



# The Chalice and the Flame

*Diverse people. Diverse beliefs. One community.*

*A Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem, OR*

## June 2016

**NOTE: JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is 8 p.m. on **Wednesday**, June 29. Please submit all items by then!**

### A New UUCS Tagline: *Diverse people. Diverse beliefs. One community.*

Have you ever tried to explain the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem to someone who knows nothing about us? In eight words or less? That was the goal of the tagline committee who met on May 15. They represented many of the diverse theological viewpoints we have here at UUCS.

The committee considered all 92 suggestions from the congregation, and the thoughtful insights of Joel and Caroline Woodman of the membership team, of Samantha Scales our office manager, and of John Prohodosky. The important themes and words that recurred suggested several new taglines. The group finally decided on *Diverse people. Diverse beliefs. One community.*

This tagline will be used right below our logo in all of our communications. Thank you to all of you who submitted suggestions, and to the committee: LJ Frederickson, Don Beckman, Chad Halsey, Anne Alexander, Benjahmin Boschee, and Rev. Rick Davis.

### Fathers' Day Picnic Potluck

On June 19, we plan to have a Father's Day Picnic Potluck after our Sunday Service.

This will be our tribute to all of the fathers who are a part of our congregation, those fathers who are friends of our congregation, and fathers everywhere, those who have gone before, those who are here now, and those who are yet to be.

If your last name begins with:

- A to G, bring a main dish
- H to N, bring a salad or side dish
- O to S, bring dessert or fruit
- T to Z, bring bread, crackers, or chips



Everyone is invited to be a part of this fun event and enjoy the beginning of Summer. Questions? Please contact Arrhiannon at [arrhiannon@gmail.com](mailto:arrhiannon@gmail.com).

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### Notice of Caution from the UUCS Web Team

There have been several folks at UUCS who have gotten calls from phone scammers. The most common types of calls we hear about are:

- someone from the **IRS** saying you owe money,
- someone from **Microsoft** saying that your computer shows it has a problem, such as a virus,
- someone calling to say that a **loved one is in trouble** (typically, a grandchild), etc.

If you receive a call like this, we recommend that you don't engage in any conversation but **just hang up**.



## Reverential Ramblings

~ Rev. Richard Davis, UUCS's minister

June 2016

In just a few weeks - on June 23 - my son Zachary, and another father son duo - Gil and Ben Nicholson-Nelson, as well as Joanne Manson and I (all of us from UUCS) plus Charles and Sandy Coates from the UU Fellowship in McMinnville will board the plane that will take us on the first leg of our journey to visit our Partner Church in Simenfalva, Romania (in the region of Transylvania).

This trip (which I also made ten years ago) is a pilgrimage to the birth place of Unitarianism nearly five centuries ago when an unusually wise and tolerant young monarch, King John Sigismund, was swayed by a passionate and eloquent Unitarian preacher, Francis David, and decided to become a Unitarian himself. Many subjects followed his lead, even though the good King issued the first edict of religious toleration in the Western world proclaiming that citizens of his realm should have the freedom of conscience to freely choose their own faith.

Hundreds of Unitarian churches were soon established, yet after King John's death most of them in larger towns and cities were later destroyed by intolerant regimes. Nevertheless, many Unitarian churches in smaller towns and villages survived, and we will visit the one with which we've had a special partnership for many years. What a memorable journey this will be!

Some North American Unitarian Universalists are fortunate enough to make this unique UU pilgrimage to Transylvania, yet many will never be able to do so – (*note: we will record our experiences on video and share them upon our return*). For ages, people of many faiths have gone on pilgrimages and spiritual retreats, but such opportunities are not available to all - many just can't take off and go to Mecca or Benares or Transylvania.

In fact, it's unusual for me to travel much these days— these days most of my summer vacations are “staycations.” I appreciate Thoreau's quip: “I have traveled a good deal in Concord.” Which is to say that you need not go far afield to travel or go on a pilgrimage. Even if you stay in the same place there's always the opportunity to have some new, deeper awareness in your daily life.

Simply put, a pilgrimage is a journey that has spiritual significance – so why not consider each step you take on your daily life journey a pilgrimage? Even if you see the same scenery day by day and have the same basic experiences over and over again, you can experience this in ever new and more deeply meaningful ways.

One of my all-time favorite pieces of music is Beethoven's *Diabelli Variations* – aptly judged by one critic to be “a composition unparalleled in its inventiveness and creativity” and “a transcendental journey.” Beethoven took a very simple theme and goes on a musical pilgrimage with many twists and turns which finally ends on sublime heights – it's so deeply fulfilling to listen to this wonderful music.

As we wind our way into summer months, may each one of you reading these words find some time and space to consider the many expansive variations you can make on the basic themes of your own life pilgrimage such that you are finally led to a sublime appreciation for the life and love we share.

Safe travels, dear friends

Love, Rick



# Lifespan Religious Exploration

~ **Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration**

**June** brings us to the official end of our program year, June 5 with the Flower Communion and Bridging ceremony, and into our summer programming. (*However, please remember that there will be no RE June 12.*)

It is so amazing to be a part of welcoming youth from our program into our congregation as young adults. I hope that all of you will help them feel welcome at UUCS in their new role and encourage them to continue in our Unitarian Universalist faith no matter where their paths take them.

On Saturday, June 11, all ages are welcome to join families and members of the congregation as we conclude our RE Offering project. This program year we collected jars of peanut butter and jelly as well as coins to purchase more jars of peanut butter and jelly. On Saturday, June 11, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, we will meet at Marion Polk Food Share (1660 Salem Industrial Dr NE) to weigh all of the donations we collected, take a tour and participate in sorting the donation and putting together food boxes. If only able to stay for part of this experience, attending RE families should plan to arrive by 10:00 a.m. so your children are present for the final reveal of the total pounds collected! It has been so rewarding to see everyone work together towards this common goal. Children/youth are really amazing. Thank you to the parents that made this possible.

Our Religious Exploration (RE) summer program officially begins June 19 as we prepare to transition into the summer. Children/youth are always welcome to take advantage of the activity bags for children in the foyer. You can also hear the service in the foyer, fellowship hall and the nursery if you feel your children need a more active experience. We feel that the few times we do not offer RE classes each year, is an opportunity for families to share the worship service experience together. While this may not be true for everyone, looking back on my religious life, memories of sitting with my family in services stands out as times I felt important to be included with adults (maybe not as entertained as I might have otherwise wanted to be; however, glad to be in community).

Studies also show that children who make four or more connections outside of the RE classes feel more connected and continue more often with being a part of a UU Faith community as they grow-up. This summer for our RE program, we are all looking forward to people from the congregation sharing a favorite storybook with the children/youth in Religious Exploration (RE). Each Sunday, we will have a guest reading the shared story book and we will extend the learning with a special activity to complement the story. There will also be time to work in our garden spot and to enjoy exploring in the classroom together. We will have nursery care providers on each Sunday.

Summer is a fun time to have children bring friends to our program, so please feel welcome to do this! In the summer, it is always enjoyable to see all of the nieces, nephews, cousins, and grandchildren that accompany the adults during the summer and visit with us in RE that I only get to see once a year!

Hoping that you find time to slow down and enjoy the little moments that create the lasting memories that your children and youth will hold close and share with their children - - -

*In faith and until next time, Christi*

Christi J Olsen

Director of UUCS Lifespan Religious Exploration

# News of the UUCS Community

## ***Caught in the Act of Kindness***

"Let everyone have cake"! That's what our fellowship hall looked like when a busy assembly of members and friends carried their treasured multi-colored piece of cake to a table to enjoy, after attending the Flower communion celebration on the first Sunday in June.

And who can we thank for this eye-catching, delicious Sunday treat? No other than dear **Craig Rowland** who continues to surprise us in his many talents, and his dedication to the happiness and well-being of our beloved community.

Craig came to Oregon from a Unitarian Universalist congregation in Seattle, and we are very glad to see his smile and helpfulness here in Salem nearly every Sunday. Thank you Craig for all you do.



## ***Accomplishments***

**Zachary Gulaboff Davis** (Rev Rick and Gordana's son) has just been announced as the winner of Chamber Music Amici's 2016 Composition Contest. This comes with a \$1,000 award and commission to compose a chamber music work. Zach will compose a piano quintet which will premiere next spring!

Please join him on **June 12 at 2.00 p.m.** for a composer's recital as he celebrates receiving his Master's degree from Mannes College of Music. He will begin working on his doctorate in music at Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University this coming fall.

Cora Clark did not make it to church this Sunday to light a candle and share the good news that her son, **Ray Clark** graduated with his BFA from the University of British Columbia in May. His grandmother (Agnes Clark) would have been proud!

## ***The Spirit of UU – Among us & Beyond us***

### New UUCS Members

Since January, we have welcomed **seventeen new members** who have chosen to sign the Membership Book. Through the Path to Membership program, new members have had opportunities to learn about the history of the Unitarian Universalist movement, the organizational structure of our congregation, explored opportunities for engagement, and have examined their own relationship to the congregation.

Fortunately, we also **welcome many "Friends"** who are actively involved in our congregation and contribute in many ways. Those of us who made the step to become "official" members are aware that we each needed to come to that moment of commitment in our own time.

Many of our new members have shared that they joined our congregation because they felt welcomed and accepted. It is the hope of the Membership Team that we all at UUCS continue to embrace our new congregants and actively support their involvement in our community.

# Find Your Niche

## **Kairos Community Lunch**

Help celebrate summer by making a meal for your fellow community members at the Kairos Community Lunch. On **Sunday, June 12**, 12:30 p.m., volunteers from UUCS will meet at St. Mark Lutheran Church (Marion & Winter St.) at 12:30 p.m. to prepare and serve a lunch for whoever needs one. This is one of four or five service dates throughout the year. Dress comfortably, all foodstuffs are provided.

We'll be cleaned up and out by 3:30 p.m. It really is great fun and very satisfying. Please sign up at the Social Justice table on Sundays.

We are always looking for new (and seasoned!) volunteers to help prepare and serve lunch to those in need from the kitchen at St. Mark Lutheran - so please join us.

Questions? Call Mary Beth Hustoles at 503-587-7949.

## UUCS Sunday Coffee Servers

Your wonderful Coffee volunteer coordinators are asking for people to **sign up for coffee service in July and August**. They also thank all those who have been deeply loyal in their call to coffee making over this past church year.

So please give serious consideration to the need for commitment when signing up, so that we know that **all those who sign up will make it happen**. Surely, our two coordinators should not be the only ones left without promised help. For one thing, on the weekends when they take their deserved time off, and someone forgets to come in, there just might be no coffee for any of us - Oh no, UU's can't ever go without!

Love and Light to all of you, Arrhiannon and Brian.

## Join Us at the Host and Membership Team

This summer the Membership Team will evaluate current programs and consider new approaches that speak to our team goals. We look forward to seeing you when we launch our new church year in September.

- If you enjoy assisting the Host team on select Sundays, perhaps you might now consider being in just a bit more of a leadership role. For example, you might consider the role of (one of eight) Host team leaders.
- Or perhaps you can help facilitate our weekly Welcome Table by scheduling a few members to be present each Sunday to greet any newcomers.
- Or if you might like to assist in hosting a few Path to Membership classes, that could be just the volunteer activity with a touch of leadership that you might enjoy.
- And finally, if visitor sign-ups, computer data, and interaction with our members in general bring you pleasure, you might really enjoy taking charge of on-going maintenance of our already well organized, computerized Membership directory.
- As any one of the leaders or co-leaders above, you might also want to join the Membership team who meet monthly to help steer the program in the optimum direction.

Please send your response or inquiry to: [Membership@uusalem.org](mailto:Membership@uusalem.org), or speak to Joel Woodman, Membership Chair.

## Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education Trainings for 2016 & 2017

Below is a forwarded list of OWL (Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education) training classes being offered very close to home.

UUCS offers these classes every other year. We just completed this offering for the children last weekend! If you have been interested in becoming a facilitator for OWL at UUCS, and have been part of our congregation for a year or more, please contact Christi and consider going to a training. These trainings are also open to individuals who may want to offer these classes for other venues.

The UUA [www.uua.org/re/owl](http://www.uua.org/re/owl) says this about OWL programming:

"Honest, accurate information about sexuality changes lives. It dismantles stereotypes and assumptions, builds self-acceptance and self-esteem, fosters healthy relationships, improves decision making, and has the potential to save lives. For these reasons and more, we are proud to offer Our Whole Lives, a comprehensive, lifespan sexuality education curricula for use in both secular settings and faith communities."

There are three OWL Trainings of various levels coming up and listed below. Trainings are offered by both UUA and UCC denominations. Please refer to these links for more information.

**July 8-10** - Deadline: June 30th

Level: Secondary, Grades 7-12

Location: First Congregational Church UCC, Eugene, OR

Sponsor: Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon and First Congregational Church

Contact: Joanne Alba, 541-344-1611 x1014 or [joanne.alba@ppsworegon.org](mailto:joanne.alba@ppsworegon.org)

Cost: \$225 (food and home stays provided)

**August 26-28** - Deadline: August 10, 2016 or when full

Level: Secondary

Location: Eastrose Fellowship UU, Portland, OR

Sponsor: Pac West Region of the UUA

Registration: [www.uua.org/re/owl/trainings/calendar/portland-owl-7-12-training?month=2016-08](http://www.uua.org/re/owl/trainings/calendar/portland-owl-7-12-training?month=2016-08)

Cost: \$225

**November 11-13** Cost: \$250 before Sept 1, \$275 after

Level: All Levels

Location: Pilgrim Firs Camp and Conference Center, Port Orchard, WA

Sponsor: PNUCC and PNWD UUA

Contact: Wade Zick [wade@pilgrim-firs.org](mailto:wade@pilgrim-firs.org) 360-876-2031

## Happenings and Highlights

### Membership Directory

The *UUCS Membership Directory* update is well on the way to completion. So far, 90 congregants and families have had their picture taken, and many others have updated their contact information.

If you haven't had an opportunity to have your picture and contact information included, you may find the following schedule helpful.

Pictures and contact information will be taken in the fellowship hall after service on **July 3, August 7 and September 7**.

In the Fall, we will be doing the same thing quarterly. This will primarily be focused on our new members joining our congregation.

As the photo and information editing process takes place, you will still have access to the directory online. Please keep in mind that it is a "work in progress" and will be modified as we move forward. Since security of this information is critical, currently you need to call the UUCS office to get the online access code. Once we are further along in the editing process, we will send the code by email to all congregants who listed their email address in the directory. You may also call the office and ask for a hardcopy.

Your Membership Team

### External Happenings

#### **Creative Arts Eliot Camp 2016 for UUs and their Friends and Family, by Carrie Glenn**

Did you know that there is an arts-related summer camp run by The Eliot Institute for UUs of the Pacific Northwest District (Western Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Alaska) and their friends and family?

"Creative Arts Eliot" is one of four UU camps that take place at the beautiful Seabeck Conference Center on Hood Canal in Seabeck, Washington. Creative Arts Eliot will take place this summer from **Saturday, August 13 through Thursday, August 18** and will offer opportunities for UUs and friends and relatives to enjoy many wonderful aspects of a multi-generational "camp" experience while also pursuing an interest in one of six artistic or creative endeavors.

Talented presenters will delight and inspire during a five-day camp full of creativity and fun with morning workshops in Photography, Writing, Ukulele, Vocal Music, Painting, and Beginning Craft Brewing (adults only for Brewing; age 12 and up for all others). Campers choose one activity to focus on while at camp, and spend the rest of their time enjoying waterfront fun, sports, games, singing, UU community, evening programs, and numerous other planned activities including Firelight and music and an "Extravaganza" on the last night to celebrate everyone's creativity.

Join us from August 13-18, 2016 for our annual Creative Arts Eliot at Seabeck! For more information, please contact the Eliot Administrator at [Eliotregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:Eliotregistrar@gmail.com) or visit our website at [eliotinstitute.org](http://eliotinstitute.org).

## Behind Enemy Lines

On June 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. the Chabad Jewish Center will be hosting a 92-year-old **Holocaust survivor at Willamette University** for a lecture about her story. Her family ended up in Auschwitz but she became a French spy and spied on the Germans during the war. She wrote a book titled "Behind Enemy Lines" and is still well enough to travel and tell her story. It will be a historic evening for Salem, so important for our generation to hear the stories of those who lived through those times. The lessons we learn from that tragic time period will ensure we stay the course on making this world a better place for all.

The link where tickets can be bought is [eventbrite](#).

Thank you.

Rabbi Avrohom Y. Perlstein, Director; Chabad Jewish Center  
[www.JewishSalem.com](http://www.JewishSalem.com) 503.383.9569



## May Board Meeting - 'Splinters' from the Board Secretary...

The May 12, 2016 board meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Highlights are as follows...

- The UUCS Board appoints LJ Frederickson, Board Chair, and Paul Parmley, Board Secretary, to execute documents necessary to purchase the .31 acres strip of land from Dave and Kathy Munsel.
- We, as a Board, agree to sponsor Theresa Soto for her ordination. This would occur during Labor Day Weekend.
- Benjahmin's B. was present at the board meeting with a request that we, as a congregation, renew our status as a UUA certified Welcoming Congregation.
- LJ would like to schedule three "cottage meetings" (informal congregational meetings) to have a place for a dialogue between the congregation and the board.
- The next board meeting will be on Thursday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m.

The full drafts of the meeting minutes are available on the UUCS website - usually just a couple of days after the board meeting. Please go to [uusalem.org](http://uusalem.org) and select Our Congregation > Governance ([uusalem.org/Governance](http://uusalem.org/Governance)) for the full meeting minutes. Additionally, once finalized, the board meeting minutes are kept in hard copy in the binder in the hallway.

Normal board meetings are open to all visitors. We do ask that if you wish to address the board at a meeting that you contact the board chair in advance of the meeting so you can be added to the agenda.

## Annual Meeting - 'Splinters' from the Board Secretary...

The May 22, 2016 annual business meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. Highlights are as follows...

- LJ announced the new UUCS tag line which was developed by a committee created by the Communications Team. The congregation as a whole was asked for input and suggestions. The new tagline is: Diverse people. Diverse beliefs. One community.
- Lorna Y. outlined the current year's income and expenses and our projected end of year balance, after which she called for questions. The only question was from Joy D. who asked what happens with any surplus at the end of the year. Lorna Y. reviewed the motion that was passed at the last May Annual Business Meeting regarding any surplus for the 2015-16 fiscal year being given back to our employees as a bonus, not to exceed 4% of their salary.
- Lorna Y. outlined the proposed 2016-17 budget. There was a unanimous vote of approval. No opposition or abstentions.
- Mark K. reviewed the retiring board members, the board members who are staying on, and presented the slate of new board candidates for the 2016-17 year. There was a unanimous vote of approval. No opposition or abstentions.
- Mark K., reviewed the retiring Nominating Committee Chair, and presented the new Nominating Committee candidate. There was a unanimous vote of approval. No opposition or abstentions.

The full drafts of the meeting minutes are available on the UUCS website. Please go to [uusalem.org](http://uusalem.org) and select Our Congregation > Governance (<http://www.uusalem.org/Governance>) for the full meeting minutes.

# The Calendar

## Event Scheduling and Rescheduling

To schedule an event at UUCS, go to the website ([uusalem.org/Calendar](http://uusalem.org/Calendar)). While you are on the calendar page, click on the Event Scheduling Request Form link to reserve the room and time. If you later need to reschedule your meeting or event, please submit a new Event Scheduling Request Form **and** follow up with an email to [office@uusalem.org](mailto:office@uusalem.org) asking that your prior meeting or event time be cancelled. If you don't have access to email, call the office; leave a message if your call isn't answered. Please do not ask office staff to remember spoken information when they're away from their desks.

## UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, June 8, 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A welcoming place for meditation practice. Session I is for experienced meditation practitioners. Session II provides attendees with basic instruction, and explanation. The last hour, 8 to 9 p.m., is for discussion, compassion, about how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

## Board Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 6:00 p.m.

## Salem Philharmonia

Friday, June 10, 7:00 p.m.

Please visit their website, [salemphil.org](http://salemphil.org), for details about the concert.

## Compassionate Connection

Sunday, June 12, 11:30 a.m.

Are you going through a hard time? Would you like to feel the compassionate support of others? Please join us in the front of the sanctuary, following service, for Compassionate Connection, a time when we lay our hands upon those in distress and our minister offers a prayerful reflection. We also invite other members to join us and offer compassionate support.

## Kairos Community Lunch

Sunday, June 12, 12:30 p.m.

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## Composer's recital

Sunday, June 12, 2.00 p.m.

Please join Zachary Gulaboff Davis (Rev Rick and Gordana's son) for a composer's recital as he celebrates receiving his Master's degree from Mannes College of Music.

## Social Justice Discussion Group

Monday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.

The Social Justice in Action Team invites you to join us to discuss current social justice topics in an informal setting. Topics will be decided by participants. This meeting will be in addition to our regular monthly meeting, but will be more focused on allowing people to talk about issues in a deeper way than we have time for in our 'business' meetings. No commitment to attend both meetings is expected or required.

Please join us with an open mind, an open heart, and open ears. If you are able, please consider bringing a snack or non-alcoholic beverage to share. Hope to see you there!

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 14, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

UUCS will host a **Red Cross blood drive** in the Fellowship Hall. We have been given 40 slots to fill between 1 and 6 p.m. Currently we have 6 slots filled. Please invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers to help us fill all the slots. This is also a chance to give double Red Blood Cells, 2RBC event. To sign up go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) using sponsor code *uusalem*, or call 1-800-733-2767 or sign up in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Angela Gross, [uu4peace@gmail.com](mailto:uu4peace@gmail.com), UUCS drive coordinator.

## UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, June 15, 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A welcoming place for meditation practice. Session I is for experienced meditation practitioners.

## Microfinance Committee meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 6:00 p.m.

## First Choir Rehearsal & Potluck

Thursday, June 16, 6:00 p.m.

## Dances of Universal Peace

Thursday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.

Simple, easy-to-learn movements and songs honoring spiritual traditions from around the world.

The dances bring together sacred phrases from the world's religious traditions in heart-awakening circle dances dedicated to peace within and without. See [SalemDances.com](http://SalemDances.com) for more information.

**Salem Covenant of UU Pagans Meet & Greet**  
Friday, June 17, 7:00 p.m.

A place for pagans to gather, connect, and share. All are welcome to discuss and learn about each other, events, and shared spirituality. Bring a snack to share and a smile. We'd like to get to know you.

**Eugene Pagan Pride Fundraiser**  
Saturday, June 18, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

A community drum circle by Drums of Remedy, to fundraiser for Pagan Pride event in Eugene. There would be drumming, sing, dancing, eating. Also small ritual of peace and community. Donations of \$5 to \$50 gratefully received. No one turned away for lack of funds. Email Valerie Neevel for more information: [vneevel14@wou.edu](mailto:vneevel14@wou.edu)

**Salem Playback Theater**  
Sunday, June 19, 10:30 a.m.

**Fathers' Day Potluck Picnic**  
Sunday, June 19, 11:30 a.m. at UUCS

**Partner Church Travelers Meeting**  
Sunday, June 19, 11:45 a.m.

**Social Justice in Action meeting**  
Sunday, June 19, 11:30 p.m.

**Animal Chalice Group**  
Sunday, June 19, 11:45 p.m.

**UU Compassionate Mind Sangha**  
Wednesday, June 22, 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A welcoming place for meditation practice. Session I is for experienced meditation practitioners.

**Summer Solstice Celebration**  
Saturday, June 25, 7:00 p.m.

The longest day of the year is celebrated around the world. Join us for a magical evening and ritual that focuses on the light as we anticipate shorter days and longer nights and the year turns toward the latter half. This is a family friendly event and everyone is welcome, there is no cost. Bring something sweet or crunchy to share.

**Team Council meeting**  
Sunday, June 26, 11:45 p.m.

**UU Compassionate Mind Sangha**  
Wednesday, June 29, 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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**DEADLINES:**

**Newsletter Submissions** for *The Chalice and the Flame* must be received by the Friday before publication. The deadline for the **July 2** newsletter is 8:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, June 29**.

Please send your submissions, including personal news items, directly to the editors at the following email address: [editors@uusalem.org](mailto:editors@uusalem.org).

**Announcements** for the separate **Sunday Bulletin** must be at the **office** by 9 a.m. **Tuesday**.

**EVENT SCHEDULING:** please use the [Event Scheduling Request](#) form on the UUCS website! Note that all fields are required. When complete, remember to click the submit button.

**NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION:** to subscribe to *The Chalice and the Flame* monthly newsletter and mid-month update (September thru May), email your request to the UUCS office at [office@uusalem.org](mailto:office@uusalem.org) and include your full name and email address. If you are a pledging member and want to receive a printed copy of the newsletter in the mail, also include a physical address.

## July Newsletter Deadline - a *one-time change*

**Wednesday**, June 29, 8:00 p.m.

Deadline for the July 2 newsletter

## Dances of Universal Peace

Friday, July 1, 7:00 p.m.

Simple, easy-to-learn movements and songs honoring spiritual traditions from around the world. The dances bring together sacred phrases from the world's religious traditions in heart-awakening circle dances dedicated to peace within and without. See SalemDances.com for more information.

## Lifelines Lay Ministry meeting

Saturday, July 2, 9:30 a.m.

## Membership Invitation and Information

Sunday, July 3, 11:30 a.m.

Do you have questions about your membership at UUCS? Questions about what it means to be a member of UUCS? You are invited to stop by the front office and chat with our Office Manager, Samantha Scales.

And, if you are ready to become a member, the Membership Book will be open and available to sign.

## Get a New Directory Portrait!

Sunday, July 3, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

If you would like a new directory portrait, stop by the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and see our volunteer photographer. Smile!

## Membership Team meeting

Tuesday, July 5, 6:30 p.m.

## UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, July 6, 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A welcoming place for meditation practice. Session I is for experienced meditation practitioners.

## UU 102: A UUCS Overview

Thursday, July 7, 7:00 p.m.

At UU102 we shift the discussion to our UUCS community. We'll cover what it means to have a democratic governance, share our organizational structure, and offer an overview of our teams, committees and programs. Come find out more about where you can get involved!

## Flower Communion Service



# Dances of Universal Peace



# Worship Services and Religious Exploration

June Soul Matters Theme: What Does It Mean To Be A People of Simplicity?

**June Share the Plate**: Kairos Community Lunch

Summer services begin at 10:30 a.m. This schedule will continue until September 12. Sunday School / Religious Exploration for pre-school through grade 5 and childcare for infants through age 2 will be available. **HOWEVER**, please note that there is **No RE** program on June 12. THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING.

**Sunday, June 12** "Question and Answer Sunday" **The Rev. Richard R. Davis**

**Lennie Martin**, Celebrant; **David Gortner**, Anchor  
Music, **Ted Cory**

Sunday, June 12 is Rev. Rick's annual lively and informative Q & A service, for which we will be gathering question slips from the audience all of which Rev. Rick will try to answer.

**Sunday, June 19** "Salem Playback Theater" **Jay Gibson, Gloria Holland**

**Petra S. Berger**, Celebrant; **LJ Frederickson**, Anchor

Please note: Only written (Not spoken) Life Lines Joys and Sorrows will be announced today.

Celebrate Father's Day by sharing a pertinent story from your life with the UU community. Salem Playback Theatre is a unique form of non-scripted performance where members of the audience tell true stories about themselves that the players then re-enact on the spot. If one tells a funny story, one gets a funny playback. If one tells a serious story, one hopefully gets a moving playback. Share your own story of life, or just listen!

Note: Father's Day Picnic Potluck to follow the service.

**Sunday, June 26** "Salem Interfaith Housing" **TJ Putman**

**Randy Jones**, Celebrant; **Ann Hanus**, Anchor  
Music, TBA

TJ Putman, executive director of the Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network (SIHN), will share stories of SIHN's success in working with homeless families and those on the verge of becoming so.

He'll also share SIHN's vision for the future and discuss why the problem of homelessness is being exacerbated by rising home and rental prices.

**Sunday, July 3** "Music of Freedom"

**Lennie Martin**, Celebrant; **David Gortner**, Anchor

Come and listen to a "Fireworks" potpourri of beloved Music performed by talented UUCS members and friends for all of you seeking a calm yet inspiring place to be on this special weekend.