



1946 - The Reverend Lon Ray Call (1946-47) and Isabelle Johnson gather a group to start a Unitarian church in Phoenix.

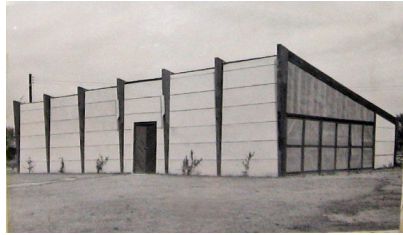


1947 - On March 2, the group incorporates as "First Unitarian Church of Phoenix." Rev Call is acting minister then Laurence Plank (1947-49) is called as the first settled minister. Services are held at Kenilworth School.



1949 - The Reverend John Findly (1949-51) is minister. Membership grows to 135 families. Schoolboard denies use of Kenilworth.

1950 – McCarthyism threatens the congregation. Services are held at Valley Garden Center, then the YWCA. Mimi Muth offers land for a church.



1951 - Members build a church at 800 Pasadena that is dedicated in March 1951.



1952 – Charles Donelson (1952-53) is called but only serves for a year. Candidate sermon is Religion for a Torn World.



1953 - Retired minister, the Reverend Dr. Burdette Backus (1953-54) is called. He is one of the original signers of the Humanist Manifesto. Bill Bishop, Sarah Ingersoll and Gene Grigsby are on the board. The church grows and prospers.



1954 – After Backus’ death, Edwin C. Broome (1954-55) serves for one year.





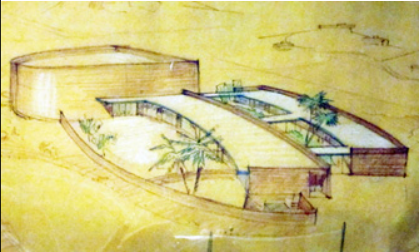

1955 – Retired minister, Charles Wing (1955-56) is called and serves as an interim.



1957 - The Reverend Dr. Arthur Olsen (1956-63) takes the pulpit, and Peg Gooding volunteers to head the Religious Education Department.



1959 - The Church purchases ten acres of property, at that time far out in the country with a dirt road for access, for \$40,000. Blaine Drake is hired as the architect.

<p>Early 1960s - Beginning in the early sixties, our congregation forms a committee to work on racial integration issues in Phoenix. Many members also march and picket the State House in favor of a public accommodations law. These efforts, spearheaded by the local NAACP, are ultimately successful.</p>			<p>1964 - Reverend Manker and the Phoenix congregation help to create a new church in Tempe, now the Valley UU Church in Chandler. Church members help to send Reverend Manker to Alabama to march with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from Selma to Montgomery.</p>		
	<p>1961 - The first service is held at the new address on Lincoln Drive. After merger, the name is changed to the 1st Unitarian Universalist Church of Phoenix. The UU Early Education Cooperative (EEC) preschool is founded.</p>	<p>1963 - Dr. Olsen leaves to take a position with the UUA, and the Rev. Raymond G. Manker is called as minister (1963-90). Dr. Eugene Grigsby suggests using the Sanctuary walls to present an art show.</p>		<p>1965 - The Church adds a new Sunday School wing to the building.</p>	<p>1968 - The church dedicates "That Which Might Have Been" and begins its long history with Booker T Washington Child Development Center.</p>



1973 - The Desert View Learning Center (DVLC) is founded and makes the Congregation its home.

1974 - The UU Foundation of Phoenix is established with the goal of providing financial security for the church.



1975 – The musical variety show/fundraiser Cabaret is started by then choir director Oonagh Sykes Boppart.

1976 - Planning begins for a wilderness retreat (later realized in the Sierra Ancha Wilderness UU Religious Association SAWUURA). Kids Kamp is founded.



1978 - The first land for SAWUURA is purchased.

1982 - A building fund drive is initiated to pay off the mortgage and take care of some needed capital repair A joyful mortgage-burning party is held on the patio.

1989 - We successfully establish and complete a fund drive to cover the expenses of calling a new minister.



1990 - Reverend Manker retires after 27 years as our minister, and the Reverend Bettye Doty becomes interim minister. Reverend Manker is now our congregation's Minister Emeritus.



1991 - The Reverend Fritz Hudson is called to be our settled minister.

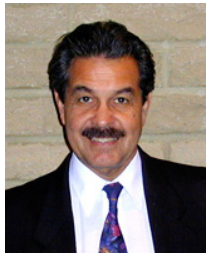


1997 - The 50th anniversary of the official founding of the Church is celebrated. The Congregation votes to change its name to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix. Musician Connie Clemons Jahrmarkt joins as Music Director.



1998 - Rev Hudson accepts a call to serve in Lincoln, NE. UUCP selects Reverend Linda Bunyard to serve as Interim Minister.

1999 - Under the guidance of Reverend Bunyard, the congregation adopts the Mission Statement and the Shared Ministry Covenant. A Ministerial Search Committee is formed in the spring.



2000 - The Reverend John Burciaga is called as our settled minister in May. He is our first Latino minister. We officially become a Welcoming Congregation.



2003 - Lisa Casey, our DRE for a number of years is succeeded by Kim St. Clair, who becomes the Director of Religious Education. A high school teacher, Kim further improves the Children's and Adult education programs.

2004-05 - During Reverend Burciaga's tenure, an ambitious building project is initiated for which we raised \$650,000 in pledges to remodel our building and make it universally accessible. We hire an architect and begin the lengthy process of developing the plans and getting township approval.



2005 - The Reverend Burciaga moves on to interim ministry in New Hampshire in the spring. A search committee is formed to find a new settled minister. The Reverend Jean L. Wahlstrom arrives in the fall as Interim Minister. A Finance Committee is formed.



2006 - UUCP administrator, Karen Metcalf leaves and is succeeded by Heidi Parmenter. We start on a five-year strategic plan. The Board of Trustees moves to a Policy Board structure.



2007 - The Rev. Roberta Haskin becomes our Interim Minister. Her husband, Dennis Haskin starts the STARS program to improve our welcoming ministry. The first of the planned building improvements are made. A group, most from UUCP, march in the Gay Pride Parade and win the "Pride Stroll" Award as the best walking group.



2008 – In April, The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray is called to be our first settled woman minister. Paradise Valley approves the final plans for the building improvements. We have 82 people walk in the UUCP group at the Pride Parade. The choir sings Sources: The UU Cantata. Romanians visit.



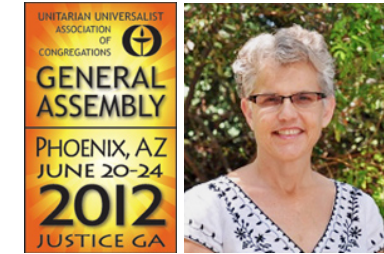
2009 – Membership growth prompts the addition of a second service. UUCP receives the Bennett Award from the UUA for Social Action and hosts the first ever TransForm Arizona conference. Connie Jahrmakt, music director, is among the first group of music professionals certified by the Unitarian Universalist Association.



2010 - The Immigration Task Force helps coordinate activities in response to SB1070. UU clergy gather to protest in May. The first UUCP auction is held in November.



2011 - The Rev. Linda Lawrence is made Assistant Minister in July. She provides pastoral care, occasionally leads worship, and directs Membership and Adult Faith Development Ministries. Sandy Weir is hired to lead our Arizona Immigration Ministry (AZIM), working with human rights partners in Arizona.



2012 - General Assembly, Justice GA, is held in Phoenix with a focus on immigration issues. Anne Byrne is hired as Director of Children's Ministries in June.