

# on the HORIZON

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

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## A Note From Our Interim Pastor:

Dear beloved Rincon community –

New week, new mini-survey! Access it [HERE](#). And thank you so much for those continuing to bring thoughtful time and attention to the questions and answers each week so far. It's all such a wonderfully helpful primer for the surveying of the pending Local Church Profile and Pastoral Search and Call process. Stay tuned in the weeks ahead for further unpacking of what's been shared so far and how it is already informing our growing forward as a church.

It's been a very full month to start the New Year. I am deeply grateful to the ways our church leadership on council (and now new council!) showed up time and again right after the holidays to ensure we can hit 2020 in stride and transition successfully to this year's congregational leadership. Be proud of yourselves for being a part of this story and showing up at our Annual Meeting to keep telling it. I am.

I'm also still going to the gym regularly! I joked in my first 2020 sermon that this was decidedly **not** a New Year's Resolution. The timing just finally stuck around that date. After a big 2019 with huge transitions for my family, our vocations, and losses of loved ones, it felt possible to get the blood flowing (literally) in ways that help keep me energized and focused in ways that regular exercise only can.

I bring this up again because I've been thinking about the energizing, strengthening benefits for body and mind that even a daily walk or stretching routine or active movement of some kind can do for all of us. I got thinking about 'aliveness' and contentment. These two things can seem to represent different ways of being. One suggests exuberant movement and the other seems to connote calm and quiet. But aliveness and contentment are actually very similar, and maybe even the same thing when we peek behind the curtains of our bodies and souls.

Church is for generating aliveness and contentment. What brings you to church that energizes and strengthens your body and soul? What brings you safety and comfort in your body and soul at church? Is this what Rincon is for you and those around you? Are you investing your time, money, and energies here because it's broadening your ability to generate aliveness and contentment the other six days of the week in your work, life, and play?

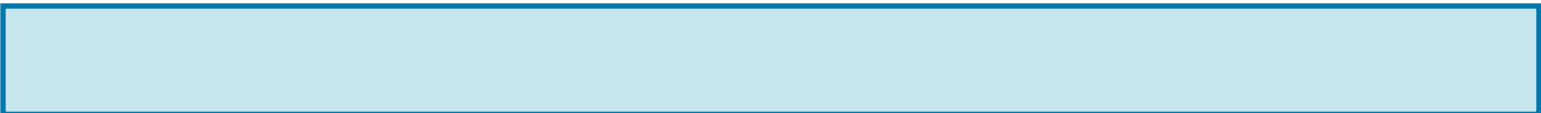
These questions are behind a lot of the sermons I preach, and the mini-surveys we're doing because really they're behind the core of the faith that we claim to proclaim. Like pushing ourselves at the gym, experiencing aliveness and contentment doesn't come without discomfort or challenge. The benefits are worth it though.

And so is Orange Theory Fitness. What I love about this place is that it only asks that we push ourselves within and beyond what **we** can do each class. And that builds resilience and new possibilities for the next time. Which is going to be a theme (resilience) I revisit in February! In the meantime, see you Sunday and maybe at Orange Theory Central. : )

Once again, [CLICK HERE](#) for this week's mini-survey. Take 5 minutes and fill it out for our collective aliveness growing forward!

With deep gratitude and warmest affection,  
Rev. Seth

P.S. Those who have been around Rincon for a good while will (hopefully) be pleased to know we are dusting off an old fun favorite for one of our hymns this Sunday, thanks to our beloved Lucille Habeck. Get ready for 'Dropkick Me Jesus' this Super Bowl Sunday! I can't wait.





**Registration is now open for the MCV C SOAR Event  
March 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

All authorized clergy, MCV C (Mission and Church Vitality) reps from each church, and the Southwest Conference standing committee members are requested to attend this free event.

SOAR stands for Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Results and is intended to be a positive approach to strategic conversations that allows an organization to construct its future through collaboration, shared understanding, and a commitment to action. More information can be found on the SWC Conference website at: <http://www.swcucc.org/conference-office-news>.

"May God's Spirit truly be the wind beneath our wings as we begin to SOAR in 2020!" –Rev. Bill Lyons

In preparation for this initiative the executive board is inviting the entire conference to read two books with them:

Conversations Worth Having: Using Appreciative Inquiry to Fuel Productive and Meaningful Engagement

Thin Book of SOAR: Creating Strategy That Inspires Innovation and Engagement 2nd Edition

PLEASE REGISTER NOW: <http://www.swcucc.org/conference-office-news>

S.O.A.R. & Fat Tuesday Celebration



Mardi Gras is coming and Congregational Life invites you to **celebrate the best Tuesday of the Year - Fat Tuesday on February 25th, 4:30pm - 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.** Join us to enjoy some Big Easy vibe with Mardi Gras beads, juke-box jazz, tasty appetizers, a slice of King Cake, sweet tea and soda pop (beer or wine if you are over 21). You'll also be treated to **homemade jambalaya prepared by a few of our great Rincon chefs** as they vie for the Mardi Gras Top Hat. Come ready to cast your "doubloons". The winning jambalaya dish will be the one that receives the

most money by the end of the evening. All money raised will be donated to Rincon UCC.



*"Make a Joyful noise to God, all the earth. Worship God with gladness; come into God's presence with singing." Psalm 100: 1-2*

Did you ever sing in school choirs? Have you ever sung in a church choir? Do you sing in church? Have you sung in a community choir? Do you sing in the shower? If any of the above are true come join us in the choir. We rehearse on Thursday evening and on Sunday before the late service. ALL are welcome including winter visitors. Even if none of the above are true... come give us a try anyway. Music reading not required, just a desire to make a joyful noise.



Participating In Being The Church



~ Monthly luncheon for adults living with HIV and their guests ~

**POZ CAFE (put on by TIHAN/Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network)** - It is Rincon UCC's turn, with 2 other congregations, to provide a fantastic, nutritious lunch for 120-160 people living with HIV & their guests. This is followed by time to "hang-out," chat, participate in bingo & a prize raffle, and receive care packages full of toiletries/necessities. As a co-sponsor of Poz Café for February 20th, the role of Rincon Congregational UCC is to provide volunteers, help with the cost of the meal, and supply new/donated toiletries/prizes. Event contact person: Diane Pothast, [dpothast@msn.com](mailto:dpothast@msn.com). **Items needed, due at the church-narthex, under the table, by Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Grateful for donations!**

- \*Toilet Paper/2-ply: 108 rolls
- \*Paper Towels: 28 rolls
- \*Laundry Detergent: 40 regular size
- \*Feminine Maxi-pads/variety: 10 packs
- \*Shampoo: 40 regular size bottles
- \*Two giftcards valued at \$10-\$25

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# #SaveAsylum: No migrant persecution!



It's been one year since the "Migrant Persecution Protocols" were imposed on asylum seekers. In November, these unjust returns-to- Mexico were expanded to our Tucson sector. Families are left in danger & cold on Nogales streets, yet expected to travel to El Paso for court.

**Friday Jan. 31  
4:30pm**

Federal Bldg at  
300 W Congress St

They are welcome here: it's the law! Asylum-seekers must not be sent to wait for months, unsheltered, far from lawyers, exposed to danger, when our community has been operating welcome shelters for six years now.



Organized by local border-justice coalitions. Contact: [mali@borderlinks.org](mailto:mali@borderlinks.org)

**RINCON CONGREGATIONAL UCC MISSION STATEMENT:** - Grounded in openness, with respect and justice for all, the Mission of Rincon Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) is to be a welcoming and progressive Christian community that believes in a God who is more about grace than judgment. Inspired by meaningful worship and teaching, we strive to be God's heart and hands in action, seeking to be living examples of Christ's abundant love.



Our Planet  
Our State  
Our Home



Environmental Day  
at the Arizona  
Capitol  
February 5, 2020

Creation Care Ministry

RUCC’s Creation Care ministry is back in full swing into the new year! Keep on the lookout for events coming up soon.

For starters, here’s a great opportunity to make our voices heard statewide for care of creation, democracy, and other issues for the common good, organized by the Grand Canyon chapter of the Sierra Club: **Environmental Day at the AZ Capitol, February 5, 2020, 8:30a.m. – 2:00p.m.**

Join hundreds of advocates for environmental protection and justice, climate action, lands and wildlife conservation, flowing rivers, democracy, and more, in meeting at the Arizona Capitol to let legislators know how much we care about these issues, as well as specific bills. On Environmental Day, we will hear from legislators and meet in teams with our own legislators. Various organizations will also have tables at the event.

To prepare southern Arizonans for Environmental Day, there will be a Volunteer Lobby Workshop on January 30, 2020, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Historic Y (738 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

Finally, a bus will take the Tucson contingent to the capitol. It’ll leave the Historic Y at 5:45 a.m. and return approximately 5:00 p.m. There’s no charge for the bus ride.

To RSVP for any or all of these events, go to <https://www.sierraclub.org/arizona/activist-events> and click on the event(s) you want. You can also get more information or RSVP by contacting an event organizer:

- Sandy Bahr [sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org](mailto:sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org) (602) 999-5790
- Lydia Wilson [lydia.wilson@sierraclub.org](mailto:lydia.wilson@sierraclub.org) (602) 253-9140

Karen MacDonald has taken the day off work to participate in Environmental Day at the AZ Capitol. Who wants to join her? Let her know at [desertsky57@gmail.com](mailto:desertsky57@gmail.com) or 520-336-0625.



**CALLING ALL HIKERS!** - The Creation Care and Faith Development teams are organizing a hike in Sabino Canyon on February 2. Come enjoy our beautiful desert and good company! We will meet in the front ramada at Sabino Canyon at 1:00 (5700 N Sabino Canyon Rd). Car-pooling is available from the church, contact Rev Karen MacDonald ([desertsky57@gmail.com](mailto:desertsky57@gmail.com)) to arrange. Hope to see you there!

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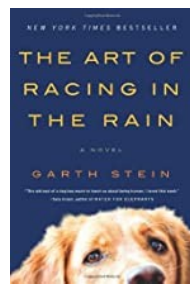


**Primavera Meal Prep**— Primavera Meal Prep will be **Tuesday, February 25th** at 3:00pm. Volunteers prepare a meal in the Rincon kitchen for the Catalina House transition housing unit run by Primavera. The meal is delivered to the Catalina House by a volunteer. For more information or to volunteer contact Ann Geiger at 520.529.6223.



**Refreshment Hosts**— By preparing & serving simple treats and beverages after worship we provide the opportunity to visit with one another and welcome guests. New volunteers are always welcome! Please contact Ann Geiger 520.529.6223

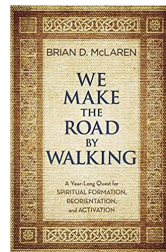
**A COMPANY OF READERS**



Rincon's book group meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in a participant's home. **The February 24<sup>th</sup> book selection is The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein.** Meeting place: **Nancy Woodling's home.** Contact Ann Geiger at (520) 529-6223.



**Casa Maria Feeding Program**—Every four weeks we purchase supplies and make about 1,600 sandwiches for the Casa Maria Free Soup Kitchen. **February 15 at 8:00 AM.** A soup-making volunteer is also needed on each Sunday following each Saturday sandwich making date. This task is completed at the Casa Maria soup kitchen. For more information contact Judy Hubbard at 520.790.8471.



**PASTOR'S BOOK GROUP**  
**Wednesdays**  
**9:15am – 10:15am**  
Room 12 of sanctuary building  
We are reading and discussing We Make The Road By Walking by Brian D. McLaren.



**Hatha Yoga**  
**Monday's at 5:30pm**  
**in Fellowship Hall**



**Diversity Toastmasters**  
**First three Wednesdays**  
**6pm in Room 1A**



**Thurs-**  
**day Evenings**  
**7:00pm in the Sanctuary**

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2. eScrip Online Mall
3. eScrip Dining by Rewards Network [Click to learn how!](#)



**WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:30AM in Fellowship Hall

10:00AM in the Sanctuary

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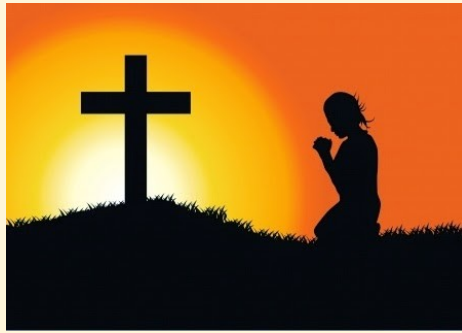
<https://www.instagram.com/RinconCongregationalUCC>

And also be sure to check out our website: <http://www.rinconucc.org/>

**The Rincon UCC Library**

Rincon Library provides wonderful lending books, sorted by teachers. Some are in Room 11 and some are in a basket in the Sanctuary by the children's gathering table. Your "librarians" provide new reads for various reading levels about every 6 weeks. During Epiphany topics are: journey, discovery, gifts, walking in the light. Please take a book home, as you like, and return to the basket, as you wish.

**PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS**



**ON-GOING CARE**

- Loen Arrington
- Anne Bailey
- Fran Buss
- Joy Fagerberg
- Judy Fischer
- Pat Gilbert
- Jim Harper
- Charlie Kadolph
- Rich Lamoreaux
- Terri Ridzelski
- Felix Schoenberger
- Carl Schrorer
- Minta Keyes' brother (Jon)
- Ina Merson's brother (David)
- Carol Peterson's parents (Doris & Donald)
- Beth Shelby's sister (Carol)
- Karla Ulichny's friend (Noah)



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2/2 David Buss
- 2/3 Larry Sc hloss
- 2/3 Adelynn Goodenow
- 2/5 Kathy Snover
- 2/6 John Myers
- 2/7 Sandra Hederick
- 2/8 Shirley Schoenberger
- 2/10 Ginger Taylor
- 2/12 Chris Taylor
- 2/13 Scott Shumaker
- 2/15 Barbara Myers
- 2/15 Alberto
- 2/21 Robert Stofft
- 2/21 Amanda Goodenow
- 2/22 Churck Johnson
- 2/22 Phyllis Klingenfus
- 2/23 Maria Novak
- 2/23 don-E Merson
- 2/23 Caitlyn Ann Goodenow



**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

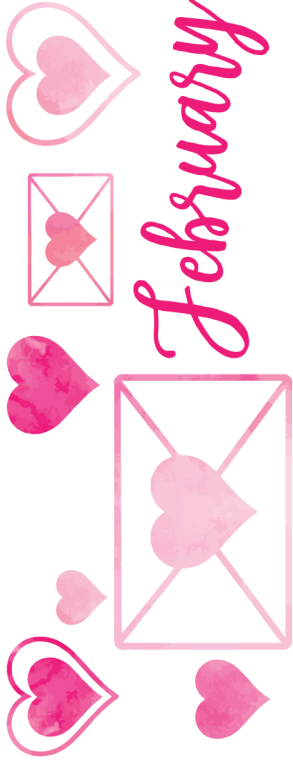
- 2/8 Frank & Linda Peters
- 2/18 Mark Clark & Stacy Parrish-Clark
- 2/28 Jerry Agnew & Nancy Fitzgerald



**Childcare Attendant:**

Ashley Kendrew

Children are an important part of our community and are encouraged to remain in worship with their families. Books and arts supplies are provided in a special zone of the Sanctuary. A child care provider is on hand to help assist as needed.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:30am Worship 10:00am Worship 1:00pm Hike Sabino Can 3:00pm Desert Voices	3 5:30pm Hatha Yoga 6:30pm Rm 10 Rented 7:00pm Reveille	4 9:30am English Class 9:30am Alzheimer's Grp 7:30pm Al-Anon	5 9:15am Book Group 12:00pm Prayer Shawl 1:00pm Learning Curve 5:30pm Toastmasters 6:00pm Desert Voices	6 9:30am English Class 5:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Reverb	7 7:00pm COSNA	8 10:00am Prnt Parent Grp
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23 8:30am Worship 10:00am Worship 11:00am Mary Magdala 11:30am Council 2:00pm Alex Tentser 3:00pm Desert Voices  Transfiguration Day	24 5:30pm Hatha Yoga 6:30pm Rm 10 Rented 7:00pm Reveille 7:00pm A Co of Reads	25 9:30am English Class 3:00pm Primavera 4:30pm Fat Tuesday Celebration 5:30pm Creation Care 7:30pm Al-Anon	26 9:15am Book Group 12:00pm Prayer Shawl 1:00pm Learning Curve 5:30pm Toastmasters 6:00pm Desert Voices  Ash Wednesday	27 9:30am English Class 5:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Reverb	28 7:00pm COSNA	29