



Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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<p align="center">Jan 4 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>Science Fiction Day and UU Principles</p> <p>January 2 is Science Fiction Day. Dale Hudson looks at science fiction from Jules Verne to Octavia Butler and Star Wars as it relates to Unitarian Universalist Principles. Musicians are Kai Kennedy and Mike Castro.</p>
<p align="center">Jan 11 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>Cultural Queerness in a Transforming World</p> <p>What does it mean to be culturally queer – and can cultural queerness be claimed by people who do not fall under the LGBTQ+ umbrella? Cultural queerness is a way of moving through the world that extends beyond who you love and how you identify. Speaker: juniper Flurry. Music: Meg Bohrman</p>
<p align="center">Jan 17 Saturday 5 pm</p>	<p>PUUF Movie Night and Potluck - <i>The Terminal or The Lightkeepers.</i></p> <p>Potluck at 5pm. Movie at 6pm. See page 8 for details.</p>
<p align="center">Jan 18 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>Elder Affordable Housing Needs and Challenges in Prescott</p> <p>Shea Richland will speak on the affordable housing crisis in Prescott and how it affects seniors and others with limited incomes, including causes, impediments and recommended solutions. Music by Mark Mathewson</p>
<p align="center">Jan 25 Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>MLK Peace and Justice Committee</p> <p>Robert Shegog and Jim Helbing will provide a summary of the work that the MLK Peace and Justice Committee has been doing over the past year. In the past, the committee only focused on the January celebration. Now the celebration has expanded to four events – to maintain the spirit of Martin L. King, Jr. all year long. Music: Jonathan Best</p>

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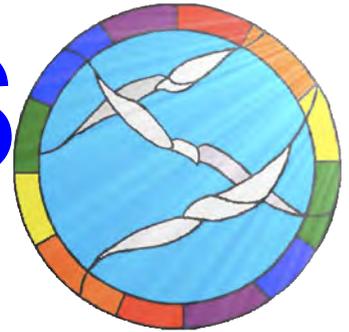
PUUF Facilities Available

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 January 11 after the Sunday Service.

PUUF NEWS

January 2026



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The 2025 Ron Ricklefs Service Award

The Ron Ricklefs Service Award is presented to people who have shown exemplary service, superior dedication, and generosity of spirit evident in our PUUF community.

This year's award went to PUUF Governing Board President Al Schober.

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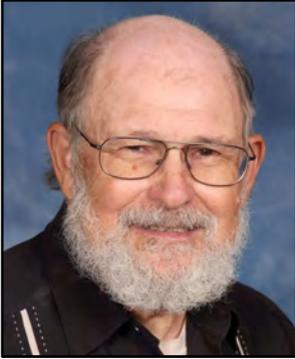
Al Schober announcing the Ron Ricklefs Service Award. He didn't know he was announcing his own award!



*Wishing you the best in 2026
- 2026 PUUF Board of Trustees*

PUUF ACTIVITIES

President's Letter



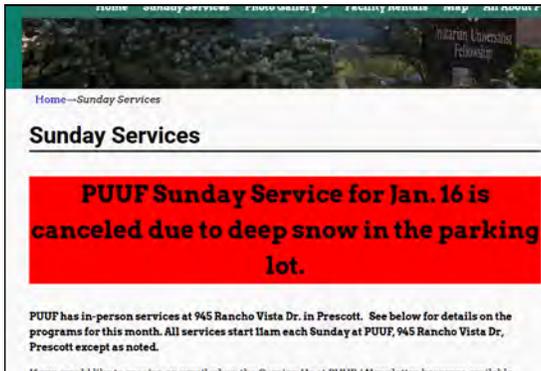
Hello, everybody. That was the warmest fall we have ever had. October was hot and November was warm. December – well, let's just say winter is having a hard time getting going.

Here at PUUF we are having a nice mixture of programs thanks to the program committee and the presenters. The building is also being used by other groups; I am glad to see the beauty of our space being enjoyed by others.

By now most of you know that MY BOARD pulled a fast one on me by awarding ME the Ron Ricklefs award this year on our congregational meeting day. I am honored and humbled by their shenanigans in this endeavor, so thank you to everybody for this recognition.



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.

We usually close one or two days each winter due to snow conditions.

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

Deb Cook to Sing at Gypsy's Bakery Jan 3

Kathleen Hess performs her music the first Saturday of each month at Gypsy's Bakery in Prescott. This month Kathleen is having PUUF Member Deb Cook singing with her "Good Friends Trio." Music starts at noon. Grab a bite of pastry or light lunch while you enjoy the music.



Join CLEAR CHANNEL Kathleen & Friends...
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 2026
12-2 pm

"Good Friends Trio"- Deb Cook, Dori Mion & Kathy Bibby
Performing Original Music and Favorite Folk Songs

Rita Cantu
Amazing Singer/Songwriter and Multi-instrumentalist
Performing Traditional and Original songs that celebrate
the land and the people in all the places we call HOME.

"Gypsy's Bakery"
220 Goodwin St., Ste. 1
Old Firehouse Plaza, Prescott

Contact: Kathleen (928)772-8838 Message-No Text
kathleenhesspratt@gmail.com

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In October, the Board made a decision to give the award to Debra and Mark Mathewson for a plethora of well-deserved reasons. Although the Mathewsons put up a tremendous effort in refusing the award, they were outvoted 4-2. Al really wanted to make the presentation a secret, but how to do that when everyone including Debra and Mark is involved?

Everything was going well, the certificate was designed, cake and lunch foods decided on, date set. But unbeknownst to Al, Debra was seeking out board members one by one, convincing all (it didn't take much) to pull the biggest sting PUUF has seen – present the award to Al without him knowing!

Well played, Board members!



1. Al thinking he is presenting the award to Mark and Debra Mathewson. Note the award picture.



2. Al stupefied when the award was unwrapped and discovered HE won the award.



3. Al “going to get even” with Debra and Mark”, but very humbled that he won the award.



4. Al by the Ron Ricklefs Award Wall

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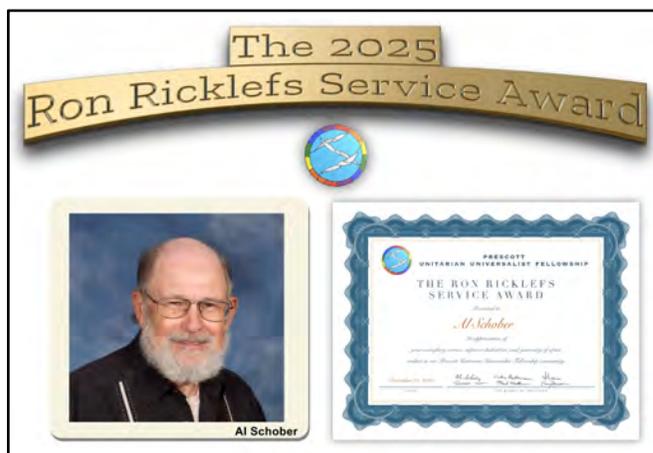
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Here's why Al Schober aka The Glue That Holds Us Together earned the 2025 Ron Ricklefs Award:

- Al and his late wife Annette started attending PUUF in 1988 when it was meeting at the YMCA. Annette thought she was calling the Unity Church for information, but it was really the Unitarian Universalists! Around the time GPUUC emerged from PUUF, they stopped attending and returned in 2016.
- Al joined the governing board in 2017, and has served as president since 2019. He sets the agenda and runs the monthly meetings.
- His handyman skills are utilized for repairs, maintenance and painting jobs on our building.
- Every week Al posts upcoming services and programs on Facebook and submits the information to the Daily Courier newspaper.
- Over the years, Al has coordinated services and given presentations on Annette's poetry. He has also enlightened the congregation on aspects of his hobby, astronomy phenomena.
- During potlucks and barbecue events, Al handles the grill, and contributes food at movie nights.
- Al opens and closes the building at special events, which is saying a lot because the round trip drive from his property near Ash Fork is 120 miles.
- Al preps, plants and maintains our community garden, and contributed his labor and knowledge of aquaponics when we had that system set up.
- One of Al's "tasks" has been presenting roses to new PUUF members, a lovely tradition.
- And lastly, Al deserves this surprise award because it was his idea to pull a fast one on Mark and Debra.

Congratulations to Al Schober!

[Click HERE to see a video of the big RUSE on Al.](#)
You can also get to it from the PUUF Web Page: puuf.net, selecting Photo Gallery, then 2025 Ron Ricklefs Service Award Ruse!

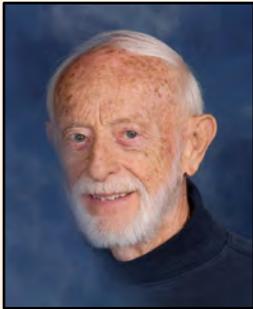


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The 5 Awardees of the Ron Ricklefs Service Award



2021 - Ron Ricklefs



2022 - Marriner Cardon



2023 - Dale and Glenna Hudson

2024 - Eunice Ricklefs



2025 - Al Schober

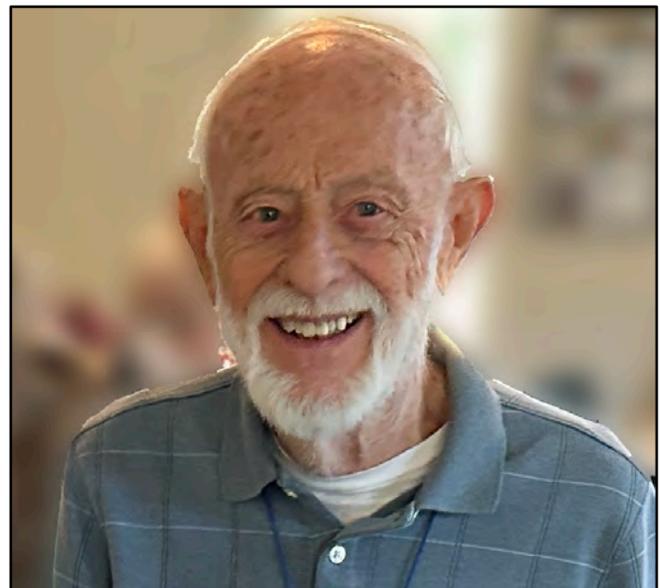
Passing of Ron Ricklefs, Extraordinary Friend of PUUF

From Eunice Ricklefs:

Dear PUUF Members and Friends,

This will advise that PUUF friend for 25 years, Ronald Ricklefs, 91, born in Parkridge, Illinois, Dec. 3, 1934, passed away on Dec. 17, 2025, in Highgate Senior Living, Prescott, after spending the last six years with dementia.

After serving in the Navy during the Cold War era as an aviation photographer, he came to Southern California in August 1958. He married Eunice Reynolds in January 1960, and they had three children: Steven, Julie and Kevin. They also have four grandsons: Alex, Kyle, Zach and Sam. Retiring in Prescott after 40 years of living and running his own business in Los Angeles, California, Ron volunteered and served on the boards of various non-profit organizations around town for 20 years, including PUUF. A celebration of his life will be held at PUUF in the New Year.



PUUF ACTIVITIES

PUUF Movie Night and Potluck - Jan 17

Movie Night Potluck

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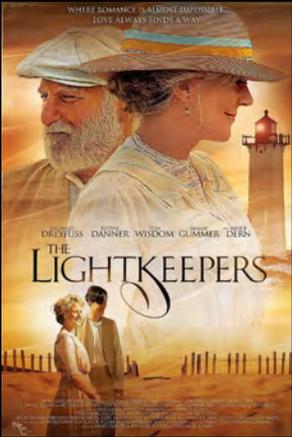
The Lightkeepers

A grumpy sailor (Richard Dreyfuss) and a young stranger (Tom Wisdom) change their negative opinions about women when two move nearby.

Saturday, Jan. 17
5pm: potluck & 6pm: movie
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PG rated

Free!
bring food or drink to share!
contact: 928-778-6672
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Movie Night Potluck

NOW SHOWING

The Terminal

When Viktor Navorski (Tom Hanks), an Eastern European tourist, arrives at JFK in New York, war breaks out in his country and he finds himself caught up in international politics. Because of the war, the Department of Homeland Security won't let him enter or exit the United States. He's trapped at JFK -- indefinitely.

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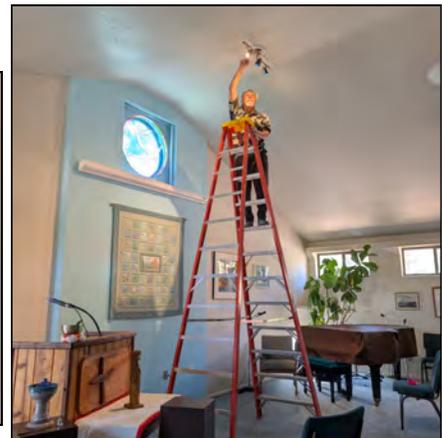
We can't decide which movie to show this month. There are two choices: **The Lightkeepers** or **The Terminal**. Both are funny. Do you like Tom Hanks or Richard Dreyfuss better? Please plan to attend this month's movie night and potluck. Doors open 4:45 pm, potluck at 5 pm, and movie starts at 6 pm. Movie decided that night by consensus.

Enjoy this movie with our community. Please bring drinks or dishes to share. No alcohol please. Free - no admission charge.

Movie night is nearly always scheduled for the third Saturday of each month. **We are deciding whether to continue having movie nights.** We have had poor attendance lately which makes it hard to justify continuing.

New Spotlights in the Sanctuary

Joel Guthrie, Shasta's husband, volunteered his time to put in new spotlights in the sanctuary focused on the front of the room. Thank you Joel!



PUUF ACTIVITIES

Acker Night - Dec 12

Acker Night took place on Friday, Dec 12, in downtown Prescott. It consisted of over 140 venues and many more musicians. PUUF members Sue Tone and Mark Mathewson were among the multitudes of musicians. Other PUUF musicians were also seen performing, such as Tess and Mychael Barnes. Donations went to the Acker Foundation, where the funds will be used to support music students for lessons and instruments.



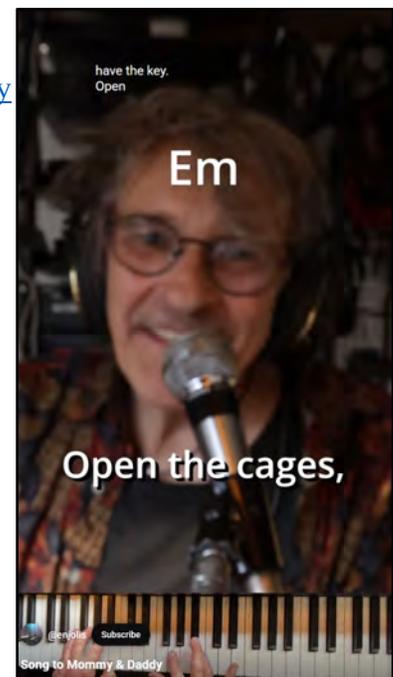
Jonathan Best Songs/Video

Jonathan Best is putting together a playlist called Revolutionary Love for several videos he is creating. Two recent videos from Jonathan freshly recorded are Solitary and Song to Mommy & Daddy. Click on the link or the image to bring up YouTube to view the videos. THESE ARE AMAZING SONGS/VIDEOS. [Permission provided by Jonathan Best.]



[Solitary](#)

[Song to Mommy & Daddy](#)



PUUF ACTIVITIES

House of Hues Drag Show at PUUF - Jan. 24

HOUSE OF HUES
PRESENTS

*Drag Me To The
Disco*

**A FAMILY FRIENDLY DRAG SHOW!
FREE EVENT - \$10 SUGGESTED DONATION**

TICKETS AT [HOUSEOFHUES.ORG](https://houseofhues.org)

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PUUF CHURCH
945 S RANCHO VISTA DR
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3PM - 5PM

JANUARY 24TH, 2026

PUUF ACTIVITIES

Our New Chalice

Shasta Guthrie commissioned a local artist to make a metal chalice for our sanctuary. The artist is Roger Armstrong, owner of Armstrong Plumbing, LLC in Glendale.

Shasta surprised the congregation with the unveiling of the new chalice during the chalice lighting on Dec. 14.



Openings for Music Lessons with juniper

Classes start Jan. 6, 2026, on piano, voice and drums at Juniper River Arts Studio. Lessons are always joy-based and student-centered. My teaching style follows each student's passion and learning styles, while weaving in music essentials like theory, reading, composition, ear training, improvisation, and performance. Students learn musical styles ranging from classical to pop to rock.

If interested, please be sure to reach out ASAP, as lesson slots fill up quickly! ESA vouchers accepted. Text or call (860) 398-9619 for more information. Visit JuniperRiverArts.org



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Solstice Event - Dec 21



The Big Solstice Sing occurred at PUUF on Dec 21. We celebrated the longest night of the year with Meg Bohrman, Jonathan Best and Hilary Heartisan. We sang the Sun back up in the sky together after the longest darkest night. A Labyrinth Candle Walk with complete silence ended the solstice event.



New 2026 IRS Contribution Deductions Opportunity

The IRS has introduced changes to charitable contribution deductions for 2026. Previously if you took the standard deduction, you could not deduct any contributions to 501c3 organizations; deductions were only available if you itemized. Starting in 2026, cash contributions up to \$1000 for individuals and \$2000 for couples can be deducted “above-the-line.” This lowers your taxable income and thus potentially your federal and state income taxes.

Our PUUF Treasurer already sends out contribution statements each January for those contributors whose contributions can be traced. This means if you wrote a check in 2025 you will receive a contribution statement. If you contributed cash, you won’t receive a contribution statement since it can’t be traced back to you.

In 2026, small cash envelopes will be in the collection baskets for you to use. You may put your donation in the envelope and write your name on it. The Treasurer will keep track of your contributions and send you a statement next January. Of course, this is not a mandate and you can choose to remain anonymous and just drop cash in the basket as usual. The Treasurer holds all contributions as confidential and does not share this information with anyone.

Please do not seal the envelopes so we can reuse them for subsequent contributions.

PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

Dec 7: US Concentration Camps



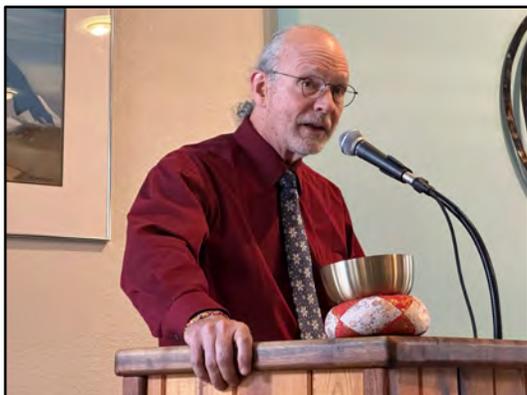
Sue Tone talked about Executive Order 9066 under FDR which established the Japanese American concentration camps during WWII. EO9066 also included Italian Americans and German Americans, but she focused mainly on the camps and the cultural and political history of Asian Americans that preceded FDR's decision to incarcerate this ethnic group of people. Jonathan Best composed two original pieces of haunting music based on the topic.



Dec 14: Henry Flurry



Henry Flurry spoke about Mysteries, Gratitudes and Grace in a Season of Light beginning with his childhood traditions of the Christmas season to becoming a reluctant atheist and then a spiritual agnostic. In Prescott, his discovery of UU was the catalyst to his relating to the mysterious Universe with a strong sense of empowerment. Gratitude, he said, is giving clear attention to what is present, and it does not require a God. We have a choice to meet others with Grace instead of resentment, and we are more than the worst thing we do. He performed on the piano, and was accompanied by Maria and Juniper Flurry's voices.



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Dec 21: Winter Solstice

Winter Solstice was celebrated through music, story, ritual and drumming. Kathleen Hess and John Phillips performed three solstice songs on guitar and double bass. Sharon McFeely told of one of her teaching experiences taking place at the solstice. Trish Pittman opened the Circle and welcomed the four elements; she also gifted the congregation with small bags of holiday spices to simmer on the stove. Luis Kennedy provided a drumming experience for all that included basic music theory and creating sound patterns. Fellowship afterward carried forward the feeling of emerging from the darkness as days grow longer.



PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

Dec 28: Humorous Holiday Poetry with Harp Music

The Holidays and Humor in Poetry and Song program was delivered with joy and feeling by Dale, Glenna, Kateri, Debra and Frank/Erica who all offered their talents in dramatic and funny readings of holiday poems. Adrienne Bridgewater provided harp music throughout, and a hilarious rendition of Twelve Days After Christmas. Readings focused on the poetry of the late PUUF member Jill Bush.

