



Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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Oct 4 Sunday 11 am	From Methodist Sunday School to Modern Muslim. Sandie Brito shares her story of trying to make sense of religions, sacred texts, and unusual experiences on her journey to Islam.
Oct 11 Sunday 11 am	Basketry: The People, Faith, Balance. Violet Mitchell-Enos , Prescott Yavapai Tribal member. <i>Music by Dine flautist Palmer Saufkie.</i>
Oct 17 Saturday 5 pm	PUUF Movie Night and Potluck Join us for a showing of Coco at Movie Night at PUUF. Potluck begins at 5 p.m. and the movie starts at 6 p.m. <i>See page 7 for more information.</i>
Oct 18 Sunday 11 am	Mutual Aid as a Practice of Solidarity. Asha Kinney will discuss how mutual aid is rooted in the idea that communities already hold knowledge, skills, and resources they can share with one another. Mutual aid emphasizes reciprocity, relationship, and collective responsibility. <i>Music by Meg Bohrman.</i>
Oct 25 Sunday 11 am	Superheroes with Kai Kennedy. Kai explores what makes a superhero, and how these stories hold an important message of humanity. <i>Music by Jonathan Best.</i>

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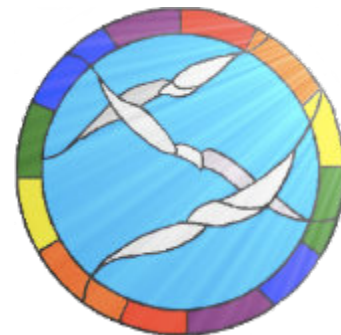
PUUF Facilities Available

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 18** after the Sunday Service.

PUUF NEWS

October 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.

Regaining Light and Love from a Damaged Childhood

This PUUF friend was the middle sister of three, all born in Texas. She spent her childhood in Madison, Wisconsin, where she was brought up in a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, which was very severe and fire-and-brimstone judgmental in nature. The family attended church three to four times a week.

“It was a bare and masculine building with no beauty or feeling of the Divine Feminine anywhere to be found. Not even a painting of Mary,” she said.

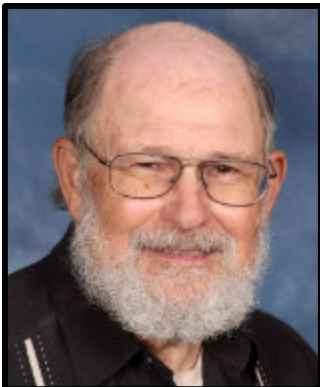
It was a difficult childhood. She did not feel accepted or understood by her family, her teachers, the church, or adults in her life. “I did not, and still do not, fit in very well with my family of origin. I was always too artistic and intense and weird, and they told me that frequently,” she said. “I did not know that I was myself an artist. I just thought that I was a bad child/daughter/person. I got spanked a lot.”

Because both parents worked, she experienced limited supervision she terms “benevolent neglect,” and found happiness in riding her bike, climbing trees, and building houses for ants and beetles in the backyard.



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President's Letter

Hello everybody and welcome to Fall! The garden is finished, the leaves are turning on the trees, and the weather is cooler. As I write this, we are in the remnants of Hurricane Polo and there is a good bit of soaking rain throughout Arizona.

On the PUUF home front – WELCOME BACK, MARK AND DEBRA from your extended excursion across the country and into Canada. We hear the Canadians were sorry to see you go and the Americans welcomed you back into the country. I suppose that's a good thing – at least it is for PUUF!

As we enter into the holiday season I wish for you all a healthy and happy journey through the holiday party season. Remember, some of us are not as young as we once were. Don't overdo it. We can't party like we used to. Stay safe.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the President.

While The Cats Are Away....

Some might wonder how PUUF Governing Board members feel after one of their board meetings this summer. Relieved? Irritated? Enthusiastic? Tired?

How about thankful that the place hasn't burned to the ground in the absence of Mark and Debra Mathewson, board treasurer and secretary? Grateful the Mathewsons have returned to Arizona from a very lengthy, much deserved vacation? Their faces tell the story, along with photographer Jerry Matiatos' laughter (unseen and unheard in this pic).



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Meg Bohrman describes herself during childhood as “a very sweet and good girl, excited about learning and discovering and becoming. I read a lot of books. I wrote a lot of poetry.” And she loved music. Somehow the grownups in her life did not totally crush these attributes.



“I don’t remember very many adults who took an interest in my growing up. I had two neighbor mothers who I felt accepted me and even liked me for who I was, which really mattered at the time, because I did not feel that from my family, or teachers. There was a lot of violence and shame in my home,” Meg said. “I was actively discouraged from pursuing music as I grew up,

because I was told by my family and teachers that I would never be any good. I was told over and over from a young age that I could not sing, that I sounded terrible, and that I should shut up. No adult helped prevent the abuses to me at home, school or church, nor helped me to heal after they happened.”

By the time she turned 16, having lost all faith in adults and institutions, she dropped out of school, ran away from home, and spent some years traveling around the country and in



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Europe. "This was the best education I ever got," she said.

It has taken Meg a lifetime of learning how to love and believe in herself, to remember who she is, and to regain her voice. She feels PUUF is a place where the entire human is welcome and included. "Also, my mother told us often that Unitarians are sinful heathens, so that made the Unitarians all that more



Making balloon animals at the train station in Romania for the Roma children as I traveled around in the mid 1990s.



attractive to me."

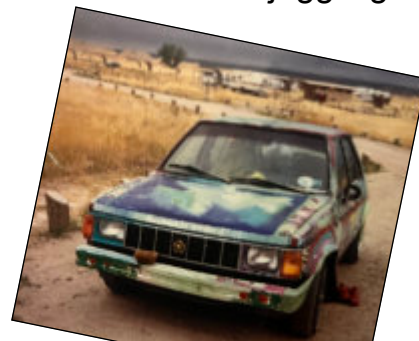
"I have a strong spiritual body, in part because of, and in part despite, my upbringing. My parents are very loving and generous people. They have hearts of gold. They are true Christians, who walk their talk, and instilled a deep sense of faith and service in all of their children."

She still writes poetry and songs, and likes to speak and sing in different languages. Currently, she is connecting to the stories and culture of the Mayan people and studying the trade routes in Mesoamerica and the Southwest United States. She



Thatcher and Meg in 1994 in Amsterdam.

considers herself a Taoist, and describes herself as "a pretty darn good cook and not bad at juggling!"

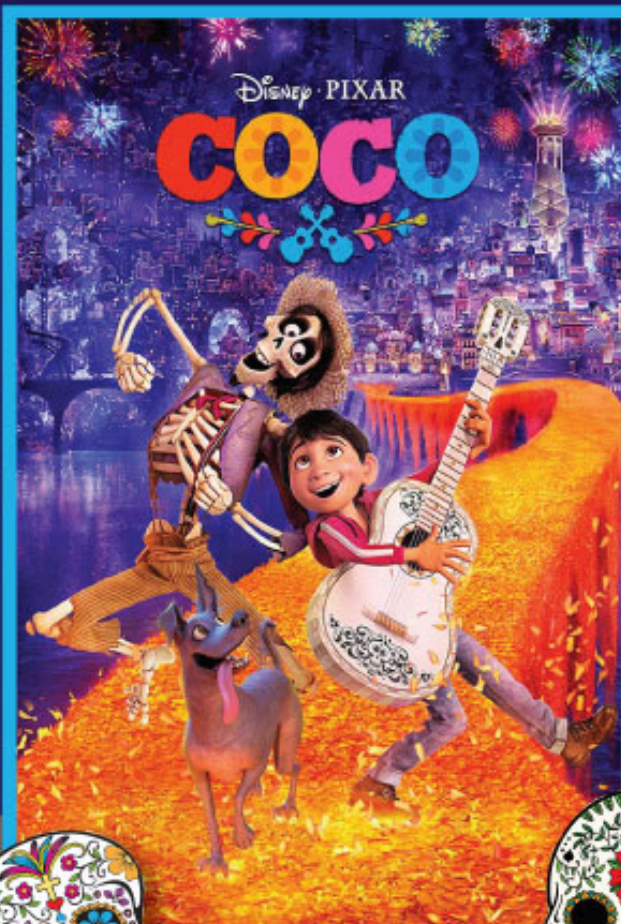


My painted car named Betsy with whom I drove cross country many times.

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PUUF MOVIE NIGHT AND POTLUCK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17



Disney • Pixar's *Coco* (2017) is an animated film that follows the story of Miguel, a boy from Mexico who goes on a journey through the Land of the Dead to discover why his family has banned music.

Coco (2017) is one of the most recognizable *Día de los Muertos* films aimed towards kids since *The Book of Life* (2014). Both Mexican and American audiences rejoiced in Miguel's journey to rediscover his family history.

As the first motion picture to feature an all-Latino cast with a nine-figure budget, the film stars Anthony Gonzalez as Miguel, Gael García Bernal as Héctor in both the English and Spanish dub, Benjamin Bratt as Ernesto de la Cruz, and Alanna Ubach as Mamá Imelda.



POTLUCK BEGINS AT 5PM

MOVIE BEGINS AT 6PM

PUUF ACTIVITIES

Paint Crew Brightens Hugh Graham Room

You may have noticed how awake you feel when entering the High Graham room at PUUF. On Sept. 13, PUUF members and friends Shasta and Joel Guthrie, Al Schober, and Sue Tone covered the walls with a fresh coat of yellow. Perhaps this is a blank canvas for a mural or two?

We are looking to replace the old cork bulletin board with a new/used whiteboard of a similar size. Check your garages and playrooms for any you might wish to donate to PUUF.



PUUF ACTIVITIES

Cool weather made for a perfect 27th Annual Empty Bowls event on the Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza Sept. 13, 2026.

There was a gentle rain toward the final hour – how welcome was that?! Splitting the payment type tables (electronic v. cash) and offering two lines for bowl selection appeared to speed up the process of getting people to their soup in quick succession.

Beneficiaries of Empty Bowls funds in 2025 include: food banks in Paulden, Cordes Lakes, Chino Valley, Yavapai College, Sacred Heart; and Feed Your Neighbors/Prescott Farmers Market, and the Humboldt and Chino Valley School Districts' Hungry Kids programs.

PUUF members participated in a number of roles and assignments. Thanks for all your help. GPUUC will provide the amount of this year's donations at a later date.



PUUF ACTIVITIES

Slainte!*

Here's to Scotland and all its friends – Cheers!

In case you missed the Highland Games and Celtic Faire Sept. 26 and 27, it was a tremendous success, and the weather was perfect. Did you know that PUUF's Shasta Guthrie is president of the Prescott Area Celtic Society which puts on the Games every year at Loch Watson? She and her husband Joel are on the Society's board of directors and made sure things ran as smoothly as possible.

On Sunday, Shasta sat with other Celtic Faire dignitaries as nearly 20 Clans were presented and recognized, and then the Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band and audience sang Auld Lang Syne (written by the Scottish poet Robbie Burns in 1788).

"We'll take a cup of kindness yet for auld lang syne."

Kai Kennedy acted out the storytelling of Redwin the Bard. Erica/Frank Ferguson and Sue Tone volunteered and enjoyed watching the athletics, bands, and people.

**pronounced "slawn-cha"*



Freshly Picked!

You may have noticed bouquets of wildflowers at the podium altar at PUUF on Sundays. Sometimes fresh store-bought flowers grace the table, and at other times, PUUF member Erica/Frank Ferguson finds an attractive selection of flowers, grasses and an assortment of what some people might call weeds from PUUF's own grounds, which she fashions into picturesque bouquets. Thank you for this beautiful bunch you arranged on Sept. 6, 2026.



PUUF ACTIVITIES

**You are invited to Granite Peak
Unitarian Universalist's
Sanctuary Dedication**



October 3rd, 2026 at 1:30pm
GPUUC 30th Anniversary afterward!
882 Sunset Ave., Prescott, AZ
office@prescottuu.org

PUUF ACTIVITIES

Queer Elders Panel

Saturday, October 17th 4-8pm

Come listen to local elder LGBTQ+ people talk about their experience being queer, followed by time to ask questions!

Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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PUUF PROGRAM RECAP



September 6: Highland Games Teaser



In preparation for the upcoming Highland Games and Celtic Faire, kilt-clad Ered Matthew led participants in a rousing Scottish drinking song.

Then Redwin the Bard (Rick Shope) delighted us with a telling from epic story of King Pwyll of Wales and his enemy King Arawn of Annwn who exchanged identities for a year, then reunited as lifelong friends.



September 13: Informal Gathering for those not at Empty Bowls

September 20: Tom and Christa Agostino walked us through “The Legacy of Prescott’s Folk Music Festival”



From its inception 49 years ago to the upcoming 42nd Folk Music Festival at Sharlot Hall Museum (there was a 7-year break thanks to Covid). More than 50 performers will play 30-minute sets on four stages, plus there are song circles and workshops such as the one for beginning ukulele conducted by Sue Tone and the Ukulele Players of Prescott. Sue gave a very quick lesson with two chords, and several people played and sang along to Tom Dooley.



September 27: Finding Community

Emerson Wisniewski spoke on finding a sense of belonging in a new place. Through her paintings, showing a view of the world as seen through her eyes, as well as a performance piece of the tree (juniper) and the raccoon (Emerson) pondering their view of humanity, we had a glimpse of her heart and of her beloved community.