



Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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| <p>Apr 5 Sunday 11 am</p> | <p>The Fool: Does the archetype meet UU principles</p> <p>What happens when Jungian archetypes, a major religious observance, and quite a few of the Unitarian Universalist principles come together? Join us as Erica/Frank Ferguson gives their first run at a Sunday service and we learn about roles and teachings of the Fool. Music: Kai Kennedy</p> |
| <p>Apr 12 Sunday 11 am</p> | <p>Poetry Smoetry!</p> <p>Why Do We Care About Poetry? Members and Friends of PUUF will share poems and Glenna will share some suggestions from the Academy of American Poets and the National Poetry Foundation in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of National Poetry Month. Music: Lynn Lamoureux (flute)</p> |
| <p>Apr 18 Saturday 5 pm</p> | <p>PUUF Movie Night and Potluck - The Librarians.</p> <p>Potluck at 5pm. Movie at 6pm. See page 9 for details.</p> |
| <p>Apr 19 Sunday 11 am</p> | <p>Teaching to a Captive Audience: Reflections from a Prison Educator.</p> <p>Lois Colton will read short excerpts from her essays and invite a conversation about why she wrote a book about her experiences as a prison educator teaching adult male maximum security inmates at Oregon's oldest correctional facility. Music: Adrienne Bridgewater</p> |
| <p>Apr 26 Sunday 11 am</p> | <p>What Maasai Culture Taught Me About Building the Love Economy</p> <p>When my name changed from Jonathan Best to Enjolis Sidai Pii (Hedgehog Completely Good) I couldn't comprehend the full extent of that change. Through song and talk, I will share how I came to believe in the Love Economy and how we can build it.</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 April 12 after the Sunday Service.

PUUF NEWS

April 2026



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

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.

In early childhood, this PUUF member lost all connection with his parents' extended families. "For pretty much my whole life, my only blood relatives have been my mom and my brother. Everyone else is a rumor." Fortunately, his stepfather, whom he describes as a very good guy, produced a community of aunts, uncles and cousins by marriage; they are all "a bunch of nice folks."



Age 15 months

In his high school years, this person belonged to the "misfits" – about 10% of the majority student body of very white, catholic, conservative teenagers. "I mostly spent my time with the small crowd of misfits, which in Levittown (New York) meant the liberals, Jews and gays. I did not travel with the 'in' crowd, but the small group of friends I did have are still my closest friends today, 50 years later."



Age 10

He learned how to keep a profile "so low I could limbo under a rug."



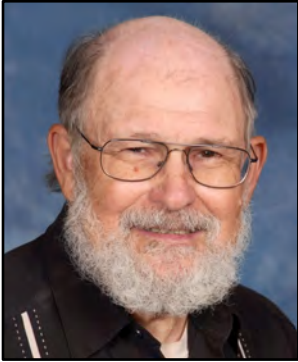
Age 18

Also, his brother, five years older, could beat up anyone giving him a hard time. "The courage of my Jewish and gay friends taught me a lot about not conforming simply for the sake of self-preservation. I am not a rebel by any stretch, but I'm also not a conformist. I do not, and never have, abided peer pressure or nonsensical rules."

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President's Letter



Happy Springtime everybody. It's here!!! It seems as if we are about a month ahead of ourselves with this warm winter we have had.

And it's almost planting time, so I'd better get the garden in shape for the plants. Lesley and I have some interesting ideas for this summer in order to "beat the heat." We'll see how that goes. This summer is supposed to be wetter than the past few summers.

Here at PUUF we are still puffing along with great attendance these weeks and interesting programs from the program committee. If you have not attended lately, please come this Sunday and reacquaint yourselves with PUUF. We'd love to see you.

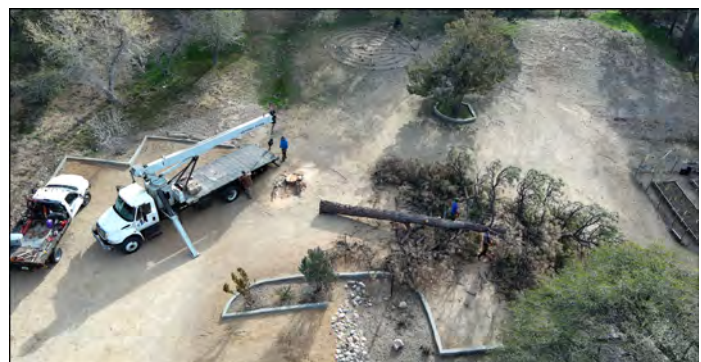


Sad Day at PUUF for one Ponderosa Pine



There is beetle kill going through the Rancho Villa Estates neighborhood where PUUF is located and attacking Ponderosa Pine trees. The board noticed that one of our ponderosa pines was in the active stage of dying. As a precaution, it was decided to remove it to not only help stop the propagation of the infestation but also to prevent future hazards by falling limbs.

Juniper Flurry led a service around the tree on March 1 as part of our regular service. Clear Creek Tree Service took down the tree on March 2.



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No Kings III Protest

Several PUUF members and friends participated in the worldwide **No Kings III** protest on March 28, 2026. Estimates of close to 3,000 people lined Highway 69 in Prescott Valley with their signs, songs and statements.



President Sets Good Example

Al Schober, Our PUUF Board of Trustees president works extremely well with everyone at PUUF and definitely runs the PUUF Board of Trustees as a collaborative democracy where everyone's thoughts count!

Here's a nice photo of our PUUF president along with his favorite companion, Livvy. Al is trying to get Livvy a position on the board. The board is giving the proposal all due consideration.



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Mike Castro wanted to be a writer. A rock star. A photographer. A film maker. A competitive ice hockey player. A solo road trip traveler. He's accomplished all this and more.

Musically, he taught himself how to play guitar, then went on to write and record four albums before the age of 15. "These are thankfully lost to history," he said. He kept at it, though, improving his recording technology and songwriting within a home recording studio, creating full band recordings with drums, bass, keyboards, guitars and vocals. "Between the ages of 18 and

36, when I stopped writing and recording music, I had produced 11 albums with a total of 68 songs." It wasn't until recently that he started performing his music in public at PUUF.

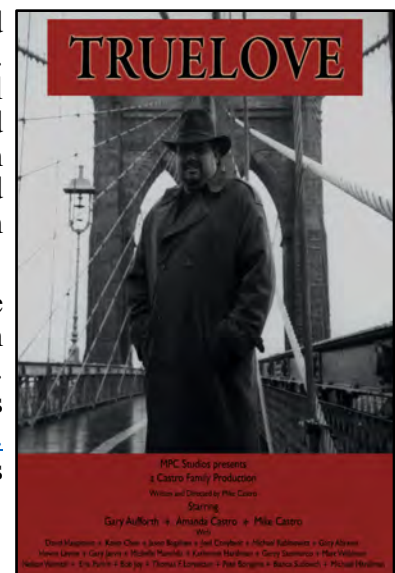


One day, while watching Doctor Who, the British sci-fi TV show, he recognized a scene that he had submitted as a screenplay two seasons prior. The scripts were rejected, and yet there was his exact scene. "I chose to be flattered rather than litigious," he said. He published a novel in the late 1990s that garnered sales through Amazon "in the dozens and a few very nice reviews from strangers." His memoir, written during Covid, is titled Mostly Harmless, and last year he finished his as-yet unpublished second novel, The Boys of Summer.

Mike considers photography an ongoing passion. This is evident to anyone who has perused his Facebook page "Mike Castro Photography" where he posts a new photo every three days. "I spent many years studying the art of framing shots, capturing light, learning post-production techniques to draw out the essence of an image and, most importantly, seeing a shot no one else sees." Although he scoffs at this observation, Mike's photographs rival those found in Arizona Highways or National Geographic magazines.

Soon enough, he became a filmmaker, picking up a movie camera and teaching himself how to make movies. "These are not home movies. These are scripted, with props and lighting and sound and professional editing," he said. During the decade spent making films, he wrote and directed one feature length film (Truelove, 70 minutes), three mid-length features (about 45 minutes) and about a dozen short films and documentaries. He presented Truelove at PUUF's Movie Night in March to the audience's delight.

While his multiple talents encompass many fields of creativity, he said he can't wield a hammer or screwdriver or saw. But ask this sports fan anything about the Mets, Jets, Rangers or Arsenal and he has an answer. In fact, his road trips often have a ballpark as a destination – to date he's visited 297 stadiums! He and his best friend Gary built a website (www.ballparkbrothers.com) that highlights nearly 450 baseball stadiums across North America with reviews, photos and special features.



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Two sports he knows very well – soccer and ice hockey. “I coached my daughter’s youth soccer team from age 6 to 16 and during that time held every position at Mount Kisco AYSO from coach to registrar to treasurer to referee to Regional Commissioner.” He currently volunteers as a referee with Prescott AYSO during their fall soccer season.



From age 34 to 46, he played adult league ice hockey for a dozen years. Some work nights, games started at 11:30 p.m. “But I wouldn’t have missed those games and those teammates I played with for anything. We won a single league championship during all those years. It felt like winning the Stanley Cup.”

Mike grew up in a “thoroughly non-religious household, aggressively non-religious.” He tried a UU Fellowship in Mount Kisco, New York, but it had no music and he was uncomfortable with the 100-member congregation. After a year and a half in Prescott Valley, he and Siuyin discovered PUUF. “What we found was a relaxed, friendly group that was welcoming while giving me the space to emerge from my shell at my own pace, which is to say verrrry slowly. I’m still a very solitary person.”

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Yellowstone trip in 2019, showing Mike's incredible photography skills.

Every year Mike takes a long, solo road trip. "My wife is wonderfully understanding of this, knowing that I just need a car, a full tank of gas, and an unbroken ribbon of highway to clear my head. Long drives are my version of meditation," he said.

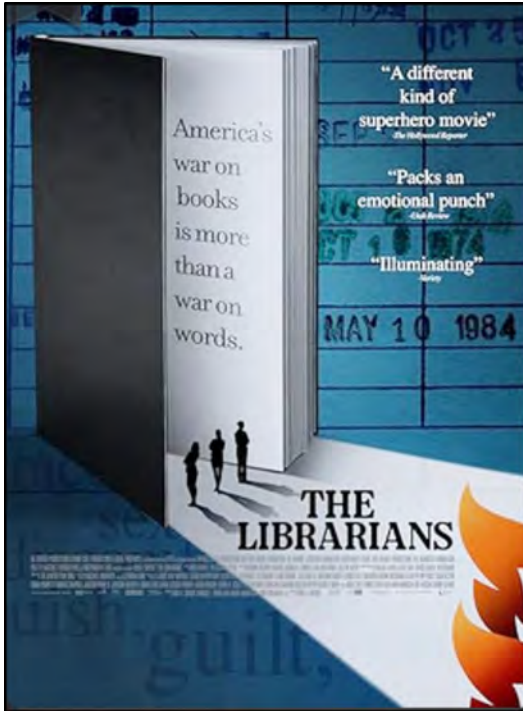
"The thing that makes me happiest of all is traveling and exploring the world with my wonderful wife, Siuyin. We didn't meet until we were both in our 40s, and my true ambition for what remains of our lives is to make up for lost time by seeing the world together while we are still able," he said.



"For all of my artistic and intellectual explorations, the greatest lesson I have learned in my 61 years is that it's never too late to meet the love of your life. And when you do, grab hold and never let go..."

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PUUF Movie Night and Potluck - April 18



The Librarians (2025) is a documentary film that investigates the rising wave of U.S. book bans and the librarians, parents, and students fighting censorship. It follows, in particular, the efforts of librarians in states like Texas and Florida to protect intellectual freedom against efforts to restrict books, often focusing on race and LGBTQIA+ content.



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.

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

Free - no admission charge.

March 3 Lunar Eclipse

Al "Moon Man" Schober presented a brief slide show of his photographs on the eclipse of the moon that took place March 3, 2026.



PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

Mar. 1 - Chocolate Communion

Chocolate Communion with Glenna and Dale Hudson, and video by Sarah Movius Schurr explored the history of chocolate – earliest known consumption was 3,000+ years ago by Mayans and Aztecs – and free trade production. She explained the six kinds of love described by the ancient Greeks. Before passing a basket of chocolates to everyone, she reminded us of what Forrest Gump said: “Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you’re going to get.” We noticed the taste and texture, and shared our memories.



Mar. 8 - Harriet Tubman

Glenna Hudson led us through the life and contributions of Harriet Tubman. Included in this program was a video of “Lift Every Voice and Sing: The Story behind the Black National Anthem.” The audience sang along to this song as well as the postlude selection, “We’re Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table,” which is a traditional gospel song.



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Mar. 15 - Miracle of Pi

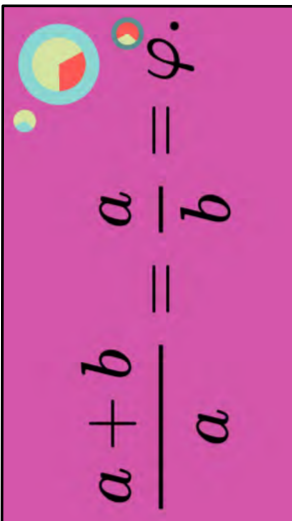
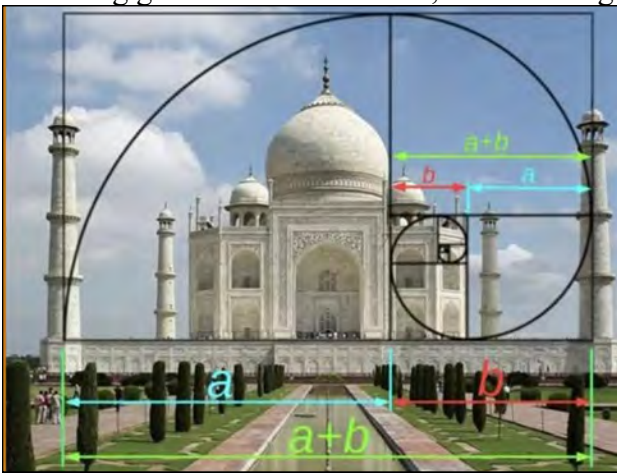
Kai Kennedy and Robyn Moreno put their heads and backgrounds together to present Pi Day: Unraveling the Compelling Mysteries of Math.” Pi Day is celebrated March 14 (3.14). They explained how the math constants of Pi, Tau, and the Golden Ratio were discovered and are used today. There is even a Pilish language for poetry and prose based on the digits of Pi and created thusly: The first word in the sentence has 3 letters, the next word 1 letter, the next word 4 letters, (3.14...) and so on, following the first 15 digits of the number π . In honor of St. Patrick’s Day,



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Mar. 22 - Gurdjieff



Robert Ernst introduced PUUF attendees to the music and teachings of Gurdjieff. Gurdjieff was Russian and taught his understanding and connection to the cosmic world until the 1920s revolution at which time he settled in Paris. His teachings are about becoming a complete human being and living in harmony with scientific inquiry. It often takes a shock to open one's heart to love, he said. Robert played the piano music of George Gurdjieff and Thomas de Hartmann throughout the program.



Mar. 29 - Dances of Universal Peace



Lance/Yaqin Sandleben described the Philosophy of the Sacrament in observation of Maundy Thursday and Palm Sunday. He led participants and several dancers from his Dances of Universal Peace group in four dances accompanied by his guitar and our voices.

