



The Chalice and the Flame

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

June 2017

Results of Annual Congregational Meeting

We had a good turnout, interesting discussion and a good meal for the UUCS Annual Congregational Meeting on May 21. Many thanks to Paul Parmley (outgoing secretary) for the well-organized agenda and to Joel Woodman for organizing a great lunch, complete with an entire table of gluten-free options. The congregation elected the proposed new officials and 2017-18 operating budget and adopted the proposed resolutions on becoming a sanctuary congregation and renewing our Welcoming Congregation status. Read the complete story on the [2017 Annual Congregation Meeting page](#) on our website.

Opportunity Knocks

Get ready for “The Great American Eclipse.” August 21, 2017 is the magical day and UUCS has a unique opportunity. It’s an opportunity to raise significant funds for our congregation. How? We’re going to ask those congregants and friends who have spare guestrooms to make them available to visitors for a \$60 to \$200 per night donation to the church. The target dates are August 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 with August 20 having highest demand. *You will determine which date or dates you could accommodate guests.* Hosts are asked to include a simple breakfast patterned after a Bed and Breakfast. **The donation would be made at the time of booking eliminating the need for the host to collect it.**

Why this is such a big deal?

- Salem is in a unique position of being perfectly situated on the “center line” of the eclipse path.
- People are coming literally from all over the world to Salem to experience this phenomenon.
- Salem is predicting being inundated with over 100,000 people for this event.
- All current hotels, motels, campsites, and B and B’s are already booked.

Much planning is yet required and many questions need to be answered. At this point, we’re asking for volunteers to serve on the B&B Advisory Committee. This will involve a one-time meeting with possible individual follow-up. The meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 8, 7:00 pm** at the church.

Another key ingredient is to determine what guestrooms we will have in our inventory. We’re seeking several volunteers to call congregants to ask if they could provide guestrooms. Give us a call if this is something with which you could help. This task is best done from your home. These volunteers will be given guidelines as to how to fill out the Guest Registry and have answers to FAQs. We already have one booking of two rooms for \$300!

If you have some ideas you’re willing to share, think you could offer a guestroom or help on the calling committee, contact us.

We hope to have a broad base of participation in the planning and implementation of this “one time only” program that has potential of being a significant fund raiser for UUCS. This may also be an opportunity to meet some interesting people potentially from all over the world.

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Summer Blood Drive Needs YOU! June 23

UUCS is hosting our next blood drive Friday, June 23, from 11:30 am to 6:00 pm. **We need at least 25 more donors to reach our goal of 30 pints.** Sign up online! Click [this link](#), and use the Sponsor Code “uusalem” to find open slots.



Reverential Ramblings

~ Rev. Richard Davis, UUCS's minister

Don't think I'm being nationalistic when I say that the United States of America is my favorite country in the world. I surely don't believe that Americans are superior to other people (perish that false notion!) or that we have the best government (I only wish!) or health care systems (alas, far from it!) or the best educational system (Finland and quite a few other countries have us beat there) or the strongest military (yes, we do possess more military might, but should that be a source of pride?) or the largest economy (true, but how can we boast about our economic prowess when our wealth is so unevenly, unjustly distributed?)

The U.S. is my favorite country because this is where – more than in any other country – the many tributaries of humankind flow together and when we are at our national inclusive best, we embody what humankind's future can be – a world wherein we recognize our common humanity beyond the divisions of class, culture, creed and race (which anthropologists contend is a social construct, not a scientific one) and co-exist in peace.

Today this lofty vision of the U.S. as an inclusive land is under assault by toxic policies of our current administration, which is betraying the America's promise by promoting a fear based, xenophobic vision that excludes far too many – both literally and figuratively. Then, too, the administration's racially, religiously, culturally distorted vision betrays our Unitarian Universalist values wherein we “covenant to affirm and promote... the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all” (our 6th Principle).

Thus, in response to the cruel and capricious enforcement of our ineffective and inhumane immigration laws we, the members of UUCS, made a historic decision at our annual congregational meeting on May 21 where we had the highest attendance and highest number of proxy voters we've had at a congregational meeting in living memory. We voted to offer our facility as physical sanctuary for vetted undocumented people. We're the first religious community in Salem to take this step, but know that there are many people in the community who applaud and will support this effort.

Over 90% of the votes were in favor of this resolution, but some of you voted against it. How do I feel about that? Grateful. I get nervous in situations where 100% of people support something, for such unanimity often indicates that the pressure to conform has overpowered the right of honest dissent. I trust that those of you who abstained or voted nay had good reasons for voting as you did, and I honor your courage in voting your convictions. As I said in my sermon that morning: “All I ask is that your vote your conscience” and you did.

Some months ago when I suggested to the social action team that we initiate a process of discernment in regards to becoming a sanctuary congregation, I knew that there would be questions, concerns, even opposition. We cannot allow the fear of discord to keep us from being and doing who we are called to be in this world. At the beginning of our congregational meeting I quoted our Universalist forbear Hosea Ballou: “If we agree in love, there is no disagreement that can do us any injury, but if we do not, no other agreement can do us any good. Let us endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.”

May it be so!

Love,
Rick



Lifespan Religious Exploration

~ Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

As promised, my June newsletter column highlights the Religious Exploration (RE) programming for the summer and for the 2017-18 program year. Remember, you will be able to find the most up-to-date information about the program on our website (information will be updated by fall start!), such as accessing the RE and event calendar as well as registering your child(ren)/youth for the program. You can also stay up-to-date about RE activities by asking to join the Facebook UUCS Family Connections' page for notes about Sunday happenings as well as let other UUCS families know when you are headed to the park to meet-up or want to trade childcare needs, etc.! Make the page your own!

SUMMER PROGRAMMING: starts June 25. (*NO individual RE classes on June 18.*)

In addition to our singing hymns and sharing a story to continue our exploration of the UU principles and purposes, our summer program will include working in the RE garden, helping clean up other areas of the UUCS grounds, visiting with roosters, enjoying outside activities, connecting with our Partner Church in Simenfalva, Romania, culminating our program year offering project by delivering bikes to the Syrian families in need, and creating a tree banner in support of Climate Justice to send to the General Assembly! We will be busy!

FALL PROGRAMMING:

FIRST SERVICE: We have an exciting new offering! Our first service RE will be a kinesthetic multigenerational experience, (all ages are encouraged to participate) led by staff. All participants will meet in the RE Commons, gather for chalice lighting and reading and then have the opportunity to participate in a thematic group activity. We are adapting "Spirit Jam" (www.spiritjam.info) to accommodate UUCS RE learning.

We are looking forward to singing, dancing, knitting, reading, writing, sculpting, building, gardening, drumming, and much more with all ages together during first service. Come WORSHIP TOGETHER with your children and build new connections! You could then send your children to the second service RE offering and attend second service in the sanctuary. Make first service a new opportunity to experience time together as a family – SO looking forward to leading this offering!

SECOND SERVICE: We will have individual offerings for Nursery (infant-3 years old), Wisdom of Wondering (Preschool-3rd Grade), Explorers (4th grade – 7th grade), YRUU (8th – 12th Grade).

Wisdom of Wondering children will have stories that teach the principles with age appropriate wondering questions and activities to extend the learning. Explorers will have curriculum that explores the world around them with UU lenses. Each of these classes will get to have time in the Spiritual Play room that will provide exploration of sensory opportunities to learn about being mindful and experience different types of spiritual practices. This room will be available for all RE classes.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

Our youth, 8th – 12th Grade will be led by advisors with each Sunday having a focus. This year, on the first Sunday of the month, the youth will focus on UU Identity. The second Sunday of the month they will attend the Soul Matters Theme Sunday in the Sanctuary with their class. The third Sunday of the month they will attend a worship service at another faith and meet at a coffee shop afterwards to discuss. The 4th and occasional 5th Sunday, they will be working on a social justice project (announced in the fall) with occasional activities outside of Sundays. Each time they gather, regular check-ins, chalice lightings and youth-led spiritual practices will happen.

Sharing Sundays with you all is the best part of my time Directing at UUCS!

Until next time, Christi

Christi J Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

Words from Our Intern Minister



What's in a name? Sometimes quite a lot! I've been thinking about names lately, especially long ones like mine. I've decided to switch to using just one part of my last name professionally, as my husband does, instead of the whole thing. This summer you may notice me going by "Monica Jacobson," a much shorter and easier name. I also have a new, shorter email address: mjacobson@uuma.org. My old email will continue to reach me, and my full name will continue to be "Monica Jacobson Tennesen," but going forward I'll be aiming to use the shorter form in my professional presence.

Another long name I've been pondering has been that of the UUA, the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (in the United States – there are associations of UU congregations in other countries as well!). Our UUA has experienced many challenges in the last few months, including disappointments, disagreements, growing understanding of the way bias and the dominant culture shows up in our institutions, resignations of major leaders and, just recently, the death of our Moderator, Jim Key. At the end of this month I'll be in New Orleans, Louisiana, to attend part of the [General Assembly of the UUA](#), and it's likely to be a noteworthy GA because it comes in a time of such change. All three of the candidates for UUA President are women, so we know that we'll be electing our first female UUA President; beyond that, there's much we don't know about what will come out of GA. As our name reminds us, though, we are an association of congregations made up of Unitarian Universalists. The institution changes, as it must, in response to the faith, which endures. Change is often messy; change usually involves some grief for what is ending as well as excitement about what is beginning. It's going to be a wild ride with plenty of bumps along the way, but I'm grateful to be part of this and eager to see what directions we can move in. Perhaps you'll take some time to watch parts of GA online, or read the UU World coverage. And let me know if you'll be attending!

I'll be preaching in Salem on a few Sundays this summer and I'll be around for a few meetings, but my summer plans also include camping trips and time out on the coast with family and friends. I hope your summer brings you some time for rest and rejuvenation as well.

I have enjoyed this first year as your Intern Minister very much. I'm looking forward to one more!

Warmly,
Monica

News of the Community

From Mary Gear:

Mary Gear recently wrote, "On Thursday, May 18, I will be attending graduation ceremonies to receive my Master of Divinity degree from Starr King School for the Ministry. John and I will be taking a week-long road trip to the Bay area to attend the ceremonies and see the sights along the way. This has been a 3 ½-year long journey for me. Thank you for accompanying me!"

From Lennie Martin:

Lennie Martin is doing an author event at The Book Bin, Salem on June 16, 7:00-8:30 pm. She will give a talk about "Native Women of Power & Vision" that features her new book, second in the series about four generations of historic queens at the famous Maya site Palenque. These women were leaders of the highly advanced Mayan civilization. From extensive research and study, her books reveal the knowledge and spirituality of the Mayas while telling a story of these women's lives. Join us as she presents *The Controversial Mayan Queen: Sak K'uk of Palenque*, Book 2, Mists of Palenque Series.

Update on Kay Young:

After suffering a broken hip in the middle of May, Kay has been going through physical therapy at Mt. Angel. In early June, she's expected to leave Mt. Angel, possibly to an assisted living facility. She has had many cards and thanks all who have visited. If you'd like to know more, contact her daughter Jane Young at janemyoung@aol.com.

Molly O'Dea

Longtime UU Molly Meeker O'Dea (1947-2017) died peacefully on May 25, having been diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor less than two months earlier. After a brief hospital stay, she returned home, where she received care and support from Hospice, family, and many friends. One friend wrote, " Hard to believe that that human ball of energy is gone. What a great lady. What a loss." Her memorial service will be held at UUCS on Saturday, June 24, at 2 pm.

Molly, a former UUCS Treasurer, and a longtime participant in UU Foster Parent Night Out, was very active in the Women's Alliance and will be remembered particularly for her work on the Holiday Bazaar and for the many receptions she helped organize. She was also an avid quilter, a supporter of the Lord and Schryver Garden, and a tutor of recently arrived refugees.

Carelyynn Miller Patterson Finished LIVESTRONG Class

Carelyynn Miller Patterson just finished a 12-week [LIVESTRONG class at the YMCA](#). She would like the Y to put on another of these classes that help cancer survivors work on improving their physical endurance, but the class needs 12 participants. If you might be interested in taking this class, please contact her at carelyynn@gmail.com or by phone at (503) 375-9654.

Happenings and Highlights

Help With Bateman Woods Path Maintenance Soon

Six years ago, Bateman Woods was 2 acres of UUCS land covered with blackberries and weeds that made 90% of the property inaccessible. Now, it's an open and a beautiful place to visit. But, the land still needs lots of care.

This month, we're expecting truckloads of free wood chips to be delivered from Elwood & R & R Tree Services. We'll need LOTS of help moving it from the parking lot into the Woods. We're not sure when it's coming, but know that when it arrives it's going to be easy to see and all will want it off the parking lot.

We hope there are lots of people are interested in helping. If you let us know what you are able to help, we'll contact you when the chips are delivered. We can be contacted at: tedcory48@gmail.com. –Submitted by Ted & Carolyn Cory

Get your photo in the UUCS Directory June 18

We continue to welcome new people into our congregation, and all are welcome to be part of our Directory. Photos will be taken following the June 18 service in the Fellowship Hall. Individuals, couples and families are welcome. Anyone who would like to add or update their directory photo can also stop by and get a photo taken. The purpose of the Directory is to facilitate communication among the membership, help people put a name to a face, and to give recognition to those who actively participate in our congregation. The directory is available online, or you can request a printed copy from the UUCS office.

Sanctuary Congregation Update from the Social Justice In Action Team

Our congregation's adoption of the Sanctuary Congregation resolution at the May 21 annual meeting is one step in a collective journey many are making to overturn inhumane immigration laws, and to extend welcoming hands. But, there are many more steps that can be taken to offer help to those whose lives are torn apart by fear, ICE arrests and racism. The Sanctuary Team, a sub-team of the UUCS Social Justice in Action Team, is moving forward in making connections, supporting immigrant rights groups and learning more about the difficulties undocumented residents face.

In the last month, the Sanctuary Team attended several meetings of local groups that are also working to help undocumented immigrants with their struggles. For example, at a May meeting in Woodburn, team members learned of some personal struggles of Woodburn residents and of several Latina restaurants in downtown Woodburn that are struggling to survive after recent ICE raids.

Recently, the Sanctuary Team joined forces with the Social Service Team of the Willamette Valley Resistance Collective, a local group bringing churches together to learn about sanctuary and to form an interfaith coalition.

June Share the Plate is MVLC

June's Share the Plate recipient is Mid-Valley Literacy Center, a valuable community resource that promotes literacy skills with a variety of classes to improve the lives of adults and their families. Services also give people an opportunity for economic stability. The classes include: ESL, computer, English and Spanish GEDs, US citizenship preparation, and pre-CNA. Our Share the Plate program allows us to support organizations serving a community need.

Covenant Group Options This Fall

One of the main elements in whether a person sustains their participation in a religious community is the number of connections they've made there. Whether you're a long-time member with lots of connections, a newcomer beginning to make those connections, someone returning after an absence and looking to reconnect, or anywhere else in between, you're invited to join a covenant group for the 2017-18 year! Covenant groups are an opportunity to meet regularly with a small group of other UUCS folks to discuss a specific topic in a facilitated meeting. Participants get to share their thoughts, hear the thoughts of others, and come to know each other in a deep way.

For the 2017-18 year we're looking at three models for covenant groups:

First, our usual Soul Matters groups, which meet once a month all year long. Soul Matters groups have a packet of materials for each meeting which includes readings, activities, links to videos, and even book suggestions. You can dive into all the ideas or just pick one or two, whatever suits your style.

Second, as part of Intern Minister Monica's plan for next year, we'll have two opportunities to join covenant groups centered around racial justice. Racial justice covenant groups will meet once a week for about eight weeks; one session will be offered in the fall, and one session in the spring.

Third, we're looking at a way to offer drop-in groups that meet for one to three sessions. Even if your schedule is packed, we want to find a way for you to have some conversation and make or deepen your connections!

We hope you'll join in to one or more of these opportunities in the next year. Look for detailed sign-up information in August, or email Monica at monica@uusalem.org for more information.

Help Needed and Appreciated!

Thanks for Garden Cleanup!

Special thanks to Peter Uglesich from Dances of Universal Peace and Jessie Ann from UU Compassionate Mind Sangha for helping with the Garden Clean up on May 6. We cut back the rosemary, pulled buckets of weeds and trimmed the oregano. Thank you also to Ted and Carolyn Cory for coming and working in the woods. Thank you to Mark Kendall for delivering the load of soil to top of the raised beds. Thank you to Brian Kirkpatrick for the irrigation. Thank you to Tom Lancefield for the elderberry bushes. The UUCS grounds look wonderful thanks to volunteers. I am deeply grateful. Thank you! –Submitted by Angela Gross, UUCS Garden Coordinator

Thanks to the Kairos Community Lunch Volunteers

Mother's Day was uniquely celebrated by UUCS volunteers serving at the Kairos Community Lunch. We had a surprising number of diners (99!) and one medical issue, but managed to successfully complete preparing and serving a hearty lunch to all who came to the door. Many thanks to Carolyn Bridges, Adele Moore and Glen Morrison, Angenie and Leah (all the way from New York!) Tapscott, Joan Erickson, Loraine Stuart, Michael and Patrice Pollard and Jane Maute. Our next day to serve is August 14. Sign up at the Social Justice Table. Any questions? call Mary Beth Hustoles at 503-587-7949. –Submitted by Mary Beth Hustoles

20 Years Ago This Month



This is the fourth article in our series commemorating the building of our beloved church in 1997. It was the best of times; our small congregation were full of hope and vigor, undertaking and succeeding in a grand project that not only built a fine new home for us, but also built a cohesive congregation that was proud of what we could accomplish together!

After the sanctuary footings were in and the laminated beams rose (see the May column), the contractor made great progress framing the RE section of the building. That is always the building phase that shows quick and dramatic progress. The photo, taken June 6, shows the footings for the entry canopy in the foreground, the RE section fully framed, and in between, some walls of the office-library section.

In May we contracted with Gary Swanson for our stained glass window. If you look around, you realize quickly that we built a rather plain building. (Give Barbara Hanneman the credit for the artwork that makes the place so attractive!) The one exception to the plainness is the stained glass window. We were doing well enough on our finances that the Building Committee decided that we could afford a nice stained glass window. We asked for proposals from several local stained glass artists, plus one (our daughter's father-in-law) in Tacoma. Several of the local artists told us that they had learned from Gary Swanson, so at the Building Committee's decision meeting, we made the easy choice to go with the master. Some of us worried about an artistic temperament making things difficult, but that's not Gary. He wanted to know the exact size of the space, the design elements we would like in our window, and when we needed it. And then he delivered! Making our arrangements in May was just right; the window was done (September) exactly when needed.

One other decision we are glad we made when we realized we had a little wiggle room in our finances: having skylights in the foyer! Back in February during the bidding process, those were additive alternates in the bidding, to be added if we could. While we were planning things out as we executed the contracts, we saw that we *could* add the skylights. And we should do it then, because we knew that if not then, never!

A few words about Craig Carlson. As we were doing preliminary explorations perhaps as far back as 1992, Craig did preliminary sketches for us because his wife Catherine was a UUCS member. The sketches were useful; we needed something to help us wrap our minds around what a new church could be. After the Congregation made the decision to build and we had raised enough money to make the project feasible, our architectural relationship had to change. Was Craig the best architect for us? We asked around, and discovered that he was the best architect – at least for churches – for many miles around! Therefore we entered into a contract with him, with full

confidence. We never regretted it. Not only did Craig listen well, he was able to translate our wishes – even unarticulated ones! – into building design. We learned that with many architects, a building needed a large contingency because of all the things the architect had not planned well enough. Not so with Craig! He was very meticulous and planned all the details accurately, so very few changes were needed. Well, there was one; Craig had not planned an air-moving plenum to pass air between the furnace over the library and the ducts *under* the sanctuary. Craig was embarrassed, but it was easily fixed (the foyer is a little smaller than initially planned; can you figure out where? 😊). So a *HUGE* thank you to Craig!

–Submitted by George Struble

Calendar

Youth Service Rehearsal

Tuesday, June 6, 6 pm

Membership Team meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 6:30 pm, Library

Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self

Tuesday, June 6, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

The teachings of the Aztec Dance are tied to the Pre-Hispanic roots of ancient Mexico. It serves to connect the dancer to a universal view of the Anawak culture and the Nawatl philosophy: a worldview of nature. The Aztec dance depends on understanding nature and draws its sustenance from it. Hence, the dance does not depend on the Western pedagogical approach but depends on the physical activity, with heavy symbolism in each dance and its specific steps. Aztec dance awakens and develops various human faculties which are essential across society but which the current educational system fails to implement in a conscious and permanent manner.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, June 7, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

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 - 9 pm, is for discussion, compassion, about how to use meditation as a spiritual practice

Eclipse Fundraiser Organization Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 7:00 pm, Blue Classroom

(See article on Page 1)

Refuge Recovery

Friday, June 9, 7 pm, Green Classroom

UUCS' Addiction Recovery Ministry and Support program is glad to sponsor the Refuge Recovery group meeting every Friday from 7 to 8 pm at UUCS. The mission of this national non-profit organization is to build an extensive and comprehensive network of groups, meetings, and communities that practice and promulgate Buddhist teachings and meditations for anyone seeking recovery from addiction. Drawing inspiration from the core teachings of the Four Noble Truths, emphasis is placed on both knowledge and empathy as means for

overcoming addiction and its causes. Those struggling with any form of addiction greatly benefit when they understand the suffering that addiction has created while developing compassion for the pain they have experienced.

YRUU Youth Service Rehearsal and Sleepover

Saturday, June 10, 4 pm - June 11

Intern Minister Committee meeting

Sunday, June 11, 1pm, Green Classroom

Salem Covenant of UU Pagans meeting

Monday, June 12, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Monthly business meeting for the executive team of Salem Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans, discussing items that are relevant to the spiritual and business needs of the group, planning for events, and addressing and supporting the greater pagan community at UUCS. The meeting is open to anyone to attend.

Social Justice Discussion Group

Monday, June 12, 6:30 pm, Minister's Office

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!

Living the Seven Principles

Monday, June 12, 7:00 pm, Blue Classroom

The group will explore the UU Seven Principles in depth, deepening our understanding of the guiding sources, and expanding our vision of using them in our daily lives. Group members will examine how these spiritual and wisdom sources have contributed to their life choices and their personal spirituality. Contemporary and emerging issues and visions that relate to the Principles will be included. Meditation & chanting (Kirtan) at 6:30 pm.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation
(See June 7)

Choir Potluck

Thursday, June 15, 6 pm

Dances of Universal Peace

Thursday, June 15, 7 pm, Sanctuary

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.

Journey to Belonging

Thursday, June 15, 7:00 pm, Minister's Office

"Spiritual growth is an individual affair that is best pursued in groups." -Henry Miller. This is a three month covenant group that explores the spiritual journey: where we come from, where we are, what we look forward to exploring. All are welcome to join! The group will be facilitated by Reverend Richard Davis or our Intern Minister, Monica Jacobson Tennesen.

Finance Team meeting

Friday, June 16, 10 am, Library

Salem Covenant of UU Pagans Meet & Greet

Friday, June 16, 7 pm, RE Commons

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.

Refuge Recovery

Friday, June 16, 7 pm, Green Classroom

(See June 9)

RE Team Meeting

Sunday, June 18, 12:45 pm, Library

Worship Team meeting

Monday, June 19, 6 pm, Minister's Office

Monthly Meeting of the Worship Team to plan & discuss Sunday Services

Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self
Tuesday, June 20, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

UUA General Assembly

June 21 - 25, New Orleans, LA

(See Monica's Article)

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, June 21, 5:30 pm & 7 pm

(See June 7)

Living the Seven Principles

Thursday, June 22, 7:00 pm, Green Classroom

(See June 12)

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, June 23, 11 am – 6 pm

Refuge Recovery

Friday, June 23, 7 pm, Green Classroom

(See June 9)

Molly O'Dea Memorial

Sat, June 24, 2 pm

Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self

Tuesday, June 27, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

(See June 6)

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, June 28, 5:30 pm

(See June 7)

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, Jun 30, 2017

Refuge Recovery

Friday, June 30, 7 pm, Green Classroom

(See June 9)

Life Lines Lay Ministry meeting

Saturday, July 1, 9:30 am, Library

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, July 5, 5:30 pm

(See June 7)

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Worship Services and Religious Exploration

June Share the Plate: [Mid-Valley Literacy Center](#)

Sunday Service: 10:30 am (Summer Schedule)

Sunday, June 11

The Rev. Davis and UUCS Youth

"The Super Heroes in all of us!"

Anchor: David Jeffers

Music: UUCS Youth

Youth will be sharing a thought provoking service on what makes a hero. Come enjoy an opportunity to realize the everyday hero in you, through the eyes of our very own UUCS youth! Our middle school youth will be sharing their personal Credos (Statement of Belief) that will shape the choices they make for being an everyday hero!

RE Information: No individual RE classes

Sunday, June 18

The Rev. Davis and George Struble

"The War Prayer"

Celebrant: David Jeffers; **Anchor:** Arrhiannon Kirkpatrick

Music: Sean Kirkpatrick

Mark Twain's "War Prayer" is a timeless American classic that sheds the light of truth on nationalistic fervor. In light of the divisions and discord in our world today and the ever-present propensity to demonize others, George Struble and Rev. Rick will present a dramatic re-enactment of this prayer.

RE Information: No individual RE classes

We are between our program year and our summer programming. Please enjoy the service together. Remember the Cozy Corner is available to enjoy the service if anyone has extra wiggles that need accommodating.

Sunday, June 25

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

Rev. Rick's Question & Response Sunday

Celebrant: Gloria Holland; **Anchor:** Lennie Martin

Music: Ted Cory

The official symbol of Unitarian Universalism is the flaming chalice. Rev. Rick suggests that the unofficial symbol is "?" -- the question mark -- because UU's encourage the asking of questions, recognizing that such questions open portals through which we pass to deeper truth and understanding. So, come on this Sunday with a question to submit. Rev. Rick will do his best to respond to as many as possible during this service.

RE Information: We will all make a summer chalice and enjoy a summer celebration together, complete with popcorn!

Sunday, July 2

Monica Jacobson

"More Joy"

Celebrant: Laura Christian; **Anchor:** David Jeffers

Music: Ryan Amend and Aimee Larsen-Amend

Well-known UU minister Forrest Church said, "Religion is our human response to the dual reality of being alive and having to die." For me, this means both that we seek to make meaning of this reality and that we try to help ourselves be deeply alive, open to both the fullness of our lives and the impact we have on each other. Today we'll consider the role of joy in this human endeavor.



Images from the May 21 Congregational Meeting and the June 4 Flower Communion and Potluck.



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