



The Chalice and the Flame

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

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Mozart's Don Giovanni

The Music Committee is pleased to announce the first concert in our upcoming 2015/2016 *Concerts in the Sanctuary* music series.

Cascadia Concert Opera continues its 2015 season with a presentation of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Don Giovanni". This performance is entirely in English and features the wonderful talents of area musicians. This production will be presented in concert version with piano accompaniment. Mozart's beautiful music tells the tale of the rake Don Giovanni/Don Juan and how he comes to a deserved bad end.

Cascadia Concert Opera is a summer-season production company with a unique identity as a traveling performance troupe, showcasing some of the finest local and regional talent – all professionals who are willing to donate their expertise, energy, and time to bring quality opera productions to non-traditional performance venues.

The performance will be held October 9, at 7 p.m. in the UUCS Sanctuary. Suggested donation of \$8-\$10. For more info please email: music@uusalem.org or go to the [Cascadia Concert Opera](#) webpage.

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Oregon UU Voices for Justice: Sixth Annual Meeting

Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice invites you to our Sixth Annual Meeting in Eugene at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W 13th Avenue, on **October 17**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will get together to celebrate our accomplishments during the past year, to make plans for the coming year, and to commit ourselves to supporting each other in our quest for a more just Oregon. We will also update you on our organizational progress in the past year and our roadmap for the future.

At last year's meeting we selected two issues to support: **Health Care for All Oregon** and **Supporting a Constitutional Amendment to declare that Corporations Aren't People and Money Isn't Speech**. We will hear about their successes and future plans from the two teams that were created at that meeting and have been working for the last year. We have heard that Oregon UUs are also deeply interested in state wide environmental work.

The agenda will focus on:

- Strengthening our ties and finding ways to better support each other's justice work.
- Laying the groundwork for an Environmental Justice team connecting our congregations.

Come prepared to:

- Share what your congregation is doing for social justice in your community.
- Tell us how our statewide group might support that effort.
- Renew your membership in Oregon UU Voices for Justice.

And if you are doing **Environmental Justice** work in your congregation, we would love to hear about it. Please send a short paragraph to oregonuuvoices@yahoo.com.

At this meeting the board hopes that we will affirm our two existing justice teams and initiate an environmental justice team. Bring your ideas and let's have a discussion.

Oregon UU Voices for Justice is here for you. We are one of 18 state advocacy networks across the country working to amplify UU voices and values in public discourse. For more information about Oregon UU Voices for Justice or our upcoming annual meeting please visit our web site at www.uuvoicesoregon.org.

Beverages and light snacks will be provided. We are working on having lunch available for a modest fee (maybe \$5). **Please RSVP to oregonuuvoices@yahoo.com by October 10** so we know how much food to have on hand.



Reverential Ramblings

~ Rev. Richard Davis, UUCS's minister

Thanks to the initiative of "Oregonians for Peace," many of us are now in the midst of observing "34 Days of Peace," which began on September 21 – The International Day of Peace - and will culminate on October 24, -United Nations Day. The aim is "to foster peaceful coexistence and sustainability." How lofty that vision, and how elusive it has been for our nation! So often, we have been led astray by fear, hatred and anger.

Consider how this has played out:

In retrospect, I believe most historians and national security strategists would concur that during the cold war (the period after World War II to 1996) it was not necessary for us to build so many nuclear weapons and otherwise fund the military industrial complex to the extent we did in order to keep America and its allies safe from totalitarian communist domination. Alas, fear and hysteria trumped reason and billions, nay TRILLIONS, were spent on "national defense," and now we're stuck spending billions disposing of all that excess, radioactive nuclear weaponry. Cold War thinking also led to the tragic, misbegotten war in Vietnam, in which so many precious lives were lost.

Likewise, in retrospect I believe most who study the matter in any depth will concur that our nation's "war on crime," which has resulted in the U.S. having the highest percentage of incarcerated citizens in the world (disproportionately minorities and the poor) and has created a vast prison industrial complex, has proven to be a disastrous social policy that is ruinously expensive and has had unfathomable socially destructive repercussions. (Consider, for example, the brutally adverse impact it has on innocent children when their parents are incarcerated).

The same observation holds true for the related "war on drugs" which has also had grievous unintended consequences. The prohibition of drugs had led to the creation of vast criminal enterprises (just as did the Prohibition of alcohol), the militarization of our police forces and drained money away from drug education and treatment programs.

Then came the "War on terrorism" which, irrationally, led to the calamitous, ruinously costly war in Iraq which has unleashed the demons of sectarian strife in that region.

Time and again, when faced with challenges it seems that our automatic national response has been to heed the counsel of fear and seek to destroy, dominate or intimidate whoever is conceived to be the enemy, and money has been no object. And time and time again we have witnessed costly, unintended consequences. How many lives have been lost, and how much of our resources have been squandered that should have been dedicated to life affirming endeavors?

And now, toward the end of this week there has been another mass shooting at a school— another one in Oregon. Such tragedies can be traced to the same fearful mindset on the personal level – there are so many "gundamentalists" in America, in unholy alliance with the firearms industry, whose paranoid, idolatrous faith in firearms has led to the ready availability of frighteningly powerful weapons which all too often are wielded by mentally deranged young men. Our hearts do go out to all affected.

During these days of peace and beyond let us imagine new, courageous, peaceful paths forward. The old fearful ones have not taken us to the place we are called to be. Together, let's build a new way.

Love, Rick



Lifespan Religious Exploration

~ Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

The new program year is here! It is always great to see everyone return and hear about the summer adventures that were had, new teachers, and how things are going for the start of the new school year. Welcome back!

Please take time to be sure that you have filled out the registration form for this year's Religious Exploration (RE) program. The form is available to print at uusalem.org under "Children's RE." Hard copies are on hand at the Visitors' Desk and in the RE rack in the hallway. We ask for a new form to be filled out each year. Thanks for your help with this!

We offer RE at each service. Specific class offerings for middle school and high school are available at the second service; however, all ages are always welcome at our first service and an individual learning or volunteer opportunity can be offered.

Our program emphasizes the value in the wisdom of wondering and provides many opportunities to explore in a safe environment that relate to the understanding of one or more of our seven principles and the six sources of our living tradition.

Our YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) high school youth group meets Thursday evenings with their advisors from 6:30 – 8:15 pm. This is a time set aside to build a safe inclusive community with peers. It is a place to explore topics of interest, which as a group are decided. Social service projects and volunteer opportunities within the larger UUCS community and beyond are also part of their experience.

This year we will be offering Our Whole Lives Lifespan Sexuality Education for K-2nd 3rd – 5th and 7th – 9th grades. "Honest, accurate information about sexuality changes lives. It dismantles stereotypes and assumptions, builds self-acceptance and self-esteem, fosters healthy relationships, improves decision making, and has the potential to save lives," according to the Unitarian Universalist Association. We agree! We are pleased to offer trained facilitators at UUCS to offer this important program at each of the listed developmental levels. Registration is open in November and classes will begin in January. The curriculum is available to review and more information will be available to interested participants and parents.

For Adult RE, small covenant groups will begin meeting in October. The first Sunday of the month is the Parent Covenant group which meets from 12:45 - 2:30 p.m. Child Care is available.

Please be sure to check-out our RE Family Calendar (available at uusalem.org, posted on RE Bulletin Board, as well as hard copies at UUCS) that has activities and opportunities for extended learning beyond our Sunday offerings for our 2015-2016 year. Some highlights are listed on page six so you can note your calendars ahead and not miss the fun!

As we start the year, please remember, I welcome and value open communication...Welcome back!

Until Next Time, Christi ...

Words from Our Intern Minister

Letting Go



Though King Solomon was wise, some of his advice can sound peculiar to today's readers. "Cast your bread upon the waters. In due time, it will come back to you." It seems unlikely that floating a peanut butter and jelly or a nice tuna and pickle sandwich on the tide would result in something good. It is precisely that feeling of uncertainty and messiness that the floating sandwich embodies. How can people of faith or ethics know that doing the next right thing will matter in the larger picture? How, in the face of national and global problems, can work for justice in one corner of the world make a difference?

The answer is that we must let go; we must trust that offering good things to the world and its problems will yield good results. We can continue to heal the world, not just by letting go of pain, but also letting go of good things in a spirit of generosity, as an act of offering them up. Let go of your sandwich; after a while, you will be rewarded.

Theresa Soto, Intern Minister

Happenings and Highlights

Animal Chalice Circle

Animal Chalice Circle will be meeting on the Second Sunday of each month from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m. with the next meeting on **October 11**. If you are interested in the ethical treatment of animals, this may be the group you wish to join! Enjoy discussions, guest speakers, volunteer outreach, and more, all focused on living in a multi-species world. The group is in its formative stage, so plan to meet and help develop this time together in the spirit of Unitarian Universalism. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Bauman at elizbauman71@gmail.com.

NAACP's Freedom Fund Banquet

The Annual Freedom Fund Banquet is **Saturday, October 17**, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Salem Convention Center. This is the annual fundraiser for the local NAACP branch as well as providing the funds that support their College Scholarship awards. There is also recognition for individuals in the community who have been stalwarts at promoting Social Justice. The cost is \$80 each in advance or \$100 at the door. For additional information, please contact Pastor Marilyn A. Williams at pastorwmns114@gmail.com (503) 507-6234 or Michael Chenault at chenault1958@yahoo.com (503) 891-7565.

Share Your Harvest! Potluck Sunday

Plan to have lunch with your friends at UUCS, and to make new friends with our new members, and visitors. After the second service on **Sunday, October 18**, the Fellowship Hall will be open to share foods prepared by anyone who wants to participate. Bring a dish for lunch or donate a dollar or two and feast with friends and family. Your dish should

be prepared and ready to serve. Ovens will be available for keeping things hot. You should plan to bring something that will serve 8 to 10 people.

If your last name begins with:

- A to G Bring a main dish
- H to N Bring a side dish or salad
- O to S Bring dessert or bread/rolls
- T to Z Bring a fruit plate or chips/dip

This will be a time for sharing and for nourishing more than our bodies! Please remember that some people have food allergies or prohibitions and listing the ingredients will help people make good choices. We will have labels for gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, and nut free items that you may use for your contribution. We'll provide the coffee, tea, water, and condiments. We are very excited to see what wonderful and delicious foods we will share!

Arrhiannon Kirkpatrick

UUCS Events for "34 Days of Peace" through October 24

[Oregonians For Peace](#) is observing "34 Days of Peace" with a series of daily presentations and events intended to educate and inspire our community to choose peace. Many churches, non-profits, institutions, and individuals are hosting activities through October 24.

The 26th annual Salem Peace Lecture will be given at 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 21**, at Hudson Hall on the Willamette campus. Erica Chenoweth, of the University of Denver and the Peace Research Institute in Oslo, Norway, will speak on "Nonviolent Resistance: Does It Really Work?"

We, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem, have agreed to participate by inviting all to join us in these activities:

- Third Thursday Dances of Universal Peace, **Thursday, October 15** at 7 p.m.;
- Wednesday evening Meditation sessions each week at 5:30 and 7 p.m., and,
- October's Friday Night Folk Music Circle on **October 16** at 7 p.m.

Any other UUCS groups interested in hosting a peace-related event during this 34 day period ending October 24th (the United Nation's Day of Peace), may contact Barry Halgrimson, who will forward the proposal to the planning committee.

Removal of Cottonwood Tree Hazard from North Parking Lot

On September 17th, Elwood's Tree service cut down the dead 70 foot cottonwood tree that was dangerously leaning towards the North Parking Lot threatening both the safety of UUCS congregants and their vehicles.

Given the diameter of the trunk near the base, this was definitely a job for professionals who have the expertise, properly sized chain saws and tools to accomplish the task safely.

During the past two years, the Landscape team has used the services of Elwood's Tree Service to remove hazards from Bateman woods like "overhanging dead branches" ("widow makers") on the Douglas Firs and dead trees in the North Parking lot. This was all done in the spirit of creating a safe, inviting environment for UUCS members to enjoy our beautiful grounds.

The Landscape team appreciates the positive response from the congregation on these improvements and we request that you express your appreciation by volunteering to serve UUCS on less physically challenging and dangerous assignments such as raking leaves in the parking lot (which would avoid paying the lawn contractor \$500). There are many UUCS groups that need volunteers (i.e. RE, UUCS Hosts (Greeters), setting up/ taking down tables in the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Landscape, and Facilities).

Table Cloths

Thank you to everyone who has taken table cloths home to launder. Please return them to the labeled totes in the pantry area of the kitchen (the kitchen hallway). They are needed for an event later in October. Thank you for your help.

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DEADLINES:

Newsletter Submissions for *The Chalice and the Flame* must be received by the Friday before publication. The next deadline is midnight on Friday, October 16.

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 main monthly newsletter in the mail, also include a physical address.

Upcoming Dates in Religious Exploration

October:

- 23rd- 25th - Youth "Conference (high school) "UU Rocks" at Camp Cispus in Randle, WA. See the [Pacific Northwest District web site](#) for information. (Scholarships Available)
- 25th - Halloween Costume Party/Parade, (during RE) please consider little ones in our congregation when deciding what costumes to wear or bring to RE. Thanks!

November:

- Guest at Your Table (UU Service Committee project) begins.
- 15th - Registration begins for Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education.

December:

- 5th - Chalica Workshop 10:30 – 11:45 am. Chalica is a weeklong holiday, starting on the first Monday in December, with each day focused on one of the seven UU Principles. Come make a kit to help celebrate this UU holiday started in 2005. See the UU World article at [articles/chalica-gains-adherents](#).
- 6th – Women's Alliance Bazaar. There will be a shopping table for children/youth for gifts for family/friends and a station to wrap gifts and create cards.
- 20th – Child Dedication at the holiday service. See the [UUA web page](#) ceremony.
- 24th – Christmas Eve Candle Light Service. From 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. there will be an early service for families to which all are welcome. You could then stay for refreshments, music and the candle light service.

NEXT SUMMER: We will be offering a week long summer day camp at UUCS to learn about World Religions and Unitarian Universalism. Middle School and High School youth will be our camp counselors. Please mark your calendars for June 20th to June 24th!

Partner Church Update

Thank you all who brought Over-the-Counter pain relievers and vitamins to send to our friends at our partner church in Simenfalva, Romania. The box is now on its way by ship, and should be delivered to Rev. Szen early in November. The meds will be distributed by two area doctors, including Rev. Szen's wife, Dr. Csilla Szen. We counted 3280 units (pills) of vitamins, 18,260 units of pain reliever, and 1100 units of miscellaneous items. Our friends greatly appreciate these gifts.

Thank you again. Jean Sherbeck

2015 Annual Congregational Meeting Slide Show

Thanks to some talented photographers and volunteers, we have a slide show of the UUCS church year 2014 - 2015 set to music. You can find the link through the UUCS website on the [Hot Topics page](#). Enjoy! Share with friends and family! You can also connect to the slide show through our UUCS Facebook Page.

Replacing UUCS Toilets

Some of you have probably noticed problems with toilets at UUCS not functioning properly, i.e. not shutting down properly when refilling, not flushing, etc. These problems stem from the fact that the toilets have reached the end of their service life and need replacement since they can't be repaired. Fortunately, the Facilities team has found donors who are willing to fund their replacement. However, getting bids from plumbers and scheduling work will take at least several weeks.

The Facilities team asks for your patience and understanding until this project is completed.

Thanks, Paul Manka
Chairman, Facilities Team UUCS

Changes to The Chalice and Flame (the UUCS Newsletter and Mid-Month Update)

The UUCS Newsletter Editor Team recently met to evaluate the new format of the UUCS newsletter introduced in the fall of 2014, and approved the following changes:

1. For the monthly UUCS newsletter (issued 1st Tuesday of the month), the calendar grid page as found on the UUCS webpage will be added after the Sunday Service page, and the format of calendar item descriptions will be streamlined.

2. The Mid-month newsletter (issued 3rd Tuesday of the month) will include the following sections:

- Emerging news
- Hot topics
- Sunday Service page
- Calendar grid (new event descriptions found in 'Emerging news' section)
- Staff box

Please note, the UUCS Office will print copies of the mid-month issue to be available at UUCS, but they will no longer be mailed. Both the monthly and mid-month issues will continue to be sent via email.

Please send any suggestions you may have about the UUCS newsletter to editors@uusalem.org.

Lights for Safety

As the nights get longer and the sunsets earlier, please reduce safety risks. If you are meeting at UUCS and your meeting will end after dark, please turn on the parking lot lights, using the timer switch located above the badge rack. Set the timer so the lights go off before 11 p.m. as a courtesy to our neighbors. However, some of the lights are security lights that stay on dusk to dawn. Thank you for keeping everyone's safety in mind.

Kairos Community Lunch Thank You

On September 6, UUCS volunteers again stepped up to help at the Kairos Community Lunch. Many thanks to Bill Vorachek, Adele Moore, Angela

Gross, Loraine Stuart, Jane Maute, Barry and Marilyn Halgrimson, Dale Harris, Lois Stanley, and Caroline Bridges for preparing and serving lunch to close to 60 diners. Three hours of work gives a whole week full of good feelings. Consider yourself invited to our next service date, **December 13!**

The Chalice and the Flame Seeks UUCS Photographs

In an effort to create an entertaining as well as informative newsletter in which we share in all that is part of the UUCS community, the Newsletter Editors request your photographs of UUCS activities and events. Please label your photos with the date, event, and the names of individuals (if possible). Send your photographs to: editors@uusalem.org.

Find Your Niche

Cordon Rd Clean-Up

10,000 cars drive by Cordon Rd and Center St every day (Marion Co traffic survey). We have the opportunity for that many cars to see our name on the Adopt-a-Road sign because dedicated volunteers come help clean 1 mile of Cordon Rd twice a year. **Oct. 17** is the next clean-up. Please help us keep this valuable community tradition intact. Meet at **9 a.m.** in the entry. End time is when we are finished, truly a case of "many hands make light work." Safety vests and garbage bags will be provided. Children under 18 must have a waiver of liability and indemnification form signed by their parent or guardian. Children 10 and 11 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information contact interim coordinator Angela Gross uu4peace@gmail.com.

Wanted: Cordon Road Clean-Up Steward

The Social Justice Team is looking for a new Cordon Road Clean-Up steward. Laura Stine did a wonderful job in the role in the past and we are very appreciative of her time and energy. Thank you, Laura! Now we need someone to carry on the tradition.

The Cordon Road Clean-Up happens twice a year in October and April. The volunteer steward would be responsible for selecting a day for clean-up, coordinating with the Marion County Adopt-A-Road program, arrange for pick-up/return of materials and tools for the day of the clean-up, and recruiting volunteers for helping with the clean-up on the day of the event.

If you are interested in taking on this role, contact Chad Halsey at chadiwicker@gmail.com.

Pie Day is Coming!

On **November 22**, the weekend before Thanksgiving, UUCS volunteers will once again offer holiday fruit pies for sale as "Good Neighbor Pies". Pies are \$12 each or three for \$35. We encourage you to buy three and give two away to others to thank them for being good neighbors. Pre-sales will begin in November. Apple, Marion Berry, Blueberry, Blackberry, and even Rhubarb and Plum are being offered!

We welcome donations of all-purpose flour, sugar, and vegetable shortening. Donations can be clearly marked and left in the church kitchen, where our baking staff will pick them up. And, we welcome new and returning volunteers for the best part of the whole event: making the pies together! Volunteers contact Vicki Cunningham. Thanks for your support.

The actual pie making event will have a few changes from last year, as the Fellowship hall has a paying rental for November 21. Stay tuned for details in the next newsletter update.

Communications Team

This team already has about a dozen members working on the web page, Facebook, the newsletter, and publicity. More participants would be very welcome, particularly in the publicity area! If you have computer skills and could help write press releases, list events online in the local media, or write copy, please contact Vicki Cunningham, vickicunningham11003@gmail.com.

News of the UUCS Community

For questions or comments, contact column author Petra S. Berger at petraoregon@comcast.net. You may send your stories to the UUCS editors at editors@uusalem.org or call 503-400-7646. This column is dedicated to sharing news of the UUCS community, such as vignettes of "Caught in the Act of Kindness," Health concerns, Accomplishments at all Ages, Volunteer Honors, and The Spirit of UU among us & beyond us.

Caught in the Act of Kindness

After some time of wishing that our restroom toilets at UUCS might be replaced someday soon, the **Facilities team** has found **generous donors** who are willing to entirely fund their replacement. Thank you to the donors for their remarkable and practical Act of Kindness!

Another note of recognition goes to long-standing member **Jean Sherbeck** for her annual collection of OTC pain relievers and vitamins to be sent to our partner church in Simenfalva, Romania. Thank you Jean for this Act of loving kindness!

High school junior **Cyrus Mora** is now a regular attendee at our Sunday service. He is the nephew of UUCS members **Dora and Jose Guerrero** and just moved to Oregon from California. He considers his new school and living environment an exciting development in his life. He's already part of the McKay football team and is really looking forward to joining the McKay wrestling team. Opening our doors to young family members from elsewhere so they can fully unfold in all their potential is one important Act of Kindness, and the Guerrero family is a wonderful example.

Health Concerns

Amber Levesque, age 35, and mother of three young children, passed away September 26th after a long and brave battle with unsurmountable health challenges. Our deep and heartfelt sympathy goes to Amber's family.

Volunteer Honors

Thank you **Joy Dunlap** for volunteering to lead the RE team. You bring many skills and so much enthusiasm, and we are happy you stepped forward to take on this important task!

Thank you **Lynn Albright** for helping to bring a marvelous public event to our humble halls! We are looking forward to Mozart's Don Giovanni concert, in English no less. So bring your friends and let's celebrate the joy of classical music.

Members of the **UUCS Women's Alliance** have a history of donating generously of their time and resources to the life and ministry of our congregation. Women's Alliance members play an active role in many church events. They provide service at memorials, weddings, and musical events. They carry out traditions such as making Christmas ornaments for the children, and spearheading the annual Christmas Bazaar, their biggest fund raising event for the benefit of UUCS, such as purchasing new chairs, and new lighting to be installed in Hanneman hall. WA is directly affiliated with the national UU Women's Federation. Thank you Women's Alliance members.

The Spirit of UU – Among us & Beyond us

Recently, the **Berger family** had the pleasure to re-visit Salt Lake City where Mike and Petra spent many years at 1st Unitarian church and South Valley UU Society. Here is the website greeting of SVUUS:

"South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society - An intentionally Diverse Religious Community

You are welcome here.

*No matter your age, your size, the color of your eyes, your hair, your skin,
you are welcome here.*

*No matter whom you love, or how you speak, or whatever your abilities,
you are welcome here.*

*Whether you come with laughter in your heart or tears,
you are welcome here.*

*If you come here with an open mind, a loving heart, and willing hands,
you are welcome here."*

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 desk.

Facilities Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 6:00 p.m.

Membership Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.

Coffee Klatch

Wednesday, October 7, 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

Wednesday, October 7, 5:30 p.m.

A welcoming place for meditation practice. Session I is for experienced meditation practitioners.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.

A welcoming place for meditation practice. Session II provides attendees with basic instruction, and explanation. The last hour, 8 - 9 p.m., is for discussion, compassion, about how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 6:00 p.m.

Visitors welcome

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group regular weekly meeting. All high school aged students welcome!

Don Giovanni

Friday, October 9, 7:00 p.m.

See Page one of this issue for more information.

Kabbalistic Shabbat Salem

~~Friday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.~~ **Cancelled**

Due to the tragic shootings in Roseburg, Rabbi Jonathan Seidel will be participating in memorial services this weekend. The next scheduled Shabbat will take place on Friday, November 14.

Compassionate Connection

Sunday, October 11, following each service

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.

Animal Chalice Group

Sunday, October 11, 12:45 p.m.

For further information, look under "Happenings and Highlights" in this issue.

Archives Work Party

Tuesday, October 13, 9:00 a.m.

RE Volunteer Welcome Back Dessert

Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m.

Please join the Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration for dessert in the RE Commons. There will be a presentation/orientation about the 2015-2016 program year and volunteer forms will be updated. Hope to see all of you there!

Coffee Klatch

Wednesday, October 14, 10:00 a.m.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, October 14, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

UU 101

Thursday, October 15, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of discussion about Unitarian Universalism, the history, the movement, and what it means to be a UU. The discussion is designed for those who are new to Unitarian Universalism, but all are welcome and encouraged to come and share their experiences.

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 15, 6:30 p.m.

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 6:30 p.m.

Dances of Universal Peace

Thursday, October 15, 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 Night Folk Circle

Friday, October 16, 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 will improvise and harmonize and otherwise raise the roof. Bring snacks and soft drinks to share.

Salem Covenant of UU Pagans Meet & Greet

Friday, October 16, 7:00 p.m.

A place for pagans to gather, connect, and share. All are welcome to discuss and learn about each other, events, and shared spirituality. Bring a snack to share and a smile. We'd like to get to know you.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, October 16, 11:00 p.m.

Items for the newsletter must be submitted to the editors no later than noon today.

Cordon Road Clean Up

Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m. (offsite)

For more information, look under "Find Your Niche" in this issue.

Pot Luck Sunday Lunch

Sunday, October 18, 12:30 p.m.

Look for the "Harvest Potluck Sunday" article in the "Happenings and Highlights" section of this newsletter.

Coffee Klatch

Wednesday, October 21, 10:00 a.m.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, October 21, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Earth Care, People Care, Fair Share film series

Thursday, October 22, 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: 503-449-8077, nwpermacultureinstitute.org or on Facebook at [Face-book](https://www.facebook.com/nwpermacultureinstitute).

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 22, 6:30 p.m.

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 6:30 p.m.

Salem Philharmonia

Friday, October 23, 5:00 p.m.

Please visit their website, [Salem Philharmonia](http://SalemPhilharmonia), for details about the concert.

Lyceum of Trees

Saturday, October 24, 3:00 p.m.

34 Days of Peace - Closing Event

Saturday, October 24, 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please see the article in "Happenings and Highlights".

Partner Church Travelers Meeting

Sunday, October 25, 12:30 p.m.

Informational meeting for prospective Transylvania partner church travelers in June 2016. All people interested in learning about our partner church are welcome to attend.

Communications Team Meeting

Monday, October 26, 4:00 p.m.

Team members and interested visitors are invited to attend a discussion of current progress and future plans for UUCS Communications, including website, Facebook, newsletter, publicity, online communications and video productions. If you would like to sit in, or you think you may like to help, please join us!

Facilities Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 6:00 p.m.

Coffee Klatsch

Wednesday, October 28, 10:00 a.m.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, October 28, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29, 6:30 p.m.

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists Meeting

Thursday, October 29, 6:30 p.m.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, October 30, 11:00 p.m.

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Dumb Supper & Samhain Ritual

Saturday, October 31, 7:00 p.m.

At Samhain, the veil between the lands of the living and the dead is very thin. A dumb supper invites those who have passed through the veil to be honored at a silent meal that is served to those

we love and shared with them. After the supper, a ritual to celebrate this special time of the year will recognize the ancestors and the final harvest as we await the dark of winter. This is family friendly and child care will be provided. This is a pot luck event with foods that are favorite of someone who has passed and shared with everyone. This ancient way of honoring those who have gone before can be a moving experience. The Dumb Supper will commence at 7:30 p.m. and will last about half an hour. The ritual will begin at 9:00 p.m. There will be an Ancestor Altar and you may bring a photo or item that represents your loved one(s). If questions, email benjahmin.bosche@gmail.com or Arhiannon@gmail.com. Please come and experience something special.

Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network

Sunday, November 1 to November 8th.

Sunday Morning Services and Religious Exploration

October Theme: *Letting Go*

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

Sunday, October 11

"Spinning And Weaving Our Way"

**The Rev. Richard R. Davis/
Rolly Thompson**

David Jeffers, Celebrant; **Mark Kendall**, Anchor Music, **Noah Seitz** and **Sara Greenleaf**

The Micro Finance Committee will share stories and images of our work in Peru with the Chijnya Foundation. (The Committee is the Share the Plate Recipient for the month of October.)

Sunday, October 18

"The Differences"

Theresa Soto, Intern Minister

Arrhiannon Kirkpatrick, Celebrant; **Petra S. Berger**, Anchor First Service Music, **UUCS Choir**; Second Service Music, **Ezra Koenigs / Sara Greenleaf**

What are the differences between giving up and letting go? We'll consider these, as well as dig into what it means to practice Unitarian Universalism in a multi-faith and multi-ethical context.

Sunday, October 25

"The Monkey Trap"

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

Petra S. Berger, Celebrant; **Ann Hanus**, Anchor Second Service Music, **UUCS Choir**

What are you holding onto? Has it got you trapped? Do you need to "let go?"

Sunday, November 1

"TBA"

The Rev. Antonia Won

Arrhiannon Kirkpatrick, Celebrant; **Joanne Manson**, Anchor

The Rev. Richard Davis is doing a pulpit exchange this weekend.

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