



The Chalice and the Flame

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

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Act on Your Dreams for UUCS with Your Pledge

What are your dreams for UUCS? Recently, we have seen videos and heard talks about what our music program is and could be and about what church administration is and could be and about RE's dreams. Soon we will hear about personnel and building needs. All of this is important. Many actions and many sources help nurture our congregational life. And, in turn, congregational life nurtures our dreams.

Dreams are important because they shape the future. Have you considered that none of this would exist without the dreamers of the past? What if there had not been King John Sigismund who dreamed of religious tolerance? Where would Universalism be today without those who dreamed of a faith based on salvation for everyone? Where would our society be today without the many dreamers who have worked for a more just world?

There is more to do. As I said in my last Chalice and Flame message, the status quo is not enough. This time is our time. So, let us dream of and work for a better world. Let us dream of ways that the UUCS can make a difference. Think on this when you consider your next pledge of support.

~ Submitted by Bob Muir, Pledge Drive Team

Celebration Sunday February 25

Bring your appetite and a fabulous appetizer to celebrate our UUCS community and the start of this year's pledge drive on Sunday, February 25! **We will have one service at 10:30 am**, followed by mimosas and an appetizer potluck. Get together for great fellowship and food. Mark your calendar now and begin planning your imaginative appetizer for this fun event.

25 Years in the with Rev. Rick!

Reverend Rick delivered his first service to our congregation on January 3, 1993. In his January 7, 2018 sermon, he reflects on the past 25 years with UUCS. With his usual good humor and grace, he thanks the congregation for their support and also their energy. He also says, *"Now when the forces of intolerance and bigotry are finding encouragement at the highest levels we are called to rise and meet this challenge and affirm our humane, compassionate, inclusive values...This is our time to be stewards of our free-faith tradition in this community"*. You can read or listen to the entire sermon in the [January 7 Service](#) post on our website.



Ordination of Mary Gear February 10

The UUCS and the First Unitarian Church of Portland invite you to join in the celebration and ordination of Mary Mangione Gear! The service will be held at UUCS on February, 10, 2018 at 1 pm, with a dessert reception to follow.

Women's Retreat Annual Bake Sale February 11

On February 11 during Fellowship hours, come buy treats for your Valentine! (and some for yourself). Funds raised will be used for the Women's Retreat—supplies, venue, and scholarships so everyone has the opportunity to attend. Donations of baked goods (with ingredient list for people with allergies) and other treats are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Dinner – Tickets on sale now

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Dinner is back! It will be held on Saturday, March 17 in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6 pm. Joel Martin will be creating a delicious meal of corned beef, (with a vegan option of rice and lentils), colcannon, Irish soda bread, and bread pudding.

Buy your tickets during fellowship hour! Adults' tickets will be \$12 and tickets for children 12 years or younger will be \$10. After February 25, the prices will be \$15 and \$12, respectively. Fellowship will donate the proceeds to the RE program. Contact Michael Pollard at mpollard608@aol.com with any questions.



Reverential Ramblings

~ Rev. Richard Davis, UUUCS's minister

In the year 1219 St. Francis of Assisi joined Christian forces embarking on the Fifth Crusade. Other Christians aimed to overthrow the Muslim powers in the Holy Lands, but this brave and gentle soul did not go to fight – rather, his mission was to convert Muslims to the Christian faith or die trying. Things didn't at all go as planned, and Francis considered his efforts a complete failure – he did not convert any Muslims or achieve martyrdom. Yet he did have contact and interaction with Muslims that proved to be a learning experience for him. One example: for the first time in his life he heard the Muezzin call the Muslim faithful to prayer five times a day (salat). Most of Francis' Christian compatriots feared and detested these calls, but the chants of the Muezzin strummed a spiritual chord in his heart, and he was enchanted.

He was inspired by this experience and when he returned to Italy he encouraged the civil authorities to issue public call to evening prayer. This idea didn't get much support or traction at the time and never took hold. Christians of that bloody, intolerant era were probably not inclined to adopt any practice that might have Islamic roots.

Yet this pillar of Islam does invite reflection – the practice of pausing five times a day to re-orient oneself to the holy, the sacred, the transcendent, intrigues me. I thought of this the other day when I was walking in my neighborhood and paused to look around and behold the world – the trees, the sky and clouds, the earth, the birds and animals and other people, everything. How wonderful it is to be a thinking, feeling, perceiving human being in this wondrous world. How strange it is that I don't pause in wonder more often and gaze appreciatively at the miracle of life. One reason I don't is because I often feel too rushed, try to do too much, feel time-starved. Not to be too hard on myself – in fact, over the years I think I've gotten a bit better at taking things in stride and do pause to look in wonder more often.

Seems to me that it would be a good spiritual practice to take regular “wonder breaks” during the day – to stop whatever it is that you're doing and pause in wonderment and appreciation of whatever and whoever is around you. Or you might pray or meditate during this pause. Such a practice would be transformative, for the more you pause in genuine wonder the stronger will grow your awareness and appreciation for the not so simple gifts that abound in life, the more deeply you will peer into the sacred depths of life.

Then, too, when you look at life through eyes of honest wonderment and gratitude it will enhance your natural immunity to life-negating thoughts and feelings that swirl through our world. Consider the intolerant, fearful, bigoted ideas and attitudes that infect too many hearts and minds in our nation. These days, the name for one such infection is “Islamophobia.” Much of it has been spread by the president himself through his rhetoric and his harmful actions (e.g., his ill-advised travel ban of people from several Moslem nations from entering the U.S.).

For the sake of our nation and all who dwell therein, there must be an ever-ready critical mass of openhearted and courageous people who will always recognize our common humanity beyond the historic walls of division between so many, who will not capitulate or accommodate intolerance and bigotry, who will regard others with holy curiosity, rather than hellish contempt.

May ours be a community wherein our hearts remain open to love and new possibilities in this shrinking world.

Love, Rick



Lifespan Religious Exploration

~ Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

FEBRUARY is the month for Religious Exploration (RE) children to share the love of gifting a Valentine to everyone attending the fellowship time following the service on **February 11. This will be the fourth annual giving of the Valentines.** Many people do not receive Valentines each year and we have had people tell us how amazing it feels to receive a beautifully handmade Valentine from our UUCS children. This is a great service project for them and I look forward to them sharing their work with you all!

February 11 is a busy day for RE. Not only are Valentines passed out, it is also the Sunday that the **Good Samaritan bags will be put together** from the donations that have been received during the month. In December, I dropped off around thirty bags with the Yellow Cab Company. When Salem did not open the warming centers, the cab company drove people around for free to let them have a chance to warm up! It was suggested it would be a good opportunity for them to hand out our Good Samaritan gift bags of toiletries and a treat. The Yellow Cab Company was very pleased to have these and will call when they need more! So thank you for continuing to bring donations and participating in this community outreach!

February 11 also brings us the BAKE SALE for the annual Women's Retreat (April 6-8). The funds go toward scholarships and RE so that this is an inclusive event and no one is turned away due to a lack of funds! Please support this fundraiser by donating and/or purchasing items for the sale. It is a nice day to buy a treat for your Valentine!

RE Coffee Service is on _____. Guess what day! Yes, February 11! If you would be willing to help with setting up and cleaning up of the coffee and other drink offerings first or second service, please let me know. It takes all of us to make the fellowship time a success by taking our turn to provide this time.

While we are on the subject of **February 11**, this is also the **second Sunday of the month when all of RE attends the service.** I am hopeful that you are feeling welcome and encouraged to include your children in attending worship with you on this second Sunday each month. While I recognize that children may not wish to attend, or parents may be concerned that children will be too loud or want to move around more than the service affords, I would like to lift up the reasons why we have chosen to have it be part of our RE programming. For one, it has been found that if young children do not attend the worship service, when it is time for Bridging from Children's RE (after completion of high school), they have not been connected to the larger community. Attending the worship service does not feel like their regular experience, so there is a huge disconnect for them and they feel they have lost their church. It has also been shown that if four connections are made outside of RE, children/youth tend to continue in the faith and feel connected in a community. It is being discussed that families spend much of their week in separate activities, thus wanting their weekends to be an opportunity for family experiences. We have been exploring ways to lift up this desire for family activities at UUCS on Sundays and have been actively trying to provide experiences that can be attended by all ages.

Typically, our second Sunday is also an opportunity to hear about the Soul Matters theme in a different way through the sermon and service offerings. The tables for coloring provide opportunities for the children to take in what is being said at their developmental level while also engaging in something to keep them active. Please know children are welcome to respectfully and freely walk back and forth from the table to you. We also have clipboards for taking coloring back to your seat. It has been great to watch the children join in or observe as the adults are meditating. The children get to hear live music, participate in singing together, hear and participate in joys and concerns, watch and be a part of adult worship, and feel a part of a larger community. How many times did I think my children were not really paying attention until questions on the drive home or during the week came up about the service? While it may seem like a day off from RE to many, it is really an amazing opportunity to gift your children with the "art of attending worship" and time spent together in a unique way! Hope to see many of you take this opportunity to be together!

In faith and until next time.....Christi

RE NOTES:

February 18: 4th – 12th Grade Faith Exploration happening at UUCS. Our guest at UUCS will be Mish'al Almuntafki from the SALEM ISLAMIC CENTER for the faith exploration.

February 25: ONE SERVICE, 10:30 - 11:45 am for RE Programming. All ages will be creating new Stewardship Pledges for 2018-19 program year.

March 4: Easter Canned Food Donations begin!

March 25: NO RE for Spring Break.

April 22: NO RE classes. (6th – 8th grade will be at Opal Creek with staff. Please let us know if you wish for your youth to attend. It is an amazing experience for them to meet other UUs from the Willamette Valley!)

Words from Our Intern Minister



Travel can be a clarifying experience.... or at least, that is how I am attempting to see it, since I'm doing so much traveling lately! Being away from home lets me contemplate what, and who, I find essential; when I benefit from some distance; what problems shrink if set aside; and how many of the objects in my life I don't really need as much as I think I do. It's a pared down clarification, about experiences and connection more than stuff.

More and more, I think the most important pieces of sustaining ourselves are to be present in our experiences and to be connected to each other. Perhaps you read the New York Times article a few years ago about the "art of presence," the way we show up in each others' lives after loss and during struggle and suffering. It can be challenging to figure out how to simply be together, without rushing to fix problems or try to make someone feel better faster, and while still offering support like bringing a meal or taking a walk together. Yet this is also how we build our relationship after some tragedy or great change has come to one of us: we re-learn how to be together, in ways that include who each of us is becoming.

In this way, travel certainly brings these skills to the foreground. The traveler is changed by the trip; the folks at home do not freeze – they continue growing during that time as well. Time apart magnifies what is always happening, but slowly. When you are far away from loved ones, whether because of physical distance or because a major change has come to your life or theirs, what are your ways of coming back together? How do you meet up again in the new place, being present in the moment and leaning into your connection?

I know each of you has wisdom about this; perhaps when I return from my trip to Nepal you can share some with me, and in the mean time share with each other.

Warmly,
Monica

News of the Community

From Jackie (Sorenson) Main

Jackie sent word via Rev. Rick that she had never before felt so welcomed as she did "after appearing on your door step" last winter following the death of husband, Bob Sorenson. She explained that although she had expected to remain in Salem and active at UUCS, she is gradually moving to Vashon Island in Washington state. Bob's sister died soon after Bob did, leaving Bob's sister's husband, Bernie O'Malley, a widower. Last fall, Jackie and Bernie realized that they needed and wanted to be together. They were married on the winter solstice. Jackie's new home is a smaller house on ten acres, where Bernie has lived for 27 years.

She is having an estate sale Feb. 16, 17, 18 at 740 Tillman Ave. SE in Salem. She would love to have UUCS folks stop by to say good-bye.

If you would like to keep in touch, her new address is P.O. Box 476, Vashon, WA 98070. Her email address is jjmain@gmail.com. We wish them both luck and happiness!



Happenings and Highlights

Women's Alliance meeting on February 13

The Women's Alliance is delighted to welcome UUCS member George Piter as our speaker at the meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 13, in Hanneman Hall. George has been instrumental in acquiring a defibrillator for UUCS, and everyone is invited to come see George demonstrate how to use this potentially life-saving device. It is vital that members of our congregation know how to use this machine, and he assures us that once we learn how it works, it is really quite easy to use. Please join us for this important demonstration.

Help Needed and Appreciated!

Spring Grounds Clean-Up February 17

Please join us on February 17 from 9 am - noon to clean all around the grounds of UUCS. We have tasks ranging from cleaning the moss from the blue "handicapped parking" signs to moving and cutting tree trunks. We have compost that needs moving, a mountain of branches to shred, curbs to be painted, weeds to pull, rocks to move, garden beds to prep for sunflowers. There will be tasks for all levels of physical ability. Daunting list? Not if a lot of people come help. Truly a case of "many hands makes light work."

Bring work gloves, hand clippers, hoes, and weeding tools. Please make sure your tools are labeled with your name. Contact Angela Gross at uu4peace@gmail.com with questions.

SIHN Volunteers Needed for February 18-25

UUCS will be hosting homeless families February 18-25 on behalf of the Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network. It takes about 50 volunteers to pull this off. Use our [online sign-up form](#) to select a time when you can contribute your time or your cooking skills to this worthy cause. Contact Sara Shatto and/or Denise Hughes at sihn.coordinators@uusalem.org with any questions. We thank you in advance for your participation. Every little bit helps!

Thanks for Your Work to Make the Sanctuary Benefit Concert a Success!

I have so many great memories of the journey, the lessons learned, and of the concert itself. What I will always remember is what Mr. Ayala said to me as he was leaving: that he had felt that immigrants were alone, that he was alone, that he did not know about Causa and he did not know that so many people care about and support immigrants. He then told me that now he was more hopeful.

Thanks to the performers for their time, talents, and generosity. Thanks to Loraine Stuart, the Aztec Dancers, Alonso Oliveros, Sam Davila, Ted Cory, Mark Babson, Ayala's Band, and Dr. Atomic's Medicine Show. Thanks to Rev. Rick for suggesting the idea of a concert and always being supportive. Thanks to Dana Brown for being our sound technician. Thanks to Angela Gross for being our Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to Kanta Luthra for sharing her story. Thanks to Lana Driscoll and Jorge Ramirez Garcia for their readings. Thanks to Travis Fannucchi for helping with restoring the sanctuary for Sunday services. Thanks to Caroline Bridges' grandson, Cameron, for helping out in the kitchen. Thanks to Vicki Cunningham and Sharon Pierson and the rest of the communications team and thanks to the members of our sanctuary team: Sarah Rohrs, Yvonne Rodgers, Megan Altorfer, Jorge Ramirez Garcia, Lana and Andy Driscoll, Loraine Stuart, Bonnie Hummel, Cecilia Craig, Caroline Bridges, Angeni Tapscotta, Ron Speck, Meera Kreitzer, Joan Stembridge, and Patrice Pollard. And Megan, thanks for assisting Dana throughout the concert as a sound technician, for designing our posters, and for designing our program. Sarah, thanks for all the marketing work you did to promote the concert, and to the entire team for all your hard work, dedication and contributions. And Patrice, thank you for your patience, your editing skills, your insights, and your support and understanding.

It is an honor and privilege to work with such wonderful people. To all of you, I am forever grateful.

~Submitted by Michael Pollard



Social Justice News



The Sanctuary Team is pleased to report that our Jan. 27 benefit concert to further the congregation's sanctuary program was a big success. We are so grateful for the support we received from UUCS members and others in the community.

The event brought in \$1,728, with some donations still coming in. Some team members donated their expenses to make the event a success. More than 100 people attended, including three folks who drove in from Wilsonville. Proceeds from the concert will be used to replace the window in the green room to meet fire codes. Any funds left over will go for supplies.

The atmosphere at the concert was one of good will, solidarity, and support for immigrants; and, for some, it was a transformative event.

Rev. Richard Davis' remarks and readings given by Jorge Ramirez, Lana Driscoll and Meera Speck's mother Kanta furthered awareness of today's climate of racial intolerance and the need for sanctuary.

The Sanctuary Team, a subcommittee of the UUCS Social Justice in Action Team, will now begin the process of replacing the window in the green room and will be taking the necessary steps to have the building and congregation ready when an undocumented neighbor needs sanctuary at UUCS.

UUCS members voted to become a sanctuary congregation during the annual congregational meeting on May 21, 2017.

Join The Poor People's Campaign!

The Poor People's Campaign was started more than a decade ago by Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. It was created to fight against systemic racism, poverty, and issues of economic injustice. If you are ready to join the Poor People's Campaign, the first step is quite easy. Just visit the [Poor People's Campaign website](#) and fill out [the form](#) to tell them how you can help with movement. Stay tuned for more information about events and protests coming up in May.



*Pictures from
the Jan. 27
concert*

Angela as emcee

Calendar

Membership Team meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 pm

Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self

Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 pm

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. The group meets on Tuesdays from 7 pm to 9 pm. All are welcome to attend.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, February 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, 8:00 – 9:00 pm, is for discussion, compassion, about how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

Board Meeting

Thursday, February 8, 6:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 8, 6:30 pm

Refuge Recovery

Friday, February 9, 7:00 pm

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.

Ordination of Mary Gear

Saturday, February 10, 1:00 pm

See article.

Women's Retreat Bake Sale!

Sunday, Feb 11

See article.

Compassionate Connections

Sunday, February 11, 10:30 am & 12:15 pm

Life Lines Lay Ministers and sympathetic members of the congregation meet with those who want

to share their life challenges with a small group and receive 'hands on' comforting. While the circle is not comprised solely of Life Lines Lay Ministers and therefore matters spoken of there should not be assumed to be held in confidence, many derive solace from sharing and connecting with a small group.

Building Sacred Ground, session 4

Sunday, February 11, 12:45 pm

An experiential, 4-session, class to help people explore Unitarian Universalism deeply, share personal foundations of faith, and get to know a small group of people very well. Building Sacred Ground is strongly recommended for people considering membership. It is also highly recommended for established members who want to deepen their relationship with their faith, UUCS, and our community.

Soul Matters Discussion Group - All are Welcome!

Sunday, February 11, 12:45 pm

If your schedule did not allow a commitment to an ongoing monthly covenant group or you are new to our congregation and missed the sign-up period, plan to join our Drop-in group every second Sunday to discuss the Soul Matter's theme for the month. You are welcome to attend every second Sunday meeting or just come when you can! This is an opportunity to extend the sermon topic into a small group discussion following the Soul Matter's theme service that happens every second Sunday of each month through June.

Social Justice in Action Team meeting

Monday, February 12, 6:00 pm

Salem Covenant of UU Pagans meeting

Monday, February 12, 6:30 pm

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.

Women's Alliance Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 pm

See article.

Silent Book Club

Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 pm

There is no assigned reading for this book club. Bring whatever you are already reading! We'll spend a few minutes introducing ourselves and what we are reading, then will spend an hour reading in silence. There will be time for fellowship following.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, February 14, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

(See February 7)

Long Term/Strategic Planning Team meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 15, 6:30 pm

Journey to Belonging

Thursday, February 15, 6:30 pm

A 3 month covenant group to explore our spiritual journeys.

Dances of Universal Peace

Thursday, February 15, 7:00 pm

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.

Finance Team meeting

Friday, February 16, 10:00 am

Refuge Recovery

Friday, February 16, 7:00 pm

(See February 9)

Hosting SIHN Families

February 18 – 25

YRUU Faith Exploration

Sunday, February 18, 11:00 am

Every third Sunday, our YRUU (Young Religious UU's/8th-12th grades) group will travel to a different faith service as part of their learning about diversity and exploring their own faith development.

RE Team Meeting

Sunday, February 18, 1:00 pm

Master Gardener Program

Monday, February 19, 8:45 am

Worship Team meeting

Monday, February 19, 6:00 pm

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

Committee on the Ministry meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 3:30 pm

Safer Congregation Committee meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 6:00 pm

Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self

Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 pm

(See February 6)

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, February 21, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

(See February 7)

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22, 6:30 pm

Refuge Recovery

Friday, February 23, 7:00 pm

(See February 9)

Celebration Sunday

Sunday, Feb 25, 10:30 am

Note: Only one service today

Communications Team Meeting

Monday, February 26, 4:00 pm

Join the communications team for discussion of progress on our UUUCS newsletter, website, Facebook, publicity and video projects. Newcomers or visitors welcome.

Safer Congregation Committee meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 6:00 pm

Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self

Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 pm

(See February 6)

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, February 28, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

(See February 7)

Facilities Team meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 1, 6:30 pm

Dances of Universal Peace

Friday, March 2, 7:00 pm

(See February 15)

Refuge Recovery

Friday, March 2, 7:00 pm

(See February 9)

Life Lines Lay Ministry meeting

Saturday, March 3, 9:30 am

Songs of Civil Disobedience

Saturday, March 3, 7:00 pm

Religious Exploration - All Ages Yoga!

Sunday, March 4, 9:30 am

Membership Team meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 pm

Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self

Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 pm

(See February 6)

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Worship Services and Religious Exploration

February Share the Plate Recipient: [HOME Youth and Resource Center](#)

Sunday, February 11

9:30 am and 11:15 am

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

"The Universalist Imperative: Get the Hell Out"

Celebrant: Janet Stevens; **Anchor:** Sara Pickett

First Service Music: Sara Greenleaf; **Second Service Music:** UUCS Choir

Our Universalist forbears rejected the doctrine of eternal damnation. Sounds simple, but this theology has profound implications for you and me.

RE Information: Today all ages stay in the service and worship together. This is an opportunity for children to learn about the Soul Matters theme and make connections outside of RE.

After each service, children will be passing around the Valentines that they made for the congregation. This is our RE annual event of spreading kindness!

Sunday, February 18

9:30 am and 11:15 am

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

"What is our "Halo Effect?"

Celebrant: Sara Pickett; **Anchor:** Laura Christian

Music Both Services: Ted Cory

What is the spiritual impact of our congregation upon our surrounding community? It's a complicated question. Let's explore.

Sunday, February 25

10:30 am only

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

"Keepers of the Dream"

The Rev. Judy Zimmerman

Celebrant: Steve Rosen; **Anchor:** Janet Stevens

Music: Aimee Larsen-Amend, Sara Greenleaf, Sara Truelove and the UUCS Choir

We are called to do more than just survive and make do in the present. Living into the fullness of our faith means investing in our future. What if shaping that future relied on something like a shoestring?

Celebration Sunday! (See article on page 1)

*On **February 25**, please park in the rear of the lot or across the street if you are able to easily walk to the church from your car. This will leave more spaces closer to the door for folks who have mobility issues.*

Sunday, March 4

9:30 am and 11:15 am

The Rev. Marcia Stanard

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PUBLICITY and ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fill out the [Publication Request](#) form on the UUCS website for any announcement, event or news item. This form is a one-stop place to put a notice in the Sunday announcements, the UUCS newsletter, the UUCS website and or Facebook.

DEADLINES:

Use the [Publication Request](#) form for all submissions.

Newsletter: The deadline for the **next** newsletter is 8:00 pm on Friday, **March 2.**

Sunday Announcements and This Week email by noon **Tuesday.**