



The Chalice and the Flame

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

June 2015

Neighbors' Property Coming on the Market

UUCS has for years benefitted from having wonderful neighbors along the eastern border of our property. Sadly, those neighbors, Dave and Kathy Munsel, have announced that they are moving and selling their five bedroom, 2800 square foot home and outbuildings on 2.33 acres. They have offered UUCS the first opportunity to purchase the property and to take possession sometime this winter. The property has many potential uses in support of UUCS' long-range mission (e.g., as a parsonage, a free clinic, a retreat center, community gardens, or an elder care facility). Another key motivation would be to prevent someone else from bringing in, for example, a self-storage facility, a parking lot for heavy equipment or RV's, a new marijuana crop laden with pesticides, or a noisy manufacturing line.

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Of course, serious questions will arise and need to be answered, not least how the purchase would be financed without neglecting other needs. However, we should remember that it was a forward thinking previous generation that purchased the land upon which our beautiful building currently sits. They did so with no assurance of what the future would bring but only a vision of what we might become. This may be our time.

An ad hoc committee has been formed to research the matter and ascertain the level of interest among the UUCS membership for purchasing the property. A tour of the house and grounds has tentatively been set for Sunday, June 21st, after the Annual Father's Day Picnic at around 1 p.m. Those who see potential benefit in purchasing the property and would consider participating in an effort to fund

the purchase are invited to attend the walk-through, followed by a discussion in the UUCS sanctuary. Any decision to purchase would require further informational meetings and ultimately be left up to the congregation at a special congregational meeting in the fall.

Your constructive input is welcome. Please seek out any of the following committee members to ask questions or to make your opinion known: Barry Halgrimson, Lee Ann Nail, Brian Kirkpatrick, David Jeffers, Rob Schiff, Angela Gross, or Mark Kendall.

Your Smile Can Help Our Congregation Continue to Thrive

New "Host Teams" will welcome and support visitors & new members

For our congregation to thrive, it must grow. And if you have a ready smile, a genuine interest in people and a natural affection for them, you can be a vital part of that growth.

The **Membership Team** is looking for friendly and helpful people to join the current "Greeter" groups as we transition to the "Host" program in September 2015. Although Hosts will do all that Greeters do (greet people at the front and Sanctuary doors, hand out the "Order of Service" and assist with the offertory), they will also perform a number of additional functions designed to make our visitors more comfortable, more likely to visit us again and more likely to consider membership at some point.

Are you called to our shared ministry of hospitality? Help us do all we can to ensure that visitors feel genuinely welcome to UUCS!

Rev. Rick

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Reverential Ramblings

Over the years I've sat in many classes with prospective members who yearn for some clarity in regards to what it means to be a UU. Perhaps this version of what we share with them will be helpful to some of you. Love, Rick

Eight Practices of Meaningful Membership

Unitarian Universalism is a “non-creedal” religious movement – you are not expected to affirm any theological belief or doctrine. Rather, we are a “covenantal” religious movement – that is, we seek to live in harmonious and respectful relationships with others, both within and beyond the congregation. The fullest expression of our covenant is our seven UU principles, which were created and adopted by our larger association through a democratic process of spiritual discernment.

Each one of us freely enters into congregational life. We recognize that compulsion in religious life runs counter to this freedom. Here at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem we do offer, for your personal consideration, eight covenantal practices which promise to make your membership meaningful and strengthen our congregation. A practice is some attitude or action we do regularly – we all have life practices, whether we consciously recognize them as such or not. Thus, each one of us might ask: “What are the consequences of my practices?” Are they good practices that are beneficial for myself and others, or not? Here are Eight Practices that promise to enhance your membership and strengthen our congregation.

- 1) Because we recognize how great a difference the gift of our presence makes in congregational life and how much we are enriched by attending, we choose to **Practice Regular Attendance** (aka “showing up”) at Sunday services and other gatherings, as we are able.
- 2) Because we recognize the positive difference acts of kindness and compassion make, especially for those in need or distress, we choose to **Practice Compassion, Caring, and Kindness** in the many ways this becomes possible in congregational life.
- 3) Because we recognize that conflict and misunderstandings inevitably occur in all religious communities, and in society in general, and because we recognize how destructive and hurtful such conflicts and misunderstandings can become, and how honesty and understanding during difficult times strengthen and deepen our relationships, we choose to **Practice Right Relations**, forswearing attitudes and behaviors which sow discord.
- 4) Because we recognize how life affirming it feels to be welcomed and included, and how painful it is to feel ignored and excluded, we choose to **Practice Intentional Hospitality** toward all who attend and resolve to invite kindred spirits in search of a spiritual home to join us.
- 5) Because we recognize how our congregation thrives when members are involved in our shared ministry, we choose to **Practice Congregational Responsibility** by volunteering as we are able, staying informed about congregational matters and attending our annual congregational meeting to vote upon important matters before the congregation.
- 6) Because we recognize how society and the world around us become better when we are involved in promoting the common good and when we are informed about the matters that concern us all as citizens of our nation and our world, and because we see how injustice and inequity prevail when people remain indifferent and disengaged, we choose to **Practice Social Responsibility**.
- 7) Because we recognize how the life and shared ministry of our congregation thrive when members give in personally generous ways, and how generous giving in general blesses both the giver and receiver, we choose to **Practice Generosity**.
- 8) Because we recognize how we are all called to lives of continuing spiritual growth and how answering this call leads us to fuller and richer lives, we choose to **Practice Seeking Truth and Meaning** in our daily lives through study, reflection, action, and life affirming spiritual practices as we are uniquely inclined and able.



Lifespan Religious Exploration

~ Christi Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

Welcome to June!

Our final Religious Exploration (RE) time together for this program year will be June 7th, the Flower Communion service. The Flower Communion is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community (uua.org). Plan to bring your own unique flower to put in our community flower bouquet and participate in our annual multigenerational Flower Communion service.

During this service, we will also have the traditional Bridging Ceremony. We all will get to enjoy welcoming Elsa McKinney, Ezekiel Menchaca and Kirbey Geissler to our UUCS community as young adults. I look forward to this annual ritual.

Our RE program will be getting ready for summer lessons about world religions and will not be having classes on June 14th. Our program returns on June 21st with a Summer Solstice celebration, while learning about Earth Based Traditions. (Please note – June 28th we will not have RE classes during the Unitarian Universalist Association General Meeting in Portland.)

This summer, each Sunday a story will be shared and an activity and craft project will enhance the story's lesson. The curriculum will allow for multi ages to enjoy the learning together. We will often be meeting in our fenced yard off of the preschool and nursery classrooms to enjoy the summer weather. In addition, we will continue to enjoy watching the garden grow and share in the caring of the plants and the harvest!

The culmination of our summer program will be the all congregation retreat held in Walton, Oregon, at Big Bear Camp, August 26th – 29th. Come and join your friends and experience a time of fellowship and fun. Bring a tent, or borrow one that is already set up. Come and relax in a beautiful forest and enjoy the quiet, off grid camp with an awesome lodge, complete with a library and kitchen, as well as an outdoor cooking area. Arts and crafts, games, singing, good food and good conversations will be available to all. Individual total cost for attending, which includes lodging, food, and activity supplies is Adults/Teens: \$95.00, Child 5 and under \$25.00, Child 6-9: \$52.50, Child 10 – 12: \$73.00. Scholarships are available. Watch for registration materials to be available beginning June 21st in the Fellowship Hall.

Additional Summer Opportunities: If you attend our Religious Exploration classes and are considering swimming lessons (offered at the local YMCA), or attending the Music Together class (offered at UUCS), and registration fees for these opportunities are a concern, please contact me for some possible options that may be available to help with these expenses.

I look forward to spending the summer with your children and youth as we explore together world religions!

In faith and until next time –

Christi



2015 UUA General Assembly

It's never too late...

to consider attending **UUA General Assembly in Portland, June 24 – 28**. The general assembly website (www.uua.org/ga) now has the final program on line (everyone receives a printed copy at check-in) with detailed information about business items and workshops. The topical guide lists THIRTY categories of workshops – something for everyone's interests. Rev. Rick Davis and Gil Nicholson-Nelson from UUCS will each be part of workshops. (Wednesday/Thursday registration is considered one day.) Don't forget the traditional evening programs: the Opening Celebration featuring the stirring parade of banners from churches everywhere; the Service of the Living Tradition that recognizes new and retiring ministers; the Bridging Worship Service; the WARE lecture with speaker Cornel West. There is lots of excitement every day! The following events are free and open to the public (registration not required): the Service of the Living Tradition (Thursday evening), the Sunday Morning Worship, and the Exhibit Hall (on Sunday only). Questions? jean@sherbeck.net

Happenings and Highlights

Every Journey Begins with the First Step

Do you or someone you know want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism? **UU 101** is for you! No pressure, just information for visitors, prospective new members, or regular members who would like a refresher.

In the UU 101 class, Rev. Rick will provide an overview of the history of our free faith heritage, our UUA Principles and Purposes, and the eight practices of meaningful membership. He will gladly answer any pertinent questions.

The next UU101 is scheduled for **June 18 at 6:00**. Child care will be provided to make it easier for families to attend. Easily prepared food and beverages will be served.

Please RSVP with your intent to attend at membership@uusalem.org. But if you forgot to RSVP, you are still more than welcome to join the class!

Annual Father's Day Potluck Picnic

Father's Day is **June 21** and we'll celebrate it with our annual congregational potluck picnic on the patio right after the service (**11:30**). We'll cook brats, hotdogs, and veggie burgers for everyone. Here's an alphabetical list of last names for what to bring:

A - D	Salads
E - I	Munchies (potato chips, salsa, etc.)
J - N	Vegetable dish
O - S	Desserts
T - Z	Beverages

No one will be turned away for lack of payment, but a \$5 donation is requested to offset the cost of buns, meat, and veggie patties.

Join your fellow UU'ers in tours of the woods, appreciate the new RE gardens, and enjoy the music provided in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information, contact Barry Halgrimson at 512-948-8842 or bhalgrimson@gmail.com.

Transylvania Travel Overview

People interested in traveling to Simenfalva and Transylvania in July 2016 are invited to meet in the UUCS library after the service on **June 21** to learn about options for itinerary, timing, cost, etc. Planning is very flexible at this point. Let's see how everyone's goals mesh. The amount of time in Transylvania could range from a little less than one week to two weeks. The group would spend time in our partner church village, Simenfalva, with the option of also touring historical sites in other parts of Transylvania.

See the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council (UUPCC.org) website for information about travel. Contact Jean Sherbeck with questions: jean@sherbeck.net

Summer Newsletter Schedule

"The Chalice and The Flame" will be published once a month in June, July, and August. Upcoming deadlines are midnight on **July 3** (July issue, Elizabeth Bauman editing), July 31 (August issue, Joel Woodman editing), and September 4 (Sept. 8 issue, Elsa Struble editing). For the sake of those who receive the printed newsletter by mail (and those who don't open email every day), please include announcements of events occurring during the week after the next newsletter comes out. If you cannot submit by email, please contact the editor of the month several days before the above deadlines.

Office Reminder

Office Manager Samantha Scales is scheduled to be on vacation this week, returning June 9. Volunteers are answering phones and triaging emails during regular office hours, Tues - Fri, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For matters that cannot wait until Samantha returns, please put "URGENT" as the first word in the subject line of emails to be sure they are seen. Your patience upon her return will be greatly appreciated, since it will take some time to deal with all the emails.

Mother's Day Plant Sale a Success

The May 10 plant sale raised nearly \$1500 in profits now deposited in the UUCS general fund. Thanks to our generous members and friends (and community members as well) for their purchases of over 500 of the 650 plants donated by a devoted crew of green thumbs. Special thanks must go out to Susan Maginnis, who set aside half her greenhouse to grow more than 100 magnificent tomato, eggplant, and pepper plants, to Mark Kendall for his more than 60 pots of hard-to-find perennials, and to the Woodmans, Hollands, Diane Rombach, Jo Davis, Connor Anderson, Shawna Stouder, Lennie Martin, Vicki Cunningham, Jorge Ramirez Garcia, Melanie Weston, Dina Triest, Mako Hayashi-Mayfield, Gayle Gilmour, and everyone else who shared their expertise and their bounty by organizing, publicizing, donating plants, cashiering, and cleaning up. What a joy it is to work with a team that is as willing to pitch in as this one!

Sincerely, Barry Halgrimson

New Mobile Credit Card Reader

UUCS is now taking credit cards. We have acquired a Square mobile credit card reader and a Samsung tablet that can be used at fund raising events or sales. People are using credit cards more frequently for purchasing everyday items and many people no longer carry checks. Having a mobile credit card reader available should make it easier for members who want to participate in a sale or event but don't have cash or a check with them at the time.

The Samsung tablet is dedicated solely to the use of the Square credit card reader. The money collected goes directly into the Congregation's bank account. We are charged 2.75% of each transaction. Reports on sales activity can be downloaded from the Congregation's account with Square. When not in use, the tablet and card reader are locked in the safe. If you have an event coming up and would like to use the mobile credit card reader, please contact Lorna Youngs, Treasurer, lyoungs@comcast.net or 503 585-9220.

May 14 Board Meeting

The May UUCS Board Meeting began with a preview of the slide show review of the year, which was later shown at the Annual Meeting.

Finance Team chair Phil Carver reported on the annual financial review. The review committee made four recommendations: 1) acknowledge a new procedure for depositing donations from coffee hours and Souper lunches, 2) do a physical inventory for the first time since 2004, 3) implement a new policy regarding ongoing oversight of spending by UUCS teams, and 4) establish a policy to track retained earnings. The Board will consider these recommendations and act upon them at a later date.

DRE Christi Olsen reported on the upcoming Water Fair, the Women's Retreat, hosting the District RE conference, and recruitment of a new RE Assistant. Treasurer Lorna Youngs reported on end-of-year appeals to those who have not yet fulfilled their pledges.

The Board considered subsidies for attendees of the upcoming Goldmine conference, until it was reported that no youth or counselors have thus far volunteered to attend. The Board discussed the possibility of using fundraising to augment salaries for staff, and decided that the issue was better handled via the budgeting process. Barry Halgrimson submitted an introductory document describing options regarding the potential acquisition of the Munsel property to the east of the current property line. Brief conversations followed regarding the continuation of the second service format and LJ Frederickson's June 8 "Thought Leader" breakfast. Assignments were made regarding various roles during the Annual Meeting and the agenda was finalized. Finally, Mark Kendall of the Facilities Team provided a prioritized list of capital improvement projects for Board consideration, some already scheduled and others based on speculation.

The next meeting of the Board will be on June 11 at 5 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Contact Barry Halgrimson with requests for topics to be included in the agenda. *(from Board Chair Barry Halgrimson's notes)*

Humanist Family Camp

UUCS has been asked to publicize a June 21-27 "volunteer-run residential summer camp built on secular humanistic values and an appreciation for science." To learn more about Camp Quest North-West, go to cqnw.org or contact Program Chair Becky Friedman,

Find Your Niche

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As a Host, you will receive a "Host Guide," and a Team Leader will walk you through all that you need to do. You'll be taught to identify visitors as they enter the lobby, greet them and make them feel especially welcome throughout their stay. It won't be difficult – because you'll be just as warm and hospitable a host as you've been in your own home many times. You will not be asked to do anything outside of your comfort zone, and there will always be a Team Leader available to help you. The time commitment is actually quite minimal – only **one Sunday every six weeks** rotated among six teams.

Another new feature introduced Sunday, May 31 is the "Welcome Table." It is the result of a partnership between the Membership Team, Lifelines Team and our Hosts and will be facilitated by selected representatives from each of the partner teams. You won't miss it when you enter the Fellowship Hall. Please consider stopping by to greet any visitors and new members.

Can you remember the first time you walked into the Fellowship Hall after Sunday service? I know in my own case it took several weeks to work up the courage. I did it then only because the fellow I usually sat with during Sunday service invited me to join him for soup. He chose to be my host. His welcoming effort had significant impact on my decision to pursue membership. We hope the Welcome Table with a couple of friendly Hosts will encourage our visitors to return and ultimately seek membership.

We'd like to thank all the great folks who have served as Greeters in the past and who will continue to share their friendly smiles and genuine interest in others as we move forward.

The Host Program is a vital component of the Membership Team's commitment to serving visitors and new members, part of the lifeblood of our congregation. Please help us with this important work. Contact: Carolyn or Joel Woodman, Membership Team, any Sunday you see us. Phone: 503-364-8065; Email: carolynjwoodman@comcast.net.

Landscape Team

The Landscape team is seeking volunteers to maintain the three acres of UUCS grounds.

We have a specific need for volunteers to weed and prune shrubs in the islands in the parking lot and the mulched areas surrounding the front parking lot. We also need volunteers to remove weeds and grasses from the cotoneasters growing on the bank along Center Street.

This is a perfect volunteer opportunity for those independent folks who enjoy working outdoors in the fresh air by themselves. Some of our current Landscape team members find that their landscape work provides a spiritual connection to nature. In addition, they take satisfaction from seeing immediate results from their efforts. If you volunteer, you can take responsibility to care for a specific area that fits with your physical abilities, gardening skills and time schedule.

If you are interested in volunteering or need more information contact the Landscape Team Chairman, Paul Manka, by telephone (503)-371-6352 or e-mail ptmanka@comcast.net.

Our goal is to make our property beautiful, inviting and a relaxing place that UUCS members, families & friends love to visit and care for. Come join the Landscape team to make that happen.

SIHN

Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network will be hosting families at the church July 19 - 26 and needs volunteers to serve meals, stay overnight and spend time with the families. To volunteer, sign up at the Social Action table during coffee hour or contact Meredith Jaynes at SIHN.coordinators@uusalem.org

Outreach PR Coordinator Wanted

The Communications Team needs someone to manage publicity inside and outside UUCS. Must be organized with excellent computer skills. Write press releases, list events online with local media, and write targeted copy for our announcements, newsletter, website and Facebook. For details, contact Vicki Cunningham at communications@uusalem.org.

RE Assistant

The RE Team is looking for a person to be an administrative assistant for the Religious Exploration program with an emphasis on high school youth programming. This position would be 8 hours a month/\$10 hour and part of a job share position. All hours would be scheduled to be completed on Sundays, unless otherwise agreed upon in advance. For more information or to apply, please contact:

Jo Nathan, chair of Human Resources Committee (Jomama05@live.com) and

Christi Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration (Christi@uusalem.org).

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, 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 author Petra S. Berger petraoregon@comcast.net.

The Spirit of UU – Among us & Beyond us

If there were such a thing as a UUCS Annual meeting song – what would it be? Of course, it would be "Oh What a Wonderful World," made famous by such greats as Louis Armstrong and many others. And who would be the vocal artist for our assembled congregation? In 2015, it was **Spence Logan**, the talented son of Micky and Todd Logan. He offered the audience a warm, personally connecting rendition of a most fitting musical spiritual statement – UUCS is indeed a 'wonderful world' for our visitors, friends, and members.

Thank you, Spence!

Health Concerns

Please take note that our member Amber Levesque, a young woman with a family, recently received a diagnosis of significant concern. She is dealing with the situation, but we want to send her much heartfelt empathy and the most sincere wishes for a very speedy recovery.

Caught in the Act of Kindness

Another kindness to celebrate: The donation of two concrete benches to the RE garden by the "**Dances of Universal Peace**" group. It will so enhance our wonderful garden and greenery area in the back of the building, and offer contemplative rest to all who will enjoy the benches during the many years to come. Thank you!

Accomplishments

On **June 7** at 2 p.m. UUCS member, **Zachary Gulaboff Davis** (Rev. Rick's son), will perform in the UUCS Sanctuary a recital featuring his own compositions. Our own Sara Greenleaf Seitz and Noah Seitz will play a piece Zachary has written for cello and piano. Dr. Dan Rouslin, professor of violin at Willamette University will join Zachary in playing a movement from his Suite for Viola and Piano. Anita King, Piano Professor Emeritus, Willamette University, will play a movement from his first piano sonata.

By now, Zachary is becoming the pride of the UUCS community – he just completed his first year as a Master's student at Mannes College of Music in New York, and already has been honored just a few weeks ago by the premiere of his composition written for the 60th anniversary of the Youth Symphony performance at Willamette University! It was a special honor since Zachary spent ten years playing piano and percussion with the Youth Symphony during his earlier years. In addition, the premiere of his composition for string quartet "Scherzo" by the New York-based Mannes College Orchestra ensemble "This Side Up" is scheduled this May. And some time next year, the Willamette Valley Symphony will premiere a set of three of his works.

One could be so curious about Zachary's developmental path during all the years growing up in Salem. Yes, he took piano lessons fairly early in life, but he had dozens of other interests as well. Every summer, his family spent weeks camping on the Oregon coast but he was never bored. He gladly explored all natural wonders, including the stars – proven by a telescope he built himself to explore the stars above and attending star parties. He also became an expert dog trainer with his dog Lucy – and just recently received the honor of being elected a judge for the American Kennel Club, in particular as a dog agility judge. Finally, what was his major at Linfield College? It was Music, of course, but he also had minors in Mathematics and Education. Zach, we know you're amazing and wish you a future as bright as the stars you have been studying!

Volunteer Honors

The Landscape team thanks **Angela Gross** for volunteering to manage the RE garden this year and helping recruit volunteers from the meditation group for a work party. The Landscape team thanks all who showed up at that work party! As always, **Ted Cory** was there to supply his energy, enthusiasm and expertise to getting the job done. Thanks to **Brian Kirkpatrick** working more than 5 (FIVE!!!) hours in the hot sun on Thursday, we have irrigation in the garden! We think the RE gardens combined with the new fenced area in front of the RE wing will add a new dimension to the RE experience this year.

The Calendar

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DEADLINES:

Newsletter Submissions for *The Chalice and the Flame* must be received by the **Friday before** publication, which this summer is scheduled for the 1st Tuesdays of June, July and August.

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

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

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

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION: to subscribe to *The Chalice and the Flame* monthly newsletter and mid-month update (September thru May), email your request to the UUCS office at office@uusalem.org 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.

Need to Reschedule an Event?

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

Wednesday

June 3

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!

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

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

June 4

Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m.

Friday

June 5

Dances of Universal Peace - 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy 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.

Saturday

June 6

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

Sunday June 7

RE Team Meeting – 12:30 p.m.
Zach Gulaboff Davis Recital - 2:00 p.m.
See Community News article, page 7.

Tuesday June 9

Archives Work Party - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday June 10

Coffee Klatch - 10:00 a.m.
At the Ike Box coffee house.
UU Compassionate Mind Sangha
Session 1 - 5:30 p.m. Session 2 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday June 11

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

Sunday June 14

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.
Team Council Meeting - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday June 17

Coffee Klatch - 10:00 a.m.
UU Compassionate Mind Sangha
Session 1 - 5:30 p.m. and Session 2 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday June 18

UU101 - 6:00 p.m.
Choir Potluck - 6:30 p.m.
Dances of Universal Peace - 7:00 p.m.
See June 5

Friday June 19

SCUUPS Meet & Greet - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday June 21

Summer Schedule **Single Service Begins - 10:30a.m.**
Father's Day Picnic & Potluck - 11:30 a.m.
Partner Church Travel Meeting - 11:45 a.m.

Monday June 22

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

Wednesday June 24

UUA General Assembly
Coffee Klatch - 10:00 a.m.
UU Compassionate Mind Sangha
Session 1 - 5:30 p.m. Session 2 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday June 25

UUA General Assembly
Committee on Human Resources Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
NW Permaculture Film Series - 6:30 p.m.
Permaculture is about creating systems that are sustainable and also enrich 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 call 503-449-8077; facebook.com/nwpermacultureinstitute.

Friday June 26

UUA General Assembly

Saturday June 27

UUA General Assembly

Sunday June 28

UUA General Assembly
Social Action Meeting - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday June 30

Facilities Team Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday July 1

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Friday July 3

Dances of Universal Peace - 7:00 p.m.
See June 5

July 7 Newsletter - Submission Deadline is Midnight!

Saturday July 4

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Wednesday July 8

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Session 1 - 5:30 p.m. Session 2 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday July 9

Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Services and Religious Exploration **9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (10:30 a.m. beginning June 21)**

Sunday, June 7 “Flower Communion Sunday” & Walkway Dedication Ceremony

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

It's a unique Unitarian Universalist ritual that began almost a century ago (come learn the story). In early June each member brings a flower symbolizing themselves to place in our congregational bouquet. At the end of the service each member leaves with a different flower to symbolize how we enrich one another. In our service this year we will celebrate and acknowledge major transitions in our lives, including our annual bridging ceremony, when we acknowledge graduating high school seniors. **Remember to bring a flower!**

There will be special bell music by UUCS's newest member Brenna Norval and a special dedication ceremony for the wonderful new walkway that encircles our spiritual home.

David Jeffers, Celebrant Both Services

Gloria Holland, Anchor Both Services

Mark Kendall, Asst. Flower Arranger, Both Services

Music Both Services - **The Four of UUs**

Sunday, June 14

“What Do You Think?”

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

Benjahmin Bosche, Celebrant Early Service

Lennie Martin, Celebrant Late Service

Ann Hanus, Anchor Both Services

Music Early Service - **Ted Cory**

Music Late Service - **UUCS Choir**

It's an annual tradition – once a year members and friends submit questions for our minister Rev. Rick to answer as best he can on the spot. Do you have questions about religion, theology, politics and religion, our congregation, our shared ministry? Come with a question and let's explore together.

Sunday, June 21

“Touched by Life”

UUCS Member Joel Martin

Gloria Holland, Celebrant

Arrhiannon Kirkpatrick, Anchor

Music - **Ryan Amend and Aimee Larsen-Amend**

Joel writes: “My journey to fatherhood was unusual . I was MUCH older than most men when my children were born and I have enjoyed fatherhood more than I could have imagined a few decades ago. My father was not a good role model. We managed to maintain a relationship that improved with time and I did learn from him, even if it was how NOT to be. I also learned, with personal and professional help, to let go and enjoy life.”

Sunday, June 28

“Unitarian Universalism on the World Stage”

The Rev. Dávid Gyerő

David Jeffers, Celebrant
Petra S. Berger, Anchor
Music - **Sara Greenleaf**

The Rev. Dávid Gyerő, President of the International Council of Unitarian Universalists and also Deputy Bishop of the Hungarian Unitarian Church (which comprises churches in both Hungary and Transylvania, Romania) will be in Oregon to attend the UUA General Assembly in Portland and has kindly accepted our invitation to share news of Unitarian Universalism around the world. He will also bring us greetings from our own Partner Church in Simenfalva Transylvania, Romania.

(No Religious Exploration today)

Sunday, July 5

Theresa Soto, Intern Minister

Arrhiannon Kirkpatrick, Celebrant
Benjamin Bosche, Anchor
Music - **Jon Chinburg**

Religious Exploration Garden

Thanks to Angela Scott for providing the below photos of our beautiful RE garden along with descriptive notes! Unfortunately not all photos could be included but see if you can identify items she is referring to on this and the next page!

- The purple blooms are on the eggplants.
- The white blooms are on the pea plants outside the RE door.
- The 2 benches are gifted to the congregation by the Dances of Universal Peace. They were made by local cement artist David Huffman who has his shop at 4245 Auburn St.
- The painted rock is a gift from the Kid's Art class.
- The rocks around the island were moved into position by Charles Scales!! YAY for young, strong backs.
- The columnar apple trees were donated by the UU Compassionate Mind Sangha. Both at the entry of the garden have small apples. Appropriately, the apples are called "Sentinel".
- One red strawberry!
- Blue berries on the Sunshine blueberry plant.
- The brussel sprouts and purple cabbages are thriving.
- IRRIGATION!!! Thanks to Brian Kirkpatrick working more than 5 (FIVE!!!) hours in the hot sun on Thursday we have irrigation in the garden!
- There are purple asparagus shoots in the potted apple tree.
- Potato plant next to Yellow "Amee" rock
- Purple hyacinth beans next to Tipi stake.





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