



The Chalice and the Flame

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

July 2015

Summer Schedule --- Single Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. through September 7

Please remember, we are currently on our summer schedule of a single service followed by coffee hour. Our regular schedule of two services will resume September 13, the weekend after the Labor Day weekend. Enjoy your summer!

Report from General Assembly, June 2015

UUCS was well-represented among the 4508 attendees (1769 were voting delegates) at this year's General Assembly at the Convention Center in Portland, thanks to the efforts of our GA Coordinator, Jean Sherbeck. Each day consisted of an opening worship, dozens of 90 minute seminars and one or two General Sessions where changes to By-Laws were voted on, policies endorsed, and priorities set.

In the evenings, special events were presented, including the 1st UU of Portland Choir Concert, a dance, and on Saturday, a keynote speech by Dr. Cornel West, whose fiery style made WEB DuBois' teachings come alive. The link to his lecture is: <http://www.uua.org/multiculturalism/ga/ware-west>

The final General Session on Sunday gave us all an opportunity to support the UUA's endorsement of three AIW's ("Action of Immediate Witness"). These three issues included:

- support of the "Black Lives Matter" movement,
- support for the LUMMI Indian Nation's opposition to the Gateway Pacific Coal Terminal planned for construction on ancient and sacred lands in western Washington, and
- appealing to the US Gov't to end the detention of immigrant children and families in Texas and elsewhere as their cases are being decided.

We have designated July 19 as a day when GA attendees will gather at UUCS to report on what they learned and decide how best to share this with the congregation. There were so many brilliant ideas and worthwhile causes presented at GA it will be a challenge to impart even a taste of the exciting atmosphere.

Next year's GA will be on June 22-26 in Columbus, Ohio, and it will have a multi-faith theme. Maybe if you X-out those days on your 2016 calendar now, and set aside \$3 a day (instead of that latte) in a teapot, you too can experience a UUA GA.

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Salem Interfaith at UUCS July 19-26



Volunteers Needed - 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@usalem.org.

Family Camp, August 26-29

The culmination of our summer Religious Exploration program will be the all-congregation retreat held in Walton, Oregon at Big Bear Camp, **August 26 – 29**. 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 in the Fellowship Hall. (see page 8 for photo)



Lifespan Religious Exploration

~ Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

Welcome to July! My summer started off with an awesome experience at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly (GA). This is an annual gathering meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. This year it was held in Portland, Oregon, and I was lucky enough to be able to attend.

It was an intense week filled with all kinds of learning, reinforcement of what I have learned, and then worshiping in different ways, all mixed throughout. It was a very emotional and spirit lifting experience hearing from many other UUs from around the world on a variety of topics. To sit in a worship service on Sunday, with over 4,000 others with like beliefs, was amazing. GA inspired me to do more for animal and environmental justice and continue my journey with helping children/youth and adults in this Unitarian Universalist faith!

My professional day at GA focused on a book entitled, *On Being Both, Interfaith Parent, Interfaith Child. Life with Two Religions* by Susan Katz Miller, who was our keynote speaker. She offered an additional lecture later in the week that I attended. She helped Religious Exploration Directors see how this is possible and how we can help families that have chosen this path. More often than not, when partners that come from two different religions begin to raise children, a decision of which religion to teach the child to identify with, is usually made. *On Being Both . . .* encourages families to embrace the idea of dual religions. Unitarian Universalists certainly welcome dual religions. I would love to have this discussion with families to hear about your stories of experiences and decisions you made and are making on your spiritual journey into raising children.

Sharing your story is one thing that I especially want to lift up from my time at GA. The importance of sharing your stories with one another is what I really came home with after my time in Portland. Every day we are creating our own personal stories as we spend time in the now of our daily existence. Sharing our personal stories is an incredible way to connect with one another. I have always recognized the importance of story and the connection it can bring; however, not until this workshop experience did I personally *FEEL* and recognize how *quickly* the connection can happen with such a short narrative having been shared. I became aware of this feeling as I made my way to the front of the conference room following the workshop. As I walked past people who had shared with the group, such a profound connection was felt. No longer had I just passed an “unknown to me fellow workshop participant”, but rather a human being with deep feelings and life experiences that made me feel I already “knew” this workshop participant on a different level. I plan to bring more opportunities to Religious Exploration, for all ages, to share our stories with one another. I look forward to the deeper connections we will all make.

One place this story sharing and deeper connections can begin to happen is around the camp fire at our 2015 Congregational Retreat being held at Big Bear Camp in Walton, OR (www.bigbearcamp.org), Wednesday evening August 26th – Saturday morning August 29th. Price for the event includes program activities, meals, and campsite. Adults and Teens (13+) = \$95, Children ages 10 – 12 \$73, Children ages 6-9 \$52.50, children 5 and under \$25. Limited scholarships are available. Please let me know if this is a need. The weekend will be a sampling of ways to worship and give us opportunities to create new connections with one another. All the activities are purely optional. Enjoy unstructured time to relax, do arts and crafts, play games, music, puzzles, reading, hiking, and enjoying nature. Registration forms are available at our Visitor Desk on Sundays.

I hope that you will also consider joining me for the multigenerational worship service (a time all ages will worship together in the sanctuary), Blessing of the Animals, on August 16th. This will be a special day to bring your animal friends or a picture of them with you to UUCS. This would be a good day to invite your animal loving friends to join you. Reverend Davis will perform a special blessing for all of the animals that will be in our presence and in our hearts.

I look forward to hearing your stories in the near future...until next time.

Christi

Happenings and Highlights

Summer Newsletter Schedule

"The Chalice and The Flame" will be published once a month in July and August. Upcoming deadlines are midnight on **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.

Dark of the New Moon Ceremony

Join Salem Covenant of UU Pagans (S.C.U.U.P.s) as we celebrate the Dark of the Thunder Moon on July 15. The ritual, led by Angela Gross, will be held outside the RE commons at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy the coming together of our UU pagan community with all who would like to attend. Please bring a rattle or noise maker, a lawn chair and snacks to share during the potluck and conversation time after the ritual. All are welcome to attend. Family friendly! Dogs need to be on a leash. For more information contact Angela Gross at uu4peace@gmail.com.

Zip Code Fun

Want to kick back for an evening of summer desserts and ice cream with friends from UUCS who might live in your own neighborhood? On **Saturday evening, July 18**, we have hosts who say, "Come on over, about 6:30 to get better acquainted, bring a dessert or ice cream to share." Please RSVP to vogelpack@gmail.com or call Chris and Daryl Vogel at [503-586-8314](tel:503-586-8314). We will match you to your nearest host for the evening. We look forward to hearing from you, join in the fun fellowship.

Zazenkai: A Day of Meditation

Please join the UU Compassionate Mind Sangha on **August 1** for Zazenkai, a day of silent sitting and walking meditation. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. to stow shoes and food. We will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. We will have an extended dharma talk. We will enjoy a silent potluck lunch together with time to walk in the woods. This is an open, free event with donations gratefully received. Suggested donation \$20-40. Please register with Angela Gross at the following email address. uu4peace@gmail.com

Blessing of the Animals: A Special Sunday Service on August 16



pictures of their pets for our altar.

We will have animal organizations setting up tables in the Fellowship Hall to share about what they do to support animals in our community. It will be a very special service.

Our Glass Remains Half Full

We can be optimistic that volunteerism is indeed alive and well at UUCS. This is supported by the great news that 16 additional members, new members, and friends have agreed to participate in the Host Program (formerly, "Greeters"). You will enjoy seeing their smiling faces in September when we return to two services. They will join the current 17 long term dedicated members who are now serving during the summer. When you meet our new Host Team members, you will be impressed by their energy, talents, and skills. We can be encouraged that many of them will emerge as new leaders in our congregation.

The Hosts are the folks who greet you when you arrive for Sunday service, give you the "Order of Service", direct visitors to the Visitor's Desk, explain the RE Program, and much more. They are the first people visitors meet. This first encounter goes a long way in the visitors' decision whether or not they return. Each of us members was once a "first time visitor". Try to remember the feelings you had when you took that first step.

The responsibility of being a "Welcoming Congregation" falls on the entire UUCS membership. We all are hosts and need to continue reaching out to new members, friends, visitors,... and each other. This speaks directly to our covenant, "...the acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation."

There will be additional information in future issues of "The Chalice and the Flame" explaining the abundance of opportunities available for active membership. The Membership Team is committed to being optimistic as we explore the future of UUCS.

Optimism inspires, energizes, and brings out our best. It points the mind toward possibilities and helps us think creatively past problems. Price Pritchett, Hard Optimism

Submitted by: Joel Woodman, Membership Team Co-Chair

Salem Pilgrimage Trip to Transylvania 2016

Plans are in the works for a trip to Transylvania, Romania; much planning has been done by John Dale, the UU Partner Church Council trip organizer in Transylvania. He needed to fit us in among many tours planned for July 2016, hence the early planning. The dates for our trip are June 23 – July 5, 2016. Included are four nights in our partner church village of Simenfalva and visits to historic Unitarian sites.

There is no limit on the number of travelers, but interested folks should get on the list of prospective travelers and be prepared to attend monthly discussion/information meetings starting in September. All who are interested in learning more about our partner church connections are also welcome at the informational meetings.

Please refer to the UU Partner Church Council website for information about travel to Transylvania: www.uupcc.org/pilgrimages. Contact Jean Sherbeck with your questions or to be put on the list of prospective travelers at jean@sherbeck.net.

Empty Jars for James and Jellies

If you bought jams and jellies and other items at the Christmas Bazaar, and need to find a home for the empty jars, please bring them to church with you. Your neighborhood jam, jelly, and pickle providers will be happy to recycle those jars for the next Bazaar!

Property Acquisition

On June 21, 26 UUCS members toured the property immediately east of UUCS. After seeing the lovely 5 bedroom home, barn, three car garage, animal shed, orchard, and pasture, approximately half of the group then attended an informational meeting in the sanctuary to discuss UUCS's possible acquisition of the property, potential uses for the property, financing options, and challenges to managing the place. The current owners, Dave and Kathy Munsel, intend to move to Hermiston in November and have offered UUCS a "first option" on the property. They will forward an appraisal to us by July 21. Those interested in more details are welcome to call Barry Halgrimson at 512-948-8842.

UUCS to Get Facelift

The entire exterior of the UUCS buildings will be power washed, re-caulked, and painted by Dream Home Painting in late July/ early August. We expect the painting crew to be at UUCS for two full weeks beginning July 27 and finishing by August 7, working Monday through Friday.

At various times during the two weeks, the front entrance as well as other doors from the building will be blocked by scaffolding/ladders. If you have a meeting or event planned at UUCS during that period, the Facilities team urges you to put it on the UUCS calendar so we can coordinate the painters' work at a time that it will not be disruptive to scheduled activities.

Paul Manka
Chair, Facilities Team

Notes from the UUCS Board Meeting on June 11

The June 11 meeting of the UUCS Board of Directors was the last meeting to be chaired by yours truly, who gratefully cedes control as of July 1st to new Board Chair LJ Frederickson. We recognized and thanked the Board members whose terms end June 30th: Bill Vorachek, Mark Kendall, Chris Vogel, Arrhiannon Kirkpatrick, and our Youth Liaison Spence Logan.

The discussion then turned to updates on upcoming events, including the 6/21 Annual picnic and tour of the Munsel property next door, and the participation of eight of our members and four of our staff in the 6/23-28 UUA General Assembly in Portland.

Mark Kendall's Facilities Team brought several issues to the Board meeting, including the implementation of a ranking tool for prioritizing pending projects, adopting a new Security policy, and confirming Paul Manka as the new Facilities Team Chair, all of which were tabled for future consideration due to requests for additional information. The Board did approve the Facilities Team's one-time request to use this year's funds to pay a brush removal contractor for services scheduled for the next fiscal year.

Mark Kendall also asked that the Board consider endorsing a new document that establishes procedures for UUCS Annual Meetings. It became apparent that the new Board would need to consider forming a By-Laws subcommittee to prepare many of these and other issues for presentation to voting members at next year's May 22nd Annual meeting.

I thank my fellow Board members and members and friends of the congregation for their efforts during the past year.

Respectfully,
Barry Halgrimson - Outgoing Board Chair

Find Your Niche

Newsletter Formatter Needed

Do you have an artful and discerning eye with attention to detail? The Communications Team could use your help in formatting our newsletter, which means fitting it into a template after editing is nearly completed, adding design elements and pictures. For details, contact Mike Berger at editors@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. Contact Vicki Cunningham at communications@uusalem.org.

Webteam Member

Can you give 1 or 2 hours per week to help the webteam keep the UUCS website useful and up to date? Website helper needed to maintain specific pages or sections of the UUCS website at uusalem.org. Must be familiar with the internet and some type of word processing program, such as MS Word. We will train on the web update software. Contact Vicki or Mieke at webteam@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.

Caught in the Act of Kindness

Thank you to **Kim of One Day Signs** on South Commercial St. When our summer service hours signs could not be completed as scheduled due to a broken printer, and we could not fit another trip into the schedule, Kim volunteered to install the signs for us on her way home. They look great, Kim!

Accomplishments

It's time to celebrate long-lasting marriages! **George and Elsa Struble** will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 26th at UUCS at 3:00 p.m. If anyone qualifies as one of the major Foundation Leaders of UUCS, they do! The main event will be a one-hour concert by Noah and Sara Seitz. George and Elsa are inviting EVERYONE at UUCS to join them! (Their home is already quite full of objects, so they request that no one bring gifts.)

It's time that we honor Mothers (and Grandmothers) as much as we honor our great Fathers. Today, a quietly amazing mom, **Gordana Gulaboff-Davis**, deserves recognition for having successfully homeschooled and guided Zachary Davis (our minister's and her son) who is now embarking on the awesome career of a promising composer of classical music. Gordana has a professional background as an educator. Growing up, Zach was exposed to wide range of academic subjects including public school courses so that he could make the career choice best suited for him, as well as become a gracious young man. Vive les Moms!

The Spirit of UU – Among us & Beyond us

First impressions of visitors joining our Welcome table:

Rachel Backer, the new manager of the Willamette Humane Society shelter, and her sister, Jessica Brome who accompanied her, particularly like the broad level of **acceptance of everyone** at UUCS, demonstrated by not just social manners of "tolerance" but a deeper **encounter of genuine connecting and respect**.

Gayle Gilmour, who has recently come to join us on Sundays, likes our spirit, energy, our way of doing things. In fact, he is not really a newcomer, but was around our local congregation a long time ago when we were still in the 19th Street building; he even spoke there about his exchange trip to Brazil. Gail was in farming until age 35. He then had a long career managing the Oregon office of prominent U.S. Representative Al Ullman who served 24 years in Congress, including six years as chairman of the House Ways and Means

Committee. Back then, Gayle even ran for the Oregon legislature once. He also had a long career as an H&R Block tax professional. "No more party politics" he says. Gayle's feedback on what he treasures at UUCS is:

1. **The RE love arch;**
2. **Our music and choir – Gayle sees so much beauty and joy emanating from our music program;**
3. **Our minister's way of creating "peace and order" within our congregation.**

We are happy to see you again Gayle Gilmour, and thank you for your past public service.

Volunteer Honors and Enhancements

Hats' off to all those who made a fabulous all-church **Summer BBQ** feast happen in honor of Fathers' Day June 21st on our beautiful grounds. Thanks to everyone for your generosity and ingenuity in the potluck parade – it was all delicious and nutritious. And a special "Thank You" to those who helped organize the event, worked in the kitchen, did the clean-up on the patio, and all the other duties that made this event a success, including Carol Doolittle, Lynn Cardiff, Heather Hicks, Diana Nicholson-Nelson, Mark Kendall, Barry Halgrimson, Tom Lancefield, George Struble – and all those others too numerous to mention. THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP.

The Calendar

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

July 8

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. **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

July 9

Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

UUCS members are welcome to attend.

Friday

July 10

Saturday

July 11

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

Sunday

July 12

Compassionate Connection - 11:30 a.m.

Membership Orientation - 11:45 a.m.

Join us in the Minister's Office to learn more about membership at UUCS, the practical information about the meaning, responsibility and benefit of membership. The UUCS Membership Book will be available to those who are ready to join our community.

Monday

July 13

Tuesday

July 14

Archives Work Party - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday July 15

Coffee Klatch - 10:00 a.m.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

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

Dark Moon Ritual - 7:30 p.m.

See the article in "Happenings and Highlights".

Thursday July 16

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 July 17

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 July 18

ZIP Summer Gatherings (offsite)

See "Zip Code Fun" article under "Happenings and Highlights" for more information.

Sunday July 19

Hosting SIHN Families - 5 p.m.

Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network. For more information and to find out how you can help, see the article under "Find Your Niche".

Monday July 20

Hosting SIHN Families - 5 p.m.

Permaculture Global Solutions - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday July 21

Hosting SIHN Families - 5 p.m.

Wednesday July 22

Coffee Klatch - 10:00 a.m.

Hosting SIHN Families - 5 p.m.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

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

Thursday July 23

Hosting SIHN Families - 5 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 call 503-449-8077; facebook.com/nwpermacultureinstitute.

Friday July 24

Hosting SIHN Families - 5 p.m.

Saturday July 25

Hosting SIHN Families - 5 p.m.

Sunday July 26

Kairos Lunch - 12:30 p.m. (Off Site)

Strubles' 60th Anniversary Concert - 3:00 p.m.

See article in "Community News".

Monday July 27

Tuesday July 28

Facilities Team Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday July 29

Coffee Klatch - 10:00 a.m.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

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

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DEADLINES:

Newsletter Submissions for *The Chalice and the Flame* must be received by the **Friday before** publication, 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.

Thursday July 30

Friday July 31

August 4 Newsletter Submission Deadline is Midnight!

Saturday August 1

Zazenkai- All Day Sit - 6:00 a.m.

All Day Zen Retreat. See article in "Happenings and Highlights".

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

Sunday August 2

New Member Recognition - During Sunday Service

Monday August 3

Tuesday August 4

Wednesday August 5

**Coffee Klatch - 10:00 a.m. UU
Compassionate Mind Sangha**

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

Thursday August 6

Friday August 7

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

Family Camp, August 26-29



See page 1 for details!

Sunday Morning Services and Religious Exploration

--- 10:30 a.m. ---

Sunday, July 12

“Re-enchantment”

The Rev. Amy Beltaine

Steve Rosen, Celebrant

LJ Frederickson, Anchor

Music - **Barry Halgrimson**

Modernity and Cartesian science dis-encharnted the world, breaking it into separate measurable parts and 'disgoddng' nature. How might we move to a holistic worldview that can bring to fruition a culture capable of relating gently and self-sustainingly to the earth. How might we respond to Einstein's call to break out of the prison of our optical delusion of separateness?

Sunday, July 19

“Indian Adventures -

Chris Vogel

How I went to save the heathen, yet was rescued from intolerance!”

Ann Hanus, Celebrant

Arrhiannon Kirkpatrick, Anchor

Music - **Barry Halgrimson**

Chris Vogel recently explored India and nearby nations with husband Daryl; visiting temples, synagogues, churches and a mosque. Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, Christianity, Jainism, Buddhism and Judaism practiced in India show great diversity of beliefs, history, and culture. This was an opportunity to reconnect with a younger “Chris” who went to India in 1976 as the wife of a missionary, sent to “convert the heathen” to a narrowly defined Christian sect. That college experience 39 years ago opened doors for Chris to see the vivid colors of world religion rather than the rigid right/wrong of fundamentalism. While fundamentalism exists worldwide in many religions; an open, inquisitive, and inclusive attitude of exploration leads to a pathway of friendship and understanding. Come journey over time and geography with Chris.

Sunday, July 26

Theresa Soto, Intern Minister

Joanne Manson, Celebrant

David Jeffers, Anchor

Sunday, August 2

“Lughnassadh”

Arrhiannon Kirkpatrick

Mark Kendall, Celebrant

Benjahmin Boschee, Anchor

Music - **John Chinburg**

The cross-quarter holiday of Lughnasadh, or Lammas, falls midway between Summer Solstice and the Autumnal Equinox, the first in the trilogy of harvest festivals. The fullness of life brought by the harvest will come to pass only because of the hard work and sacrifice we give. What will you sacrifice from your life?



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