



The Chalice and the Flame

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Mark Your Calendar for February 22!

Sunday, February 22 is a big day at UUCS. It is the day each member and friend will recommit to financially supporting UUCS for 2015-2016.

At a recent service long time member Gary Klein encouraged us to each budget for UUCS. "I have been giving money monthly to UUCS since 1995, because YOU as a member of this UU congregation are my 'LOVED ONES'. I donate to help secure a financial future for this congregation. It takes considerable amounts of time, labor, planning, and money to keep things humming smoothly under the wonderful gaze of our stained glass windows or to provide resources to people who need our help. We also try to maintain this facility as a sacred place to recognize shifts in people's lives. We host community and cultural events as well as nurturing new groups that are always forming and evolving to meet the needs of our neighbors. I am not the only one who watches over every penny in their household. Being situated somewhere between a pauper and a millionaire, I make a personal priority EVERY YEAR to specifically budget a place for UUCS in my wallet and in my heart. Taking care of UUCS is part of my normal "taking care of business". That is why for 19 years, I give more of my money to UUCS than all other charities combined. I hope you can also create a priority within your financial resources for UUCS."

Newcomers Lynn and Don Albright attended UUCS for the first time in the fall of 2013. Over the past year and a half both have become fully engaged working on committees, baking pies, singing in the choir, and co-hosting an Alternative Worship Experience. They realized that, "We've probably been UU'ers most of our lives." Lynn says, "I look forward to continuing to explore the principles and purposes of UU and to open myself to the deeper meaning of our Mission and Vision." It's vital that we offer new opportunities through our diverse programs, services and education, and communication so the community at large can hear our message. The '7th generation' principle taught by Native Americans says that in every decision be it personal, governmental or corporate, we must consider how it will affect our descendants seven generations into the future. Please do your part in giving generously to this year's Stewardship Campaign and make an investment in the future!

Please take some time to read the Stewardship brochure that was emailed to you on January 22 if you get the UUCS newsletter via email. The brochure arrived via postal service if that's how you receive the newsletter. Just as you are free to explore your own spiritual path, you elect how you support UUCS with money, volunteer hours and talents. For each person or household there is a contribution amount that is both affordable and represents a serious commitment. Only you can decide what is right for you this year and that may change over time. Best advice may be, "Give until it feels good." YOU are UU!

The **Stewardship Sunday Commitment Parade** on **February 22** (at both the 9:30 and 11:15 service) is a personal opportunity to show your support for the coming year. See you then! Of course, if you can't come, then please take a moment to complete the form in the brochure and mail it to UUCS. Thanks.

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Reverential Ramblings

~ Rev. Richard Davis, UUCS's minister

Many of us have nicknames or diminutive versions of our names. My formal name is "Richard" but generally it's only strangers meeting me for the first time who call me that – I'm "Rick" or "Rev. Rick" to everyone else (call me whichever you please). Until the age of 16 I was "Ricky," but I think I've permanently outgrown that – some folks might have a hard time taking a "Rev. Ricky" seriously.

About twenty years ago we (UUCS) realized that we had outgrown our old name - The First Unitarian Society of Salem, Oregon (which resulted in the contentious sounding acronym FUSO). This name predated the 1961 merger of the Unitarian Universalist Association and thus, it had no mention of the Universalist side of our tradition which many of us felt should be added. Then there was that word "society" which struck some of us as a less than ideal word to describe an inclusive religious community. Thus, an ad hoc "name change committee" was formed and wisely led us through a process whereby we formally adopted our new name "The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem" at a congregational meeting. At the meeting the major point of discussion was whether we should call ourselves a "church" or a "congregation" - we were just about evenly split on this. Then an advocate for the name "congregation" noted that folks with a Jewish heritage might feel less included by the word "church," whereupon most everyone agreed with this sentiment, and we voted to adopt our new name. The name change committee did a remarkable job of facilitating this whole process and skillfully spared us the grief that some congregations have gone through when they tried to decide upon a new name. Kudos to that committee!

Still, UUCS lacks a nickname – so here are some ideas to ponder upon.

Back in my student ministry days whenever I began to enthusiastically expound upon my philosophical or spiritual principles my roommates would quip: "It's the Right Reverend Rick of the Church of What's Happening Now!" So we could also be known as the "The UU Congregation of What's Happening Now." Indeed, we do strive to be relevant to what's happening now in our world, plus this might lend an aura of hip coolness to our image. That's one possibility.

Or we might consider "Our UU Congregation of Perpetual Potluck, Pie and Policy Making." Breaking bread together is important to us as we build relationships. Good food matters. Then, too, many of us are "policy wonks" who are engaged in the never ending process of creating suitable policies.

Other possibilities, given our concern for animals and the environment might be "All Beings UU Congregation" or "Our Whole Earth UU Congregation."

Love, Rick



Lifespan Religious Exploration

Christi's Thoughts:

 February has arrivedour thoughts turn to a focus on "LOVE" with Valentine's Day just around the corner. Go into most any store and Valentine cards, flowers, and gifts abound.

We don't want to be out of the loop, so at UUCS you will be able to purchase a Valentine bag of cookies for a LOVED one at our bake sale, **February 8**, after each service. You are encouraged to bring items you LOVE baking to donate to the annual bake sale to raise funds for scholarships for the Women's Retreat (May 1- 3, at the Oregon 4H Center –more information will be available as it gets closer).

An Adult Education opportunity is happening **February 8 at 12:30**, in the library, for people who LOVE to learn more about ways to effectively work with children/youth. In the DVD, "Transforming Discipline", Ross Green, PhD., founder of Lives in the Balance and author of *The Explosive Child* (LOVE the book), and *Lost at School*, will feature his collaborative and proactive solutions model to a non-punitive, non-adversarial, proactive and collaborative approach to handling challenging behavior. Laurie Simons, a counselor and filmmaker, will be leading a discussion following this opportunity.

To be inspired by youth, you will LOVE the opportunity to attend the services on **March 1** when our Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUUs) provide the Sunday services. Please plan to attend and support our YRUUs! They are working hard to provide an exceptional experience for everyone.

I LOVE that Turtle Ridge Wildlife Refuge will be able to bring their animal ambassadors for a visit soon to UUCS to bring awareness to our local wilderness animals and what we can all do to help. Watch for more details and an opportunity for us to volunteer for them for our "Principles in Action" program.

If you LOVE letterboxing, a pastime that combines navigational skills and rubberstamp artistry, in a "treasure hunt" style outdoor quest (letterboxing.org), let me know. I would LOVE to set-up a time families get together to go letterboxing and start a discussion about planting our own UUCS letterbox.

Families who would LOVE the opportunity to spend part of their fellowship/coffee time socializing, while they know their children are enjoying their time playing while supervised in the Religious Exploration area, please let me know. I would like to set-up a rotation schedule of parent volunteers.

You will want to mark your calendars for the first annual Family and Friends retreat. We are finalizing the location plans **August 27- 29**. The Thursday – Saturday event will feature fellowship and activities for all ages to LOVE. We will end the time together with a brunch and worship.

A lot of activities and opportunities are happening in Religious Exploration and at UUCS. The website, Facebook page, and newsletter are all good resources to keep up-to-date on happenings!

 LOVE to have you all be a part of the fun.

Until next time, Christi

2015 UUA General Assembly

General Assembly Will Have Focus

The theme of this year's General Assembly, **June 22-28** in Portland, OR, is **Building a New Way**. New approaches for working in community, engaging in ministry, religious education programming, fund raising, and congregation building will be featured in workshops, worship, and exhibits.



Here are three ways you can be effective as we prepare to gather for GA 2015.

- Protect your time. Don't allow other demands to highjack this experience. Reserve early: registration for GA and for volunteers opens March 2nd.
- Bring a delegation from your congregation. More participants means more new ideas get brought home for your congregation to use in the future.
- Bring youth and young adults along; subsidize their way if you need to. They are the future of your congregation and its involvement in UUA.

Share your talents.

There are lots of volunteer opportunities at GA—see if some might suit you at <http://www.uua.org/ga/registration/financialaid/14930.shtml>

Do you love to sing? When you get to GA, plan to sign up for the GA Choir! Learn about it at <http://www.uua.org/ga/program/contribute/174728.shtml>

Together, we'll be Building a New Way in **Portland** by witnessing to address climate change thru the Commit2Respond program on which UUA is collaborating with other denominations.

Looking forward to gathering together in one strong body here in Portland!

A reminder: If you plan to stay in Portland during the Assembly, you are encouraged to book hotel rooms early if you want to use lodging offered by UUA.

Ken Wheeler, District GA Coordinator, Portland, 2015

General Assembly Flaming Chalice

On Sunday, February 8, Leslie Pohl- Kosbau from Portland will visit us with the GA Chalice and a presentation describing the upcoming GA in Portland. She will meet with folks after the services to answer questions. Please come and learn all about this great opportunity for us to attend a GA without needing to travel a great distance

Jean Sherbeck, jean@sherbeck.net

Happenings and Highlights

Ready for Some Valentine's Treats?

February 8 is the **Women's Retreat Bake Sale Fundraiser!** Proceeds are used to provide scholarships for women to attend. Please let Christi Olsen know if you can help with the sale and/or donate treats to be sold

Interfaith Advocacy Day

On **February 11**, join several hundred Oregonians of many religious traditions for a day of interfaith worship, dialogue, education, and advocacy on behalf of Oregonians facing hunger,

homelessness, or lack of access to affordable health care

Activities will include an interfaith panel on "Confronting Poverty, Promoting Economic Equality and Preventing Gun Violence," training in advocacy skills, issue briefings, meetings with our legislators, and a keynote address by Nichole June Maher, MPH, president and CEO of Northwest Health Foundation. Individuals and groups from congregations and community organizations are encouraged to participate. **Register securely online now at www.emoregon.org.**

9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. (registration/check-in opens at 8 a.m.) Cost: \$20 general; \$10 students with ID. Includes lunch and materials.

Location

Registration and Morning Session: St. Mark Lutheran Church, 790 Marion St. NE, Salem
Afternoon Session: Oregon State Capitol.

Roy Zimmerman Returns To UUCS with The Faucet's On Fire!

What can one person do about climate change, torture, racism, gun violence, fracking, Congressional ineptitude, ignorance, war and greed?



Write funny songs, says folk musician and satirist Roy Zimmerman. Come hear this insightful and optimistic political commentator sing his latest songs about all of the above as he brings his newest show, "The Faucet's on Fire!" to Salem for his third Valentine's Day appearance at UUCS. Jabberwocky, Mickey Logan's wonderful *a cappella* group, opens again this year.

This concert is a fundraiser for the UUCS Music Fund; Roy generously shares the gate with us and Jabberwocky generously donates their music.

Tickets are \$18. They are available in advance during Coffee Hours starting January 18 and are available in the UUCS office. Tickets will also be available at the door (no one will be turned away.)

What better way to spend Valentine's Day than laughing together?,

Volunteer for Roy Zimmerman Concert on Feb. 14!

Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, ticket table, and kitchen duty during intermission (coffee and cookies). If you'd like to volunteer to help out at the concert in return for a concert ticket, please contact **Mary Gear** at marygear@gmail.com or 503-375-7740.

Circle of Eight Free Breakfast

Join fellow UU's at Center 50+ for the **Circle of Eight Free Breakfast** on Thursday, February 19 at 7:30am. The breakfast is sponsored by **Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (OADP)**. Sign up to reserve your seat! Please stop by the Social Justice in Action Table during coffee hour .

Living Our Principles

UUCS is proud to have achieved **EarthWISE** certification! Our seventh principle is "respect for the interdependent web of all existence", which we strive to embody in part through our use of non-toxic homemade cleaning products, an electronically distributed newsletter, energy-efficient lighting, reusable kitchenware, and water-conserving landscaping practices. We wish to be good stewards of the planet to help current and future generations thrive.

The Marion County EarthWISE program recognizes organizations which have made significant efforts at operating sustainably and includes an on-site assessment, application and re-assessment to verify that organizations are indeed 'walking their talk.'



Congratulations to us all for this great achievement!

Beth Meyers-Shenai,

<mailto:cyclewoman97381@gmail.com>

Notes from the January UUCS Board Meeting

The last UUCS Board meeting was held January 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. with a quorum in attendance. Topics discussed included

- the youth group's preparations for the March 1 youth service, RE scheduling changes,
- the successful search by the Committee on Human Resources for better health insurance for Rev. Rick and his family,
- a call for budget proposals from all working teams in support of the 2015-2016 budgeting process,
- the January 25th Program Council meeting, paid advertising scheduled for the Easter season,
- new trends in making donations, better than expected cash flow for the previous month,
- a preview of the upcoming stewardship campaign, a 20% increase in Sunday attendance,
- progress with the Mother's Day Plant Sale, and recruiting Mentors for this month's New Members.
- Mark Kendall and LJ Frederickson were approved as new members of the Budget Committee,
- we approved a motion to officially sponsor Theresa Soto's candidacy for the UU ministry, and
- we approved a policy regarding the payment of an annual stipend for part-time employees to help defer their health insurance costs.

The Board tabled, until the March meeting, a request for status reports from several ad hoc committees studying the following:

- The needs of our older members,
- A potential policy for offering sanctuary to those in danger of being deported,
- An enhanced policy addressing safety and security,
- A five year strategic plan, and
- The affordability and possible benefits of having an ongoing relationship with an attorney. The next Board meeting will be February 12 at 5:00pm and will consist of two agenda items; a review of our progress, year-to-date, and setting goals to be completed by the end of the year.

Respectfully Submitted by **Barry Halgrimson**, Board Chair

UUCS Microfinance Peruvian Project Update

Thanks to the generosity of the UUCS congregation, we have selected two projects in Peru for this year. \$2,800 will be provided to the Asociacion Exaltacion for the purchase of equipment for the safe handling of ceramics in the firing process. This cooperative manufactures small ceramics to sell in the markets and was one of the communities that we visited.

\$4,100 will be allocated to assist two communities improve their alpaca stock. Our contribution for a microfinance revolving fund will improve the quality of fiber and raise the value of their stock and income received from the alpaca fiber. We will work in partnership with not only the Chijnya Foundation but also with the Nunoa Project and CONOPA. Nonoa and CONAPA will help with technical assistance such as a vaccination program, veterinary visits, educational programs for farmers, shearing and fiber sales, and meat and hide sales.

Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 25, 6:00 p.m.** for the Peruvian Dinner which will be held at the UUCS Hanneman Hall. This has been a very successful culinary event to experience the diverse cuisine of Peru.

We also invite you to our upcoming meetings of the UUCS Microfinance Committee. We will be discussing which country to choose for the next year and preparing for the Peruvian dinner. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 25, at 6:30, UUCS.

Who's In Charge Here?

Team and Committee leaders for UUCS are listed on our website at uusalem.org. Look under [Our Congregation](#) and click on the link on the [Organization](#) page, or find it under [Our Congregation/UUCS Documents and Forms](#). Just names and positions are listed.

You will need to download a current copy of the directory, which is password protected, and look up their contact information. Download the directory under [Our Congregation/UUCS membership Directory](#).

Vicki Cunningham at
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Landscape Team Update

The next project is re-establishing the Lawns Damaged by Sidewalk Construction and spreading soil to create a level grade next to the new sidewalks running from the Hanneman Hall patio to the RE wing. The sidewalk/handicapped ramp project is now completed. During January, two work parties were held to haul top soil from the front parking lot. The edges of the sidewalk around the building are now filled in with dirt. However, please stay on the sidewalk when touring the grounds. The turf along the sidewalk is not well compacted yet, so it will be soft and muddy until we get the grass growing.

Thank you, *Ted Cory, Brian Kirkpatrick and Paul Manka* for your work. A special thanks to *Kodiak Ceilidh, Jupiter Ceilidh, Joy Dunlap, Danielle Olsen,*

Leneisha Olsen, Charles Scales, Victoria Scales and the *community homeschool families* of the UUCS Home School Group who assisted us in this arduous work. This is a great example of UUCS members putting sweat equity into improving the landscape.

Moles at Work! Our resident UUCS moles have been busily digging their tunnels, so please step carefully on all soft turf, including the playground areas. You likely noticed the many mole hills in our front lawn. In keeping with our 7th principle, we will not be poisoning or trapping the critters, but will take their burrowing as a help in establishing better drainage in the front area (we often get standing water there). Thank you for your understanding!

Paul Manka at ptmanka@comcast.net

Find Your Niche

Foster Parent Night Out Makes a Difference

If you are interested in joining a group of fun loving, kind hearted, capable group of people who gift local foster children with a creative and joyful evening of playtime, dinner and crafts once a month, consider participating in the Foster Parent Night Out program.

A huge "Thank You" goes out to *Marilyn Halgrimson, Marnie Jeffers, Janet Neuburg, Joan and Jim Stemberidge, Nancy Murphy, Cara Filsinger, and Molly ODea* for their participation in January Foster Parent Night Out at UUCS. Due to our usual date (second Monday evening) being the date and time of the national championship football game with the Oregon Ducks in the game, we needed to change our FPNO night to Tuesday January 13. Another huge "Thank You" goes to *Samantha* for helping us move the date. "Thank You" also to the Aztec Dancers who graciously moved their program to another night to accommodate us. A good time was had by everyone who came to our FPNO event!

We will return to our usual second Monday of the month in February, and hope that if the Ducks are ever again in a national championship game it will be played on a night when we are not scheduled for FPNO!

Joan Stemberidge at 503 363-2433.

Coffee Hour Hosts

A new plan is in the works for scheduling Coffee Hour hosts. To ease the burden on the few, efforts are being made to find a way to spread the load among more people. More information to follow.

Landscape Team Work Parties

As we start a new year, the Landscape Team has a new approach to work parties. Rather than schedule them on the 3rd Saturday of the month, we will schedule them on an as needed basis when there's a specific task to be accomplished that requires extra help. We will notify UUCS members of these work parties via e-mail. People interested in participating in these work parties should send an e-mail to **Paul Manka** at ptmanka@comcast.net.

Preparation for the Mother's Day Plant Sale Well Underway

More than 350 plants have been donated already, hundreds of plastic pots have been collected behind the landscaping shed, we have more greenhouse space than we have gardeners (up for propagating?), and next on the schedule is the February distribution of pots to folks willing to donate plants from their yards to the cause. Nearly twenty people have plugged in so far. Come and have fun with us! Sign up at the Visitors Table.

Are You a Musician or Vocalist?

Do you want a more personal and rewarding involvement at UUCS? We are looking for volunteers to provide music for our upcoming Sunday services and we need your help! Interested parties should contact **Aimee Larsen-Amend** at music@uusalem.org for details. We look forward to your musical contribution!

UUCS Community News

This column is dedicated to sharing news of the UUCS community such as vignettes of "Caught in the Act of Kindness," Health concerns, Accomplishments and Awards, Volunteer Honors, and The Spirit of UU among us & beyond us. Please send your stories to the UUCS editors at editors@uusalem.org or call 503-400-7646.

For questions or comments, contact **Petra S. Berger, Page Editor** at petraoregon@comcast.net

Health concerns

Roger Gillette, a long-time UUCS member, lives at Capital Manor and is in its Care Center (2nd floor) recovering from an infection on his foot. He is hopeful that he will return to his apartment soon. He said that he would enjoy and appreciate having visitors. Roger will turn age 98 this coming May.

Caught in the Act of Kindness

Dale Aasted is the Magician of UUCS hospitality! And because his selfless kindness was shining so bright the other Sunday at the end of coffee hour, it was noted by an anonymous member just getting ready to leave. Out of the corner of her eyes, she noticed that for some reason, he was on his own that day without help, cheerfully finishing up the dishes by himself, still needing to **fold and store ALL of the chairs and tables in the fellowship hall**, and making sure there was not a single crumb of food left behind for any errant ants. Well, he got help from the almost departing member, and it became a fantastic work party. So much fun that was missed by anyone else who might have joined them! **MORAL OF THE STORY:** if assistance is needed at the end of coffee hour, you might join the fun if you can, and be fully rewarded by genuine internal satisfaction of lending a helping hand where it was needed the most at that very moment. **THANK YOU.**

UUCS Volunteer Honors

Is our Board chairperson a Volunteer? You bet! Does the job require close attention and actual work nearly every day? Absolutely. Is the Board chairperson involved in just about every aspect of church business? For sure. Can he make a big difference in the life of our congregation, in close collaboration with so many other dedicated UU souls? No doubt about it. Can his vision and relationship-building bring dozens of more volunteers to the table to enrich the present and future success for UUCS? The evidence is before us all. So at the beginning of this New Year with so many innovations and projects activated through the energetic leadership of **Barry Halgrimson**, our Board Chair, he deserves as many cheers as we all can give him.

Accomplishments, Leadership, and Awards

Yes, our **UUCS choir** is marvelous in their performances. And for our MLK holiday celebration, our long-standing choir member **Jean Logan** had an opportunity for the first time to sing a solo during one of the choir performances. Jean's outstanding voice stunned everyone in the audience – a marvelous gift. Way to go Jean, and thank you for sharing your fine musical talents. We are waiting for many more performances!

The Spirit of UU, Among us & Beyond

Our kind of social justice organization!

The following article was submitted by **George Struble**. See how it relates to our UU principles #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Avaaz is a global web movement bringing people-powered politics to decision-making everywhere. Avaaz—meaning "voice" in several European, Middle Eastern and Asian languages—launched in 2007 with a simple democratic mission: organize citizens of all nations to close the gap between the world we have and the world most people everywhere want.

It boasts over 40 million members worldwide, and can regularly produce petitions signed by many thousands of people. Many of its petitions are initiated online by their members. They have been effective. For example, avaaz was a lead organizer of the largest climate march in history in September, which even led to a shift in US policies and the historic US-China agreement. Other campaigns have been effective in genetic modification, saving the land of the Maasai, reforming laws to help brutalized rape victims, and more! Check them out at www.avaaz.org; they do most of their work by internet, email, and social media.

For 2015, it cites Dag Hammarskjöld, who said that we'd never make sustainable progress in our world until we all "walked the longest journey", the journey within. With that in mind, it encourages all of its members to take a three-part pledge for the New Year:

- **Show Kindness and Respect** towards ourselves and others whenever possible. And it's always possible, because everyone we meet is fighting a battle we may know nothing about.
- **Strive for Wisdom** in our decisions, listening deeply to ourselves and others, and balancing our heads, hearts and intuitions in a harmony that feels right.
- **Practice Gratitude** by regularly reflecting on what we're grateful for, because it brings perspective, dissolves negativity, and grounds us in what's most important.

Some millions of us trying to live this pledge could make a difference in our world.

Age Segregation in today's society

As Dr. King's birthday and his amazing contributions to racial equality were celebrated in depth in January, UUCS member B. Lee Coyne could not help but also note another type of continuing segregation in today's society, that of Age Segregation. He has studied aging issues as a gerontologist since the 70's, and laments the loss of the extended family. He believes that while youth programs and senior centers serve their purpose, they do encourage division of our population by age. Such divisiveness creates misunderstanding by both youth and older folks, and according to Lee, it's high time for open dialog between the generations.

Lee recommends letting the Salem-Keizer School Board and the Salem Human Rights Commission plan pilot programs so that Salem becomes a role model to the rest of Oregon for cross-generational linkages.

The February Calendar

Tuesday

February 3

Aztec Dancers - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

February 4

Coffee Klatch - 10:00 a.m.

UUCS' Coffee Klatch meets at The IKE Box coffee house, located at 299 Cottage St NE. There is a room reserved especially for UUCS, so the atmosphere is private and quiet. Please note that no beverages or food may be brought in from the outside. The IKE Box prices are quite reasonable, and the munchies are excellent! We look forward to seeing you!

Families of Inmates Support Group

- 5:30 p.m.

A Support Group for families/friends of inmates. Come meet with other family members at our new support group. Support yourself, others, and your family member on the inside. Facilitated by the family member of an inmate. Confidential open sessions and education/resources. The cost is free and walk-ins are welcome. For more information contact: forinmatefamilies@outlook.com

Compassionate Mind Unitarian Universalist Sangha of Salem

Session 1 - 5:30 p.m. and Session 2 - 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 - 9 p.m. is for discussion, compassion, and how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

Thursday

February 5

Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m.

Committee on Human Resources Meeting

- 6:30 p.m.

Women's Alliance Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Mark Whitaker from Compassionate Care will speak about end of life care options. All are welcome.

Friday

February 6

Dances of Universal Peace - 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.

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DEADLINES:

Newsletter Submissions for The Chalice and the Flame **monthly edition** (published the 1st Tuesday of every month) are requested by the Friday prior to publication; the firm deadline is noon that Sunday. Please send your submissions, including personal news, directly to the editors at editors@uusalem.org. An editor also checks the workroom's Newsletter "mailbox" for paper submissions after the second Sunday service.

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, email your request to the UUCS office at 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.

Saturday February 7

Lifelines Lay Ministry Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday February 8

**Compassionate Connection -
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.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.

**Women's Retreat Bake Sale -
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.**

Proceeds go towards scholarships for women to attend the Retreat.

Parenting Strategies - 12:30 p.m.

View and discuss, **Transforming Discipline**, a collaborative and proactive solutions' model for parenting. This will be facilitated by **Laurie Simons**. For more information, you can reach Laurie at transformingdiscipline@gmail.com.

Program Council Meeting - 12:30 p.m.

Monday February 9

Foster Parents' Night Out, starts at 5:00 p.m.

Foster Parent Night Out is a joint partnership between the Department of Human Services of Oregon and local churches. The church provides an evening of fun activities and dinner for foster children in our community so that their foster parents can have a free night 'off duty' each month. UUCS has been involved in this program since 2008.

In compliance with the Department of Human Services regulations, only DHS trained volunteers can be on property while foster children are attending FPNO activities. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in making the UUCS FPNO a successful and fulfilling program for our community foster families.

Tuesday February 10

Archives Work Party - 9:00 a.m.

Aztec Dancers - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday February 11

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Families of Inmates Support Group - 5:30 p.m.
Compassionate Mind Unitarian Universalist Sangha of Salem
Session 1 - 5:30 p.m. and Session 2 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday February 12

Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
UUCS members are welcome to attend.
Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m.

Friday February 13

Submissions for the February 17 Newsletter Requested - 5:00 p.m.
Help the editor avoid a last-minute rush! Submit your item by this date rather than the Sunday deadline.
Aztec Dancers - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday February 14

Roy Zimmerman Concert - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday February 15

Mid- Month NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - 12:00 p.m.
Social Action Meeting - 12:30 p.m.

Monday February 16

Stewardship Training - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday February 17

Aztec Dancers - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday February 18

Coffee Klatch - 10:00 a.m.
Families of Inmates Support Group - 5:30 p.m.
Compassionate Mind Unitarian Universalist Sangha of Salem
Session 1 - 5:30 p.m. and Session 2 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday February 19

Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m.
Committee on Human Resources Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Dances of Universal Peace - 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.

Friday February 20

"Meet & Greet" Sponsored by the Salem CUUPS Group - 6:30 p.m.
Friday Night Folk Circle - 7:00 p.m.

Folk Musicians from all over the Willamette Valley, and anyone who enjoys folk music, are invited to bring their instruments and stories and a favorite song to share. We'll improvise and harmonize and otherwise raise the roof. Bring snacks and soft drinks to share.



Saturday February 21

Stewardship Training - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday February 22

Celebration Sunday! Both services.
Aztec Dancers - 5:30 p.m.

Monday February 23

Communications Team Meeting- 4:00 p.m.
Celebrant Anchor Team Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday February 24

Sacred Saturday Circle Planning Meeting
- 5:00 p.m.
Facilities Team Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Aztec Dancers - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday February 25

Coffee Klatch - 10:00 a.m.
Families of Inmates Support Group
- 5:30 p.m.
Compassionate Mind Unitarian Universalist
Sangha of Salem
Session 1 - 5:30 p.m. and Session 2 - 7:00 p.m.
UUCS Microfinance Committee – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday February 26

Music Committee Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m.

Committee on Human Resources Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.

NW Permaculture Film Series - 6:30 p.m.
Permaculture is "Earth care, People care, and Return of Surplus", creating systems that are not only sustainable but also enriching to the soil and all life. Please join us every 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for a finger food potluck & showing of a permaculture inspired film. New film and discussion every month! Contact the NW Permaculture Institute for more information: nwpermacultureinstitute.org or on Facebook at facebook.com/nwpermacultureinstitute, or call 503-449-8077.

Friday February 27

Submissions for the March 3 Newsletter Requested - 5:00 p.m.
Help the editor avoid a last-minute rush! Submit your item by this date rather than the Sunday deadline.

Introduction to Paganism - 6:00 p.m.
The class will introduce participants to the earth based tradition of paganism.

Saturday February 28

Youth Sleepover - 6:00 p.m.

UU Principles Heart

The **inherent** worth and **dignity** of every person * **Justice, equity and compassion in human relations** * **Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations** * **A free and responsible search for truth and meaning** * **The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large** * **The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all** * **Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. Unitarian Universalism.**

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Sunday Morning Services and Religious Exploration

9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

February theme: "Faith"

The sermon topic is similar at both the early and later services, with the early 9:30 a.m. service being more interactive. The former 10:30 a.m. service has moved to 11:15 a.m. Childcare is available at both services, as is Religious Exploration (RE) classes for children through 5th grade. RE for grades 6 through 12 is offered at 11:15 only.

Sunday, February 8

"Generous Living"

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

Arrhiannon Kirkpatrick, Celebrant Both Services

Mark Kendall, Anchor Both Services

Music Early Service – **Sara Greenleaf Seitz**

Music Late Service – **UUCS Choir**

We often note that Unitarian Universalism is a "liberal religion" - (not necessarily dogmatic political liberals - each member decides their political views freely). We use the word "liberal" to mean open hearted, open minded, and generous in the way we live. In fact, "generous" is a synonym for "liberal." Which prompts the question: "How are we called to live generously?"

Sunday, February 15

TBA.

Intern Minister, Theresa Soto

Mark Kendall, Celebrant Both Services

David Jeffers, Anchor Both Services

Music Early Service – **Ezra Koenigs**

Music Late Service – **Ryan Amend and Aimee Larsen-Amend**

Sunday, February 22

"Celebration Sunday"

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

Petra S. Berger, Celebrant Both Services

Joanne Manson, Anchor Both Services

Music Both Services – **UUCS Choir**

On this special day we will honor our religious heritage, celebrate our beloved community, and pledge our support for the coming year. Dramatic readings especially crafted for this service, special music from our choir and musicians.



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