



Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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Sep 6 Sunday 11 am	Highland Games and Scottish Unitarians. Join Ered Matthew, Rick Shope and Michael Donelson for a Celtic program full of bagpipe music, stories, traditions and community in this preview to the Prescott Highland Games and Celtic Faire <i>Music by bagpiper Michael Donalson.</i>
Sep 13 Sunday 11 am	Empty Bowls celebrates its 28th year raising funds for food banks in the Quad-Cities. Join the volunteers and guests 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Yavapai County Courthouse for soup, bread and a handmade bowl for \$25.
Sep 13 Sunday 11 am	PUUF remains open and will host an informal gathering for those not attending the Empty Bowls event.
Sep 19 Saturday 5 pm	PUUF Movie Night and Potluck To kick off the Prescott Folk Music Festival Oct. 3, and the Sept. 20 Sunday Service with Tom and Christa Agostino discussing and playing folk music, we are showing O Brother, Where Art Thou? <i>See page 9 for more information.</i>
Sep 20 Sunday 11 am	Through song, stories and tall tales Tom and Christa Agostino will explore the legacy of Prescott's Folk Music Festival. Get a glimpse of what is in store Oct. 3 at Sharlot Hall at the 42 nd Folk Festival where you'll find many members of PUUF's musical family performing during the day.
Sep 27 Sunday 11 am	Emerson Wisniewski grew up in the Greater Phoenix area and was influenced by their diverse community. Join Emerson for "Leading with Heart" and hear about how she found community, learned to say "yes," and provided support for communities in need. <i>Music by juniper flurry.</i>

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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 **September 6** after the Sunday Service.

PUUF NEWS

September 2026



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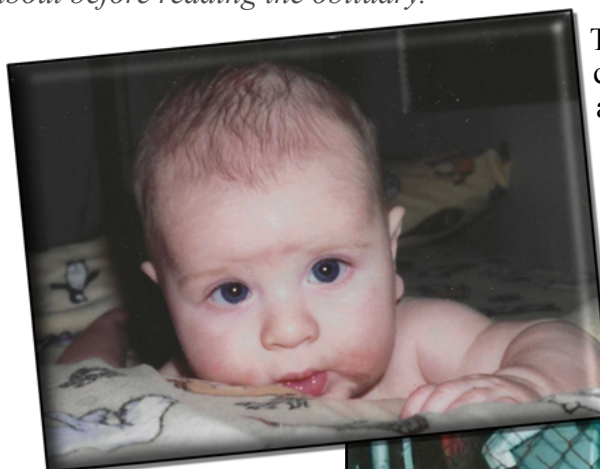
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Discover What Makes Us Unique Featuring this month's remarkable PUUF Member

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.



This PUUF member counts cuckoo birds, almost became a rocket scientist, but now willingly shares where your poop goes – in case you're interested in seeking out this information...

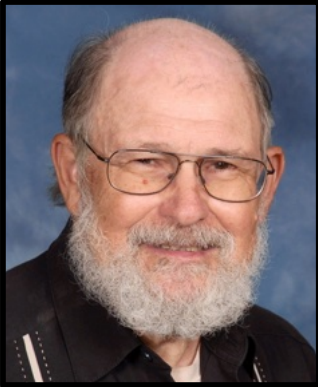
She grew up with an older brother and shared similar interests like music and toys until her brother moved away to college. The children's mother was raised as a Jehovah's Witness and left in her youth. "The stories she told me about it generally gave me an ick about organized religion from a young age," she said.

Their father was raised in Catholicism, but never really mentioned it, which also gave her a negative impression of religion in general. "I have often considered myself an agnostic throughout my life, relying more on science and direct observation than scripture or related teachings."



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President's Letter

Hello Folks. Everyone, please remember that Sept.13 is the Empty Bowls event on the Courthouse Plaza. If you have never attended, check it out. You purchase a ceramic bowl that was produced by local potters. And you get to sample two soups conjured up by local chefs. There's always a great selection to choose from. The event is just like a tailgate party. Well, okay. No beer or tailgates, but you get the flavor. It's fun and it's for a good cause – raising money to support food banks in the Quad-cities.

Here at PUUF things as usual are puffing along with interesting services and great music. I know I've said this before, but I am amazed that the program committee always brings us interesting and sometimes challenging Sunday mornings.

It seems to me this has been a usual monsoon summer with thunderstorms and some flooding to go with them. This past Sunday, Aug. 23, just as we were going out on the deck to eat, the sky unleashed a torrent of water so we had a good soaking which in this parched southwest is always welcome. And I'm sure the wildlife greatly welcomed the rain. Numerous deer were spotted, not just at PUUF, but up the road and on Copper Basin. Drivers, be careful!

Thank you,



Empty Bowls

The 28th Annual Empty Bowls event takes place at the Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza on Sunday, Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. <https://prescott-empty-bowls.square.site/>

Anyone who wants to volunteer can contact Dixie at dixieleeking1955@gmail.com OR call 661-619-2735.

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Robyn Moreno enjoyed – and excelled in – math and science classes throughout her school years which shaped her view of the world to mostly rely on physical phenomena rather than spiritual ones, she said. In college, she pursued a degree in physics and propulsion engineering (hence, the rocket scientist part of her almost career).

But nine years ago she moved to Prescott to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. “The natural beauty of Prescott (especially the birds) is what led me to pursue a career in the environmental area rather than a career directly related to my degree,” Robyn said.

“I love birds so much. I did an internship at the Highlands Center after college on the coloration of bird feathers to show the applicability of my physics major to the realm of nature and the environment. I have assisted with multiple seasons of Yellow-Billed Cuckoo surveys for Arizona Game and Fish, Bald Eagle surveys when I was with the U.S. Forest Service, and I’ve done bird banding at Hassayampa River Preserve with ASU.”

Robyn states she experienced a traumatic life event in December 2025, and lost much of her existing friend group. She began searching for a community in the Prescott area that would be supportive of an openly trans woman.

“I knew most churches would not be accepting, so I did some research online and found Granite Peak UU. I attended my first service and found the community to be very open and welcoming. I went to a few services there and had also caught wind of PUUF. After attending my first service at PUUF, I fell in love. I really appreciate the smaller group and the lay-led aspect of PUUF. Those aspects lead me to feel more like a full member of the community and that I am trusted and valued,” she said.



Her relationship with her parents has been up and down. “Coming out to them was difficult at times (once for not being straight, another time for being transgender), and I have continued to work on those relationships,” Robyn said. “I feel as though we are continuing to grow closer in recent times and that feels nice.”

The Seven UU Principles resonates with her.

“I have often felt a deep urge within my being to help to make the world a better place. I can see clearly now that I am meant to do this through sharing my experience and love within the world. I resonate

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especially with Principles 1 and 4. One because I fully believe every being inherently deserves respect and 4 has really been important for me in my life recently. Being able to search for truth and meaning freely (not only monetarily but also in a free way) has been pivotal in my growth and recovery from the recent lows of my life.”

For now, R o b y n

works for

Yavapai County in the Environmental Unit for Development Services permitting and inspecting septic systems to help to protect Yavapai County’s groundwater. “I can talk your ear off about septic systems and will happily talk to you about where your poop goes,” she offered.

Jeeps – big and little – also bring joy to her life. First, the little: building and driving RC (remote-controlled) crawlers. “Like the little cars and trucks that drive really slowly over rocks and trails. There is something entirely different and enjoyable about being focused on the process of assembling a tiny vehicle which is functional after starting with a box of parts. And also about driving it to make it over a certain obstacle or trail.”

And second, the bigger Jeep: “My favorite hobby is wood collecting – going into the national forest with my Jeep



(real size), trailer, and chainsaw to find some dead and down wood or an appropriate tree to fall, and just operating the chainsaw and being smart with the placement of my cuts and the operation of logging as a whole. I used to be in the U.S. Forest Service, so running the saw in the forest is calming to me and brings me to connect with nature.”

Living in downtown Prescott, Robyn hasn’t been able to go out to collect wood as much as she’d like. “I also don’t live in a cabin with a wood burning fireplace, so it isn’t as much a priority.”

Robyn said recently she has

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begun to follow her own spiritual path, and to connect more deeply with folks every day. In turn, she is learning more about herself through her spiritual experiences.

About Sunday services at PUUF, she said, "I love hearing about people's special interests through the lay-led talks, and connecting to others at the lunches after the talks. I love the welcoming and accepting community which has embraced me with open arms especially in the toughest parts of my life." ☸



PUUF LIFE JOURNEYS

Celebrating the Life of Longtime PUUF Friend Judy Davis

Please join us at Granite Peak UUC as we remember and celebrate the life of Judy Davis on Sept. 10 at 3 p.m. in the GPUUC Sanctuary. Judy's kindness, genuine caring, and life of social justice work touched so many in our community. Please come share memories and honor her beautiful legacy. A reception will follow in Davis Hall.



**Kai Kennedy
Celebrated Their
Birthday After
the Aug. 2
Service!**

PUUF ACTIVITIES

PUUF Movie Night and Potluck Saturday, September 19

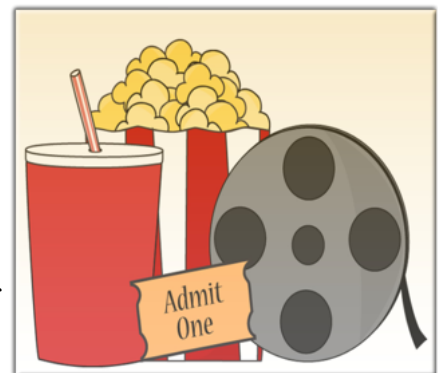


Join the fun on Saturday, Sept. 19, for potluck outside on the deck (5 p.m.) and movie inside (6 p.m.). To kick off the Prescott Folk Music Festival Oct. 3, and the Sept. 20

Sunday Service with Tom and Christa Agostino discussing and playing folk music, we are showing *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

The musical film was written, produced, co-edited, and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. It stars George Clooney, John Turturro, and Tim Blake Nelson, with Charles Durning, Michael Badalucco, John Goodman and Holly Hunter in supporting roles.

It follows three escaped convicts searching for hidden treasure while a sheriff relentlessly pursues them. Its story is a modern satire which, while incorporating social features of the American South, is loosely based on Homer's epic poem the *Odyssey*. Some examples of this include Sirens, a Cyclops, and the main character's name, "Ulysses," which is the Roman name for "Odysseus."



Fun Facts

Much of the music used in the film is period folk music.

The movie was one of the first to extensively use digital color correction to give the film an autumnal sepia-tinted look.

Clooney did not immediately understand his character and sent the script to his Uncle Jack in Kentucky, asking him to read the entire script into a tape recorder. Unbeknownst to Clooney, Jack, a devout Baptist, omitted all instances of the words "damn" and "hell" from the script, which only became known to Clooney after the directors pointed this out to him during shooting.

George Clooney recalled being called into the recording studio and singing despite his lack of talent. It was assumed that he could sing because he was the nephew of Rosemary Clooney. Despite the relation, he could not. His singing and that of John Turturro were dubbed.

Tim Blake Nelson as Delmar O'Donnell, does his own singing on "In the Jailhouse Now", but otherwise his singing is dubbed by Pat Enright. Nelson (who has a degree in classics from Brown University) was the only person on the set who had read the *Odyssey*. **Potluck begins at 5 p.m. with the movie starting at 6 p.m.**

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Fawn Spotting

PUUF is often visited by wildlife – turkeys, deer, javelina. This little fawn with spots still showing and its mother walked through the PUUF parking lot mid-afternoon on Aug. 25.



PRESCOTT EVENTS

Folk Music Festival Oct. 3 hosts many PUUF musicians!

After a seven year break, Tom Agostino brings the Prescott Folk Music Festival back to Sharlot Hall Museum on four stages from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. Gates open at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$15 for non-members. Museum members and children under 9 years old are free. A beginners' ukulele workshop takes place at 4 p.m. for those wishing to give the 4-stringed fun instrument a try.

Among the 27 musicians, check out how many – more than a third! – have contributed their talents to Sunday services at PUUF:

- Jonathan Best
- Kathleen Hess and the Don Juans
- Mychael and Tessa Barnes
- Nyman Family Band (ukuleles, mandolin, fiddles)
- Rita Cantu
- Robertson Sisters
- Sticks and Tones (Maria and Henry Flurry)
- The Justice Choir
- Tom and Christa Agostino
- Ukulele Players of Prescott/Kanikapila

PUUF ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 3 p.m.

Prescott Peace Day Proclamation 201 N. Montezuma Street, Prescott, AZ (in the City Council Chambers, 1st floor).

You are invited to attend the **Prescott City Council meeting**, where Councilman Patrick Grady will read the **Prescott Peace Day Proclamation**. The reading of the **Peace Proclamation in “Everybody’s Hometown”** is more than a symbolic gesture. It is a public declaration of our community’s commitment to **nonviolence as a core civic value**. It affirms our support for efforts that address the root causes of violence and injustice while fostering a culture of **inclusion, equity, belonging, dignity, and mutual respect**.

Your presence matters. By attending, we demonstrate to our elected officials—and to one another—that these values are important to the people who call Prescott home. **We hope you will join us and make your voice part of this community statement for peace.**

Sunday, Sept. 27 at 12:45 p.m.

4th Annual Peace Concert

Granite Creek Park, 554 6th Street, Prescott. Our talented local musicians for this year’s Peace Concert include **Bucket List Band, Womansong, The Gurley Street Trio, MacDougal Street West, and Galactagogues**.

Bring your chairs or a blanket, a picnic, and a friend—and enjoy a lovely afternoon of music on the lawn beneath the shade of the cottonwood trees. Kids Kraft Table courtesy of La Tierra Community School. Donations are appreciated to support our community-building activities. Peacebuilders' merchandise – we have fun jewelry and Tie-Dye T-shirts!

Please Support Local Latino Owned Businesses.

Recent I.C.E. activity in PV has resulted in local Latinos fearing engagement in simple tasks like shopping.

Thus, the incomes of local businesses have been impacted.

Please help these businesses survive.

Shop at: **Carnicería Azteca** at 6426 AZ-69 East, PV

Mercado del Pueblo at 8147 East Sprouse Drive, PV

Azteca Market PV: 8116 Spouse Dr, Prescott Valley

Mercadito de Abby: 316 W Perkinsville Rd #1, Chino Valley

Maya Mercado: 3900 N Robert Rd, Prescott Valley

****Mi Chula Antojitos y Café**** 8141 Florentine Rd # A, Prescott Valley

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PUUF ACTIVITIES

Kai Kennedy Produces and Performs in Monster Mash

Monster Mash – Oops All Clowns – takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at Prescott College. Producer and one of the stars of the show, Kai Kennedy as Perri Odd Blood, wishes to invite everyone to the 2nd Annual Halloween Variety show. “Grab some cotton candy and soda because this year we’re taking you to the circus,” Kai said.

“Last year our ghouls threw such a crazy party that we summoned a whole circus into town! Monster Mash 2026 we’re delighted to introduce you to some of the silliest performers in Northern Arizona.”

Tickets are \$10 online (or \$15 at the door):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monster-mash-oops-all-clowns-tickets-1995021728695>

**MONSTER MASH:
OOPS ALL CLOWNS!**

**18+ EVENT!
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM
SHOW 7:00PM - 10:00PM
COSTUME CONTEST W/ PRIZES!!!

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PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

August 2: Sukey Jones –Paleolithic Rock Art

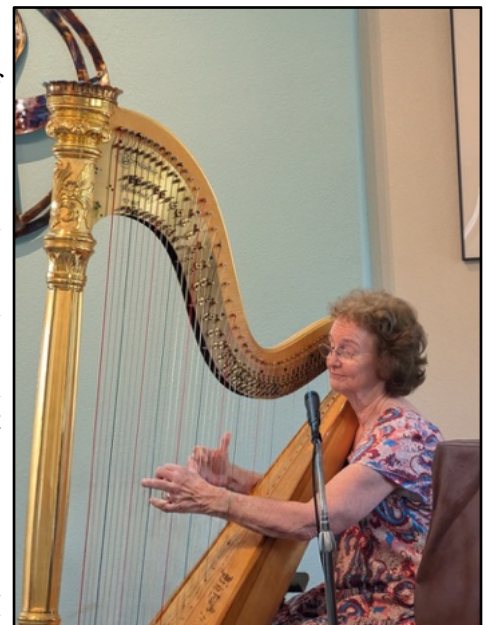
Sukey Jones brought cave art to life with her presentation on Paleolithic rock art in eight caves she visited in France and Spain. In some caves, the artists built scaffolding up to 40' high. They adapted their art to the surface textures of rock walls in other caves. Theories on what their beliefs are based on depends on the writer's personal beliefs and the historical time it was written. *Kathleen Hess and Big John provided music.*



August 9: Rev. Michelle LaGrave – Change in Local Community



Rev. Michelle LaGrave, Granite Peak UUC, led off her talk on "Embracing Possibility" by describing how one person or one small group can make a change in local communities. Taking from the works of Margaret J. Wheatley's research on how change happens, Rev. Michelle shared the definition of sane: "an honest relationship with reality." We make change by creating conditions for people to become more generous, creative and kind. We build "islands of sanity." One way to proffer kindness is to not share our judgments and opinions. *Adrienne Bridgewater's selection of music and beautiful harp music complemented the program perfectly.*

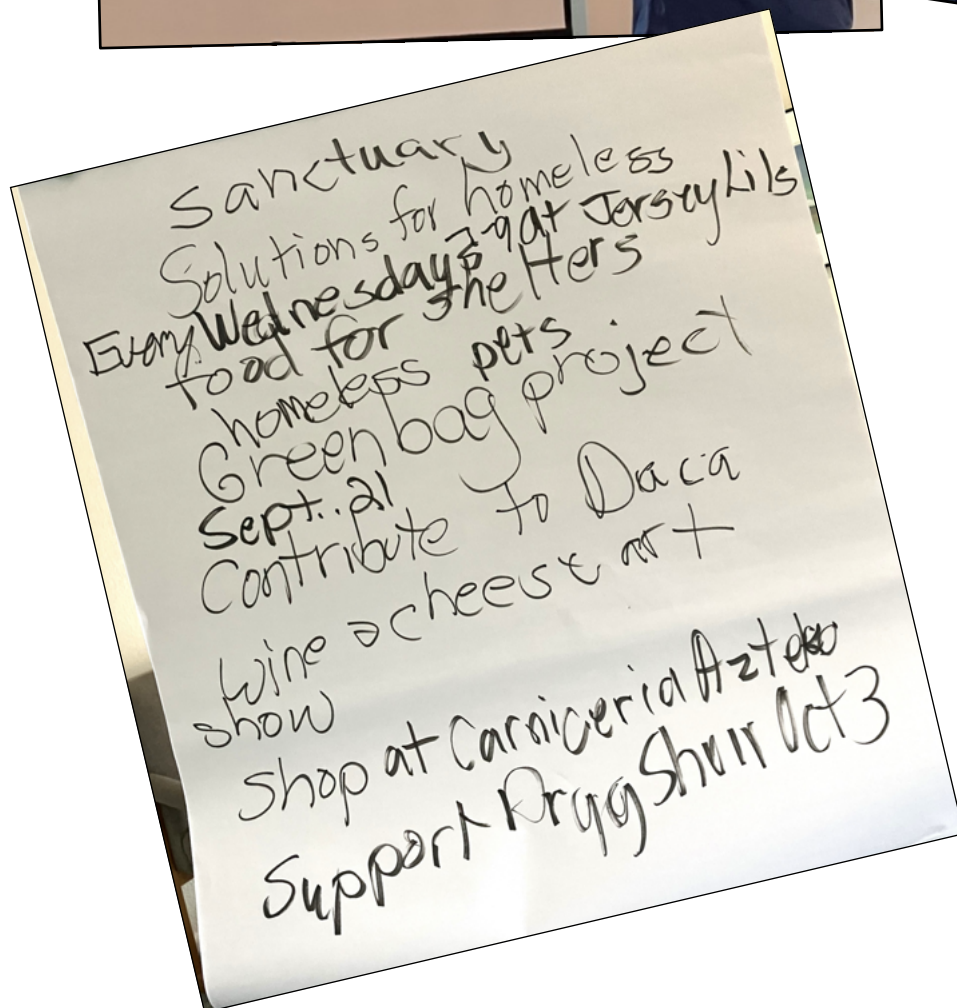


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August 16: Scott Jech – Residential Fire Safety

Scott Jech, Fire Safety Essentials, provided information and facts on different ways house fires can start, how fire develops and travels, and how to safeguard our homes. He talked about the variety of smoke and heat alarms that are on the market, how to use/recharge fire extinguishers, and to be better prepared.

Lynn Lamoureux and Bob Bovine provided music with “fire” themes.



August 23: Glenna Hudson – Living “Love- Centered Faith”

Glenna Hudson brought her reflections on living out the UUA’s “love-centered faith” by drawing on essays from the book edited by Rev. Sofia Betancourt, *Love at the Center*. She explored what it means to put love at the center of PUUF into action. Participants suggested the following actions: offering sanctuary, study solutions for unhoused people, prepare meals for shelters, provide food

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for pets of people without homes, join the Green Bag Project, contribute to DACA recipients, host a wine/cheese/art event, support Hispanic community by shopping at Carniceria Azteca, Glenna Hudson brought support our LGBTQ+ community at the Oct. 3 Monster Mash drag show, support Musicians with Heart Open Mic Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. at Jersey Lilly (donations this quarter goes to Empty Bowls), join the Peacebuilders event Sept. 21 at the Courthouse Plaza. *Andy Hofer provided music with guitar and voice.*



August 30: A Sense of Home

Chris “Link” Duarte spoke on “Returning Home” – how a sense of isolation led him to transitioning 18 years ago and to finding his authentic self. His recent travels, challenges with developing an app, studying predictive analytics, and his search for welcoming communities across the country brought him back to Prescott and his PUUF friends. *Morgana Cooper played three dreamy pieces by Marcos Fernandez-Barrero on the piano.*

