after the Sunday Service.

PUUF NEWS

November 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 delightful PUUF friend remembers reading Carlos Castaneda's *The Teachings of Don Juan*. "It inspired me to eat a bunch of peyote at age 13, which confirmed my belief that I was an alien from the underworld and could not understand the human language." The need to wear a back brace

for scoliosis while young made him feel even more like an alien, he said.

Raised Quaker, this person remains committed to pacifism. He describes his parents as "eccentric," which may explain being raised in an intentional community running around free with other children without the hindrance of parents. His mother actually went to jail for her beliefs, and was scorned by other family members.

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PUUF's Fall Surprises

From the fall colors from our one misshaped maple tree, to the deer returning to munch on the remains of the garden, fall is a great time to experience PUUF and nature!



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President's Letter



Hello, everybody. November is almost upon us but it's still quite warm. Are we going to have winter? With the variety of weather we have been having, I'm not sure of anything. Enjoy the warmth while we have it.

Here at PUUF we have been experiencing a surge in membership this year. Just last Sunday three new members signed the membership book. Welcome to juniper, Feather and Kai as our newest members.

As for the garden, it's finished for the year. Production was better than last year but still needs improvement. We will have to make some decisions about next year.

Movie night is still ongoing so if you're available on movie night, consider joining the folks who are enjoying a pot luck and then the movie. See the Coming Up at PUUF for the date and movie listing.

New Members

Was it Mark Mathewson's explanation of the benefits of becoming a member that convinced three PUUF Friends to sign the membership book on Oct. 26? Not really, because these three have been actively attending services – some for years, some more recently – and lately all three have been contemplating becoming official members.

Members welcomed them with applause and delight as each signed the Membership Book.

We extend a warm welcome to juniper flurry, Kai Kennedy, and Feather Levey!



juniper flurry



Kai Kennedy



Feather Levey

Membership

Mark Mathewson described the benefits of PUUF membership,

Members vote on budgets, board and other committees, and bylaw changes. **Members, through their votes and input, define the future direction of PUUF.**

Signing the membership book indicates you attest to the UU's 7 principles, and will participate and help support PUUF by financial or other means, including even just attendance, as you are able without causing due hardship.

The annual congregation meeting is in December, and members can vote if they have been a member for at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Time is running short if interested.

See any board member for more information.



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Jonathan “Enjolis Sidai Pii” Best is a ‘music gardener’ known for his work with youngsters as well as adults. You will find him and his ukulele at the center of protests and marches. He has described in previous PUUF programs how essential music has been in his life.

“The music that influenced me most was that of Bob Dylan. He taught me that I could speak my own language which people didn’t have to understand,” he said.



Jonathan co-created his own high school with three ninth graders and some volunteer teachers. It was housed in a lay-led Unitarian church. “We called Unitarians ‘units,’” he said. Later, he was surprised to find a pastor at Granite Peak UUC. “I didn’t know it was a thing. It was at Peter Eldridge and Jo Sprague’s house that I learned of PUUF. I think the first thing that attracted me was the name. So light and fluffy. But when I did my first gig, I felt like I was in a living room with old friends who wanted to be part of the change that was calling us.”



While still in high school, Jonathan’s parents moved to Philadelphia and two teachers, husband and wife, bought the family home and allowed him to stay. “They became my new parents. Wally taught me about relativity, theater, and survival. They both gave me a special kind of love and attention that I wasn’t used to.”



He worked as a professional musician and traveled the world with David Byrne. “He taught me that being a rock star was overrated. But his music director, Angel Fernandez, taught me most of what I know about arranging music and bands, and also that humility is a key survival tool in the rock star world, and that humility is hard to find in a self-esteem desert.”

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One four-year period had a significant impact in Jonathan's life. He worked with Meitamei Olol Dapash, a Maasai leader in Kenya. "He taught me loving your community and the person you are with can go deeper and be a longer lasting love than the Falling in Love that is portrayed in our pop culture."



During the same time frame, David Darling taught him how to facilitate any group of people to make music deeper and more moving than anything experienced in the commercial zone. And his 18-year marriage to Mary ended. "Mary taught me things I can't describe. There are losses that one can never comprehend. That is one of them," he said.



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The Seven UU Principles remind Jonathan that he is not alone. He believes the principles are embedded in the human design. "They counterbalance the ferocity of the human brain. They remind me that we ARE community. The training to think we are separate is severe. The Seven Principles keep me tethered to truth," he said.

A hard truth Jonathan experienced occurred at a young age. "I was sexually and mentally abused by my elementary school principal and the institution he governed. It started when I was seven. I don't know how long the sexual abuse lasted but the mental abuse continued through 7th grade and it permeated the whole school beyond the walls of his office and the nurse's office. I mention this because it's a topic that is not talked about compassionately enough. And I believe that demonizing the perpetrators deflects from the true causes and does not recognize their own wounds. The sickness in that school reflects a larger sickness in our society and the entire paradigm of how, what, and why we teach our children."

In May this year, to great reviews, he staged the world premiere of his musical, *Blood on the Ivories*, performed at the Cosmos Theater. The play was autobiographical and touched on the aftermath of the abuse.



Jonathan explains how he became known as Enjolis Sidai Pii:

"After I got to Maasailand the first time, I traveled with Prescott College students on two small buses called Matatus. I had already found a book with Maa (the Maasai language) lessons, and by the time the students arrived I had learned the word enjolis which meant hedgehog. I had already seen warthogs on a safari and I was always looking for hedgehogs. But I couldn't find them anywhere.

"While traveling in the Matatu I saw what I thought were warthogs off in the distance but I got it mixed up with hedgehogs, so I shouted all excited "Enjolis!" One of the students looked out the window all excited, and then started laughing hysterically, "Those are sheep!" Then the whole bus was laughing. We stopped at a gas station and the student went into the other bus and I saw them all laughing in there.

"For the next two months, every village we went to kids would come out all excited to meet "Enjolis." Just being in Kenya was already a stretch of my sense of reality. Maasailand was another story. I could write a book about why I felt like I was on another planet. For now I will just say that

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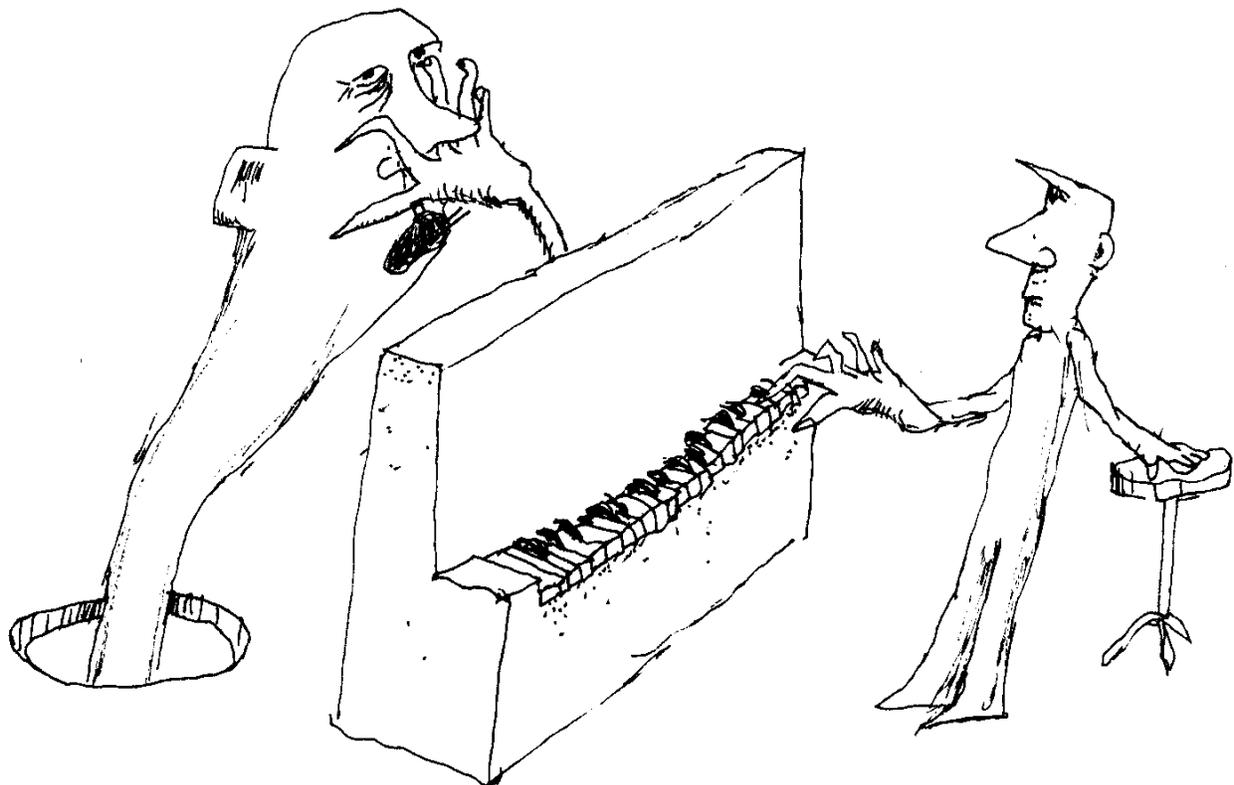
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my only choice for every moment was to laugh at myself.

“How I got my last name Sidai Pii is even more interesting. The word ‘Best’ isn’t in the Maa language. Sidai Pii means completely good.”

Jonathan’s nonprofit organization is called comMUSIKey, and more can be found at <http://EverybodyMusic.Rocks> He also conducts Sing Our Transformation at the Yavapai County Courthouse, Prescott, EVERY Saturday of the month at 1pm.



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PUUF Movie Night and Potluck - Nov 15

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.



The two devious demon brothers Wendell and Wild have to face their arch-enemy with the help of the nun Sister Helly, who is notorious for expelling demons. However, the brothers are not only plagued by her, but also by her altar boys. Enjoy this movie with our community. Please bring drinks or dishes to share. No alcohol please.

Free - no admission charge.

Inspiring Film Screenings

Join us for a screening and discussion of *Naila and the Uprising*, an award-winning documentary about women's organizing and nonviolent resistance during the First Intifada – and the power of grassroots leadership in movements for justice. Watch the trailer: <https://youtu.be/zotlaEEnSZw?si=RfRhhzQ8fsaqzK1y>

Crossroads Center at Prescott College

220 Grove Street, Prescott, AZ

Saturday November 15, 2025 3-5pm.

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NAILA AND THE UPRISING
 THE UNTOLD STORY OF PALESTINIAN WOMEN WHO LED A MOVEMENT FOR FREEDOM

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REGISTER HERE

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We will also be fundraising to support Palestinians in need.

Movie Night Potluck

NOW SHOWING

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Inspiring Film Screenings

The *Eternal Song* is a cinematic journey through timeless lands and Indigenous cultures. Voices from across generations and traditions invite us to witness the enduring scars of colonization on lands and peoples, and the healing pathways carried through ancestral wisdom.

The eternal song

Ancestral Wisdom for Collective Healing

Intergenerational Trauma, Healing and Lineage Reconnection

"That ache is not guilt—it's grief. It's longing. It's remembering."

Sunday, November 30, 2025 2pm-430pm.

Prescott Public Library - Founders Room
 215 E. Goodwin Street, Prescott, AZ

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Mark Mathewson / Kathleen Hess at the Bakery

Kathleen Hess, one of PUUF's favorite musicians, brings in various musicians to Gypsy's Bakery in the Old Firehouse Plaza in Prescott the first Saturday of each month. In October, she invited Mark Mathewson to perform with her.



Mark and Kathleen played and sang a total of 13 songs, including such tunes as Close to You, Green Fields, Make You Feel My Love, Sweet Caroline, and Your Song.

Come to Gypsy's Bakery the first Saturday of each month, from noon to 2pm, to hear a variety of musical talent and genres.



Clarification of Pronoun Use in October Newsletter

The October issue featured PUUF member juniper flurry who identifies as non-binary and prefers the pronoun use of they/them rather than she/her that was used throughout the article.

From **Be the Transformational Change** website:

Respecting pronouns isn't just a courtesy - it's a tangible way to validate someone you care about and show respect. The impact of getting pronouns right extends far beyond the individual, creating ripple effects of understanding and belonging.

It doesn't have to be complicated. These easy, actionable steps can help you integrate pronoun awareness into your daily life:

1. **Ask, Don't Assume.** When meeting someone new, ask for their pronouns instead of making assumptions based on appearance or name. In group settings, invite everyone to share their pronouns during introductions.
2. **Share Your Own Pronouns.** Normalize pronoun sharing by including them in email signatures, social media profiles, or when introducing yourself. This signals inclusivity and encourages others to do the same.
3. **Use Gender-Neutral Language.** If you're unsure about someone's pronouns, default to gender-neutral language like they/them or refer to the individual by name.
4. **Educate Yourself.** Take the initiative to learn about pronouns and gender diversity. Resources from organizations like The Trevor Project or GLAAD can provide invaluable insights.

What If I Mess Up and Accidentally Misgender Someone?

Even with the best of intentions, you might make a mistake sometimes (like assuming someone's pronouns based on how they look) - and that's okay!

Mistakes happen—it's human. What matters is the effort to correct and learn from them. Over-apologizing can shift the focus away from the individual, so a simple, sincere apology followed by using the correct pronoun is a good way to resolve the situation.

PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

Oct 5: Banned Books



Dale Hudson and Sue Tone presented a program on Banned Books Week 2025 (Oct. 5-11) with an overview of historical censorship events and more current issues regarding laws, court cases, and efforts that are successfully and unsuccessfully keeping



books out of the hands of children, schools, public libraries, military bases, and prisons across the nation. Jonathan Best's music selections and singalongs embraced the program's message.



Oct 12: Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples Day?



Dale Hudson walked us through history as Christopher Columbus – “a charlatan and con man” – sailed off (four times!) to discover new lands and goods, making a 10% profit on whatever he found, except that one time he arrived back in Europe in chains. Dale talked about the history of the Columbus Day holiday, then turned to 1977 Berkeley, Calif., with the creation of Indigenous People's Day, and why this day of remembrance and reflection does little to compensate for injustices done to the Native American tribes. Kelly Kennedy and Donna Wagner brought their native flutes to play for the program.



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Oct 19: Shabbat Service on a Sunday?

Rabbi Nina Perlmutter shared highlights of a traditional Shabbat service (sometimes this is two hours long) with Al Steinberg contributing with readings, song and comments. Mah tovu is “to feel the source of all life.” One way is to find 100 gifts of gratitude each day that are observed and given thanks for.

One of the texts read by Rabbi Nina is this blessing:

*May the One whose spirit is with us in every righteous deed,
be with all who work for the good of humanity
and bear the burdens of others,
and who give bread to the hungry,
who clothe the naked,
and take the friendless into their homes.
May the work of their hands endure,
and may the seed they sow bring abundant harvest.*



PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

Oct 26: Samhain: The Witch's New Year



Al Schober came dressed for Halloween to lead the service with speaker Trisha Pittman who spoke about Samhain, the Witch's New Year. Samhain is similar to Dia de Los Muertos – a celebration of our ancestors, and also the beginning of a new cycle of life. Trisha answered questions from the congregation as we twisted, braided and knotted three strands of yarn: black symbolizing the richness of the earth, red for blood and regeneration, and white for bare bones. Kai Kennedy played songs on the piano which people sang and danced to: Purple People Eater, Magic Dance, and The Monster Mash.

