



The Chalice and the Flame

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

November 2015

UUCS Approves Purchase of Munsel Strip

On Sunday, November 1, a special meeting of the UUCS Congregation approved purchase of a 40-foot strip of land just east of our current property line. The strip extends from behind our garden shed 342 feet south to the south edge of the Munsel property; their southern property line is an extension of our own.

The price for the strip is \$25,000; UUCS bears other costs of the transaction, which may total about \$5000. The purchase will be completed as soon as the paperwork can be done; soon after that, the fence now separating the Munsel property from ours on those 342 feet will be moved to the new boundary.

The reason to buy this strip of land is to give us more flexibility in the future: (1) to extend our RE wing toward the east, and (2) as a possible septic drain field if/when ours fails. Both of those options are some years in the future; we needed to buy the strip now from the Munsels before they sell their property and move to Hermiston.

UUCS has pledged that will cover the purchase price and associated costs. **George Struble**, who led the campaign for those pledges, thanks those who stepped forward to provide options for our future. George also thanks **Barry Halgrimson**, who worked with the Munsels and did many tasks over many months to bring the project to its current state.

UUCS members are invited to a fence-moving party on a date yet to be determined, but within the next two weeks. If you could join the party for a few hours, please tell Barry Halgrimson at 512-948-8842 or George Struble at 503-364-3929.

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In Appreciation!

It was wonderful to see the congregation respond positively to the opportunity to purchase the third of an acre from the Munsel's. Thanks to all who voted in favor of the motion, and to those folks who pledged nearly \$30,000 to cover the purchase (Kay Young gave us a great kickstart), and to pay for the legal fees (our John Gear), surveying (our John Gorman), additional short-term site prep (our Skip Gosser), and filing fees with Marion County. I also want to thank Rev. Rick who has maintained a good relationship with the Munsels over the years and saw the potential benefit in expanding our footprint when he learned that they were moving. George Struble wisely suggested we avoid becoming landlords and buy just the 40 foot strip. George and Elsa also provided bridge financing so that we could write the check immediately and collect on the pledges at our leisure.

Most of all, I'd like to thank Dave and Kathy Munsel for years of quiet Sunday mornings, grazing sheep and ponies nibbling shoots of grass offered through the fence by hundreds of delighted RE kids, and for making this transaction possible. "Love Thy Neighbor", for UUCS, has been a piece of cake, and we wish them years of happiness and good health in their new Hermiston home.

Now let's get that fence moved! Barry Halgrimson 512-948-8842



Reverential Ramblings

~ Rev. Richard Davis, UUCS's Minister

Imagine this scenario. I have a brief encounter with some folks who are interested in joining our congregation – and they would fit right in. They want to know the usual things – what do we believe, what happens here on Sundays, etc.

Well, I can't say what "we" believe because we're decidedly non-creedal (no "official doctrines or creeds") – each one of us has the freedom of conscience to embrace the beliefs that are personally meaningful. I could say that we're "covenantal" instead of creedal, but trying to explain what that means would require a full bore sermon, and I don't want to bore these folks.

I could tell them about our Purposes and Principles which would help them understand the lofty ideals of UUism, but maybe not so much about who we are as a congregation. I could share our vision and mission statement, but for such practical purposes it's a wee bit wordy.

Congregations adopt vision and mission statements (as we did some years ago) to provide a reminder of their essential reason for being. Some of us in leadership positions are not so sure that our eloquent and lofty vision and mission statements achieve that purpose. As board chair LJ Frederickson notes: "They have to be short" and ours are not. By the way, do you know them? Hint: they are somewhere in this newsletter.

In search of inspiration, LJ has perused the websites of dozens and dozens of UU congregations and comes back from her explorations with this report of an oft expressed statement she has found: "The UU Congregation (whichever one it is) changes lives." That's it. Pretty simple and to the point.

Yet, I think that wording actually misses the point just a bit. The assertion that UU congregations "changes lives" implies that we have some preconceived notion of how particular lives need to be changed and then we do that for folks – sort of like a spiritual version of Oil Can Henry's: "Come on in and get your life changed." I do agree that a transformed life is often a happy and desirable result of life in a UU congregation, yet the change begins from within. Our role as a congregation is to create auspicious conditions for such change to occur, to be the fertile soil, sunshine and nourishment in which individuals are most likely to experience spiritual growth. In my view, everything we do in our ministry has that goal implicitly in mind.

Some folks reading this may have just gotten tripped up by that word "spiritual." The word does not necessarily connote faith in metaphysical realms. Spirituality is simply about discovering connections – with one's true self, with other people and beings, the world around you, your highest ideals, the sacred. You can be a spiritual atheist, theist, pantheist, deist, or agnostic.

The opposite of spiritual is "atomized." That is, feeling as though you are a lonely, disconnected atom adrift in a vast meaningless world with no bonds of affection or kinship – a lost soul. We congregate to counter such painful isolation. ***If I had to sum it up I'd say "our mission is to create opportunities to experience spiritual connection."*** And when we do experience this, our lives ARE changed. Whether we discover spiritual connection through our worship services, our covenant and other spiritual growth groups, our life lines lay ministry, our children's and youth religious exploration, social action and social service or fellowship opportunities we are about the business of creating conditions so that our lives may change in life affirming ways. May it be so!

Love, Rick



Lifespan Religious Exploration

~ Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

I always **welcome November** with my favorite poem that has many attached memories of adorable children playing this game with me. Most recently, it is a memory of the faces of my grandchildren playing this with a handful of real leaves (cut paper ones work great, too!). Enjoy making your own memories with this action poem and use the best inclusive pronouns you see fit when telling:

*The leaves are turning colors, (point to all of the changing leaves on the trees)
Yellow, Red and Brown (hold up all the colors for everyone to see)
And when Mr., (Mrs., Ms., The,) Autumn wind comes by (hesitate to build anticipation)
He (she/it/etc.) blows them all down! (kids throw the leaves all over in the air!)*

In our Religious Exploration program, we often take time during our time together to look out at the beautiful scenery of nature happening right outside our windows. At times, we can be heard walking in a circle or walking through the garden singing: *Now I walk in Beauty, Beauty is before me, Beauty is behind me, above and below me.* This is a Navajo Prayer Song they have learned.

We have encouraged the children to take time to notice nature around them, such as the birds flying by while they walk or ride to school, or watch for the leaves to change colors or for them to return. Recently someone came on Sunday and shared with me about the squirrel they watched while going to school! It is easy for all of us to get caught up in the days' activities and forget to take that deep breath and really see the world around us. When we take time to marvel at the leaves changing colors or the beautiful hawk sitting on the post as we drive to work or out for an errand, it is much easier to feel the interconnectedness of the world of which we are all a part, if we take time to "see" and "connect". Our seventh principle can come to life right before our eyes, IF we take time to notice.

Asking you if these following situations have ever happened to you before may put this idea of realizing that if you really consciously take time to be aware of nature around you, more often than not, you will be seeing so much more nature as you go through your day. So, have you ever liked a certain car or gotten a new car and all of a sudden you see that exact type of car everywhere you go, yet you have never really noticed them at all before? Or, once you decide to be looking for a new house to buy or rent, you all of a sudden see all kinds of For Sale and For Rent signs that you were sure were never there before? It seems, when you connect yourself to an awareness of something specific, you really see it and become more aware. See if this idea works for you and your families and enjoy all of the beautiful things before you, above and below!

In Faith and Gratitude, Christi

RE NOTES:

Volunteers Needed: Our attendance is growing!! Please let me know if you are available to help one Sunday a month during first service in our Nursery or Wisdom of Wondering (pre-k to 5th grade) classes. We also need someone on the second Sunday / second service for our Chalice Youth (middle school/high school) program. Please talk to me if you are interested in being a Youth Advisor. Our youth meet on Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:15 p.m. Our RE program happens because of all of our awesome volunteers! Please consider joining our volunteer team!

Words from Our Intern Minister

Ancestors and Time



When I was in elementary school, I was fixated and fascinated with the idea of time capsules. You've heard of them before: people choose a day in which they store things, usually buried in a sturdy container, so that future generations can find them.

In 2009, people in Madrid discovered a time capsule that was buried in 1834 under a statue of Miguel de Cervantes. Inside it, there were a guide and four volumes of an 1819 edition of *Don Quixote*. What could the people from that bygone era have been thinking? At minimum, they must have thought that passing the books along as a gift would be a good thing for whoever received it. They experienced time from their particular moment and went on to think of those who would come after them. This is what some scholars call, "thinking like an ancestor." We will have an opportunity to think of who is going to come after us. We will explore those deep connections and time throughout the month. I'm thrilled for what lies ahead.

Theresa I. Soto, Intern Minister

Happenings and Highlights

Splinters from the Board: October Board Meeting

The title is resurrected from Tom Lancefield's newsletter reports of Board meetings a few decades ago. Thanks, Tom, for letting me use it again.

The Rev. Rick addressed our processes for staff performance reviews. Jo Nathan of our Personnel Committee will work with Rick and staff on this; reviewing our shared ministry is also an important and valuable process that is difficult to do well.

David Jeffers and Mary Gear are preparing to lead the November 14 workshop of UUCS leaders on transition from a pastoral to a programmatic church. This could be one of those crucial events in the life of our congregation. Participants are reminded: **read the two books:** *Moving on from Church Folly Lane* by Robert Latham and *Raising the Roof* by Alice Mann,

Short items: (1) Chad Halsey is appointed Acting Social Justice chair. (2) George Struble will provide a quarterly investment report to the Board. (3) Because of family responsibilities, Chris Vogel has withdrawn from leading our stewardship campaign this year; Phil Carver will lead the campaign.

Much of the meeting focused on purchase of a strip of the Munsel property just east of the church. The main outcomes were (1) Board authorization to purchase, contingent on a favorable vote at a November 1 special meeting of the Congregation, (2) call for that November 1 meeting, and (3) authorization for George Struble to conduct a campaign to raise pledges to pay for the purchase (the pledges are to be contingent on the actual purchase), (4) acceptance of a no-interest bridge loan to be used for purchase while pledges are

collected. Of course, much more has happened since that meeting October 8; see reports elsewhere in this newsletter!

Submitted by: George Struble, Board Secretary

The Vision of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem is to build a joyful home for free religious exploration where we nurture the hopes and serve the needs of our world.

Looking Ahead

Plan to have children/youth bring pictures of their ancestors on **November 22**. All ages children/youth are invited to this **Soul Matters Sunday** service; however, we will have an alternate activity in the RE Commons for children kindergarten age and younger.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a program exploring age appropriate sex education. Parents are asked to register, **November 15** at 12:45 p.m. in the RE Commons. Come find out more about the OWL class offerings for grades K-2, 3-5 and 7-9. There will be an age specific parent meeting in January, prior to classes beginning.

Swimming lessons are being offered at no cost to our children in RE from a generous donation made specifically for this activity. Please contact Christi Olsen, RE Director, if you are interested in having your child(ren) benefit from these swimming lessons.

It's Never Too Early for Holiday Pie

It's that time again to pre-order your holiday pies at the table in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays, **November 8** and **15** for pick-up on Sunday, November 22. The remaining pies will be offered for sale on the 22nd. Choose from delicious Marion

berry, apple, wild blackberry, cherry, blueberry, plum and raspberry rhubarb. A limited number of gluten free pies will be available. This is a fund-raiser for the UUCS general fund.



Pies are \$12 each or 3 for \$35. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we encourage you to buy three and give two away to others to thank them for being good neighbors, supportive friends, or loving family members.

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.

We welcome new and returning volunteers for the best part of the whole event.... making the pies together! Volunteers contact: Vicki Cunningham, vickicunningham11003@gmail.com or sign up at the pie ordering table. Thanks for your support.

Women's Alliance Launches New Meeting Day

Women's Alliance will hold its first meeting on its new day this month. The meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 10** at 7 p.m. in Hanneman Hall. The speaker will be a new member to UUCS, Women's Alliance and the UUCS choir, Marilyn Glenn. Come and meet her and hear her story. Following the program will be dessert and our business meeting. Plans for our world famous bazaar will be discussed. **All members and friends are invited** to attend. SEE YOU ON TUESDAY! Contact: Ruth Larson 503-363-6253

Family Caregiver Seminar

Is It Alzheimer's? Here's an opportunity to learn about Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Two seminars will be presented in November as part of a series of 10 free monthly seminars presented through June 2016. Topics covered include: risk factors, how a diagnosis is made, stages and symptoms, and current treatments.

Presented by: Mary K. Miller, ARNP BC CWCN **Monday, November 16** from 2 to 4 p.m. and on **Wednesday, November 18** from 6 to 8 p.m. FREE! Location: Center 50+, 2615 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 9730. Please call 503-588-6303 to register.

UUs Contribute to "Creation"

Did you know that six members of the UUCS choir are also members of the Festival Chorale of Oregon, a 100+ voice choir that performs great classical works three times per year? This year, these six UUCS singers did something unique: They split the

cost of an ad in the Festival program that tells the UUCS story and invites everyone to visit us! What a great way to spread the good word about UUCS' mission and vision.

The UU singers involved are **Robin Lamonte, Janet Neuberg, Lynn Albright, Lisa Marcus, Barry Halgrimson, and Cheryl Randall**. You'll see them selling tickets to the concert during coffee hours every Sunday through November 15. The next concert is Haydn's "Creation" which will be performed **November 22** at 4 p.m. at the Elsinore Theatre. Let's support our UUCS musicians!

Barry Halgrimson: 512-948-8842

Take a Trip to Transylvania

Have you been intrigued with our church's connection with our partner church in Transylvania? Coming up is your chance to learn about our Unitarian history in Transylvania and to meet our Unitarian friends in our partner village of Simenfalva – live and in person! A trip for members and friends of UUCS is scheduled for **June 23 - July 5, 2016**. (Some people may wish to combine this trip with other destinations in Europe.) There is a series of meetings planned to help people prepare for the trip; also, anyone who is interested in learning more about our partners and Unitarian history is very welcome to attend the meetings.

The next meeting is **November 22**, after second service. Rev. Rick will give us some history of Unitarianism in Transylvania. If you have questions, please contact: Jean Sherbeck jean@sherbeck.net

A Time for Reflection & Remembrance

Just outside our sanctuary is a lovely memorial garden, a place where we commemorate and celebrate the lives of our members who have passed on. If you have lost a loved one who was a member of UUCS, you may wish to have a plaque made and installed on the memory garden wall among the names of others who have been so important to our religious community.

Memorial Wall plaque applications are available on the Visitor's Desk in the foyer. In order to cover costs of the plaque and installation, a \$50 fee is requested with the submission of the application.

Karen Piter, Lifelines Lay Minister Team Leader: kpiter@peoplepc.com

Adopt-a-Road Project

Much gratitude to **Ed LaPaz, Ted Cory, Carolyn Donnelly, and Kristen Wilson** from the UU Compassionate Sangha, for spending time on Saturday morning, October 17 to help fulfill our agreement with the Marion County Adopt-a-Road Program by cleaning up Cordon Road. Extra kudos

to Ted and Carolyn for returning Tuesday to clean another section of the road.

Our next clean-up will be in late March or early April. It is an important program as more than 10,000 cars drive past the corner of Center and Cordon each day. Hope to see you for the spring clean-up.

Angela Gross, Interim Cordon Road Clean-up Coordinator

Unspoken Heroes

The Landscape team thanks Ted Cory, Tom Lancefield and Angela Gross for volunteering to help clean the leaves in the front parking lot and islands.

The Landscape team also thanks Angela Gross and Ted Cory for creating the new garden area in front of the RE fence which will be planted with herbs, bulbs and annuals.

Paul Manka, Landscape Team Chairman

Newsletter Mailing Simplified

Paper copies of the main monthly newsletter, "The Chalice and the Flame", will continue to be mailed to pledging members (and paying subscribers) who request that service, but paper copies of the mid-month update are now available only from the rack in the foyer or at the Visitors' Table on Sundays. Paper copies of the main issue can also be found at these locations, and both issues will continue to be sent to e-subscribers and posted on the web page, www.uusalem.org. If you have any questions please contact: editors@uusalem.org

Helping Others Help Themselves

The **Microfinance Committee** will be meeting at the Strubles' home, 210 18th St. NE, on November 4, 6 p.m., to discuss ideas for our next project and review the results of the October 11 service and donations for Share the Plate. Please join us! Ann Hanus, ann.hanus@gmail.com.

Concerts in the Sanctuary:

Eclectic music offerings that are just like us.... DIVERSE!

Sunday, December 6, 2015 ~ 4 p.m.	Western Oregon University's Early Music Ensemble
Saturday, January 9, 2016 ~ 7 p.m.	Songs of Civil Disobedience . . . and Hope
Saturday, February 13, 2016 ~ 7 p.m.	Roy Zimmerman Big Tent Concert

More concerts coming in Spring 2016! *Including gospel, jazz, classical & opera*

Find Your Niche

Guest at Your Table

As in past years, we will be encouraging congregants to participate in the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC) Guest at Your Table fundraiser. For over 40 years, Guest at Your Table has raised millions of dollars for human rights projects that have made a real difference in people's lives.

This year Guest at Your Table highlights the empowerment of refugees and displaced people. One of UUSC's major focuses is serving the people who are most overlooked or discriminated against in the midst of humanitarian crises such as forced migration, large-scale conflicts, genocide, and natural disasters.

As part of the fundraiser, congregants are encouraged to order a Guest at Your Table box to be kept at participants' dinner tables (or other gathering space) throughout the fundraiser. While the box is there to collect your loose change and bills, it also serves as an important physical reminder of the work UUSC does. With the holiday season approaching, the Guest at Your Table box can be both an opportunity to educate people about human rights issues and a great time to encourage family and friends to donate.

Orders for the boxes will be taken at the Social Justice table in the Fellowship Hall after each service or you can email orders to Chad Halsey at chadiwicker@gmail.com. Information about when to return your boxes will be provided later. More information about the Guest at Your Table program and UUSC can be found at [Guest-at-Your-Table](#).

Looking for Drivers!

UUCS members and friends who do not have vehicles rely on the hospitality of other members and friends for transportation on Sunday mornings. Ride Coordinator Dale Harris would love to add your name to the list of available drivers! Volunteers are needed for ALL areas of Salem. Please contact Dale at 503-371-1926 or look for the sign up-table in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour.

Mississippi Flag: Does it Belong in "Walk of Flags" Park?

As reported in the October mid-month edition of this newsletter, the UUCS Social Justice in Action Team (SJAT) was working on a petition in response to the October 18 sermon by Intern Minister Theresa Soto and her guest, Teresa Raiford of [Don't Shoot Portland](#). That sermon focused on the experiences of black Oregon citizens and the discrimination they face. One of the actions that Theresa and Teresa requested of the SJAT was to come up with a petition asking our Oregon lawmakers to take down the Mississippi flag, which currently flies on the Oregon Capitol grounds. The Mississippi flag contains the Confederate Battle flag in its design. Many black Oregonians, and others, view this flag as a racist symbol. Senator Peter Courtney, the leader of the Oregon State Senate, has postponed a decision about removing the flag. This delay is unacceptable to some and the petition asks for immediate action.

If you would be interested in reading the text of the petition and possibly signing it, you can find it at petitions.moveon.org/sign/oregon-lawmakers-take.

If you support the petition, please consider sharing it with your family and friends. There is also a

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DEADLINES:

Newsletter Submissions for *The Chalice and the Flame* must be received by the Friday before publication. The deadline for the Mid-Month Update is midnight on Friday, November 13.

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.

paper version available at the Social Justice table after each Sunday service.

To be clear, this petition is an effort of the SJAT. No endorsement by the UUCS Board or the congregation as a whole was sought or given. If you have any questions or feedback you can contact Chad Halsey at chadiwicker@gmail.com.

Our Mission is to provide a respectful home for intellectual, spiritual, and creative exploration, and to build a community of fellowship, caring and service that lights the flame of social action.

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.

Due to author Petra Berger's October travels to Germany to support her family, her column is suspended until the December UUCS newsletter. Thank you for your understanding.

Upcoming Events

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.

Membership Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 03, 6:30 p.m.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, November 04, 5:30 p.m.

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

Microfinance Committee

Wednesday, November 04, 6:00 p.m.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, November 04, 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.

Microfinance Committee

Wednesday, November 04, 6:00 p.m.

Covenant Group 'F'

Thursday, November 05, 10:30 a.m.

See uusalem.org/Spiritual-Development for more about Covenant Groups.

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 05, 6:30 p.m.

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists Meeting

Thursday, November 05, 6:30 p.m.

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

UU 102

Thursday, November 05, 7:00 p.m.

UU 102 provides the opportunity to learn about our democratic governance, organizational structure, teams, committees and programs here at UUCS so that you better understand how we operate and how you can become involved.

Dances of Universal Peace

Friday, November 06, 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.

Compassionate Connection

Sunday, November 08, 10:30 a.m./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.

Animal Chalice Group

Sunday, November 8, 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy a discussion about animals, 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. All welcome.

Covenant Group 'D'

Tuesday, November 10, 10:30 a.m.

See uusalem.org/Spiritual-Development for more about Covenant Groups.

Women's Alliance Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.

See article on page 5.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, November 11, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 6:00 p.m.

All members welcome to attend.

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.

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

Kabbalistic Shabbat Salem

Friday, November 13, 7:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Jonathan Seidel in an accessible mystically oriented service of joyful prayer, chant, kirtan and mediation with lots of music, as well as Drash (short teaching or homily). Our goal is monthly prayerful gatherings of singing and study in joy, forming a new caring community of Jewish devotion in Salem.

For further information please email Jonathan Seidel at rabbiseidel@gmail.com or call him at 541-520-3434 or the office at 503-364-0932. UUCS contact is Angela Gross at uu4peace@gmail.com

Mid-Month NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, November 13, 11:00 p.m.

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

Covenant Group 'C'

Sunday, November 15, 1:00 p.m.

See uusalem.org/Spiritual-Development for more about Covenant Groups.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, November 18, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Covenant Group 'G'

Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 p.m.

See uusalem.org/Spiritual-Development for more about Covenant Groups.

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.

Covenant Group 'G'

Thursday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.

See uusalem.org/Spiritual-Development for more about Covenant Groups.

Dances of Universal Peace

Thursday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.

See salem dances.com/ for more information.

Friday Night Folk Circle

Friday, November 20, 7:00 p.m.

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

Salem Covenant of UU Pagans Meet & Greet

Friday, November 20, 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.

Holiday Fruit Pies

Sunday, November 22, 8:00 a.m.

Holiday fruit pies available for pick-up if pre-sold, or for sale. Apple, Marion, Blueberry, Blackberry and Plum! \$12 each or \$35 for three.

Partner Church Travelers Meeting

Sunday, November 22, 12:30 p.m.

Facilities Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 24, 6:00 p.m.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, November 25, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Potluck

Thursday, November 26, 5:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Salem Covenant of UU Pagans. A chance for people to come together and share Thanksgiving stories and memories. Bring

your favorite potluck food to share. There will be enough food for all. UUCS is NOT providing turkeys.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, November 27, 11:00 p.m.

Items for the December 1 newsletter must be submitted to the editors no later than noon today.

Sunday Morning Services and Religious Exploration

November Theme: *How Are We a People of Ancestry?*

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, November 8

"Who are the Peacemakers?"

Tim Buckley

First Service: **Petra S. Berger**, Celebrant; **Benjamin Boschee**, Anchor

Second Service: **Petra S. Berger**, Celebrant; **Anne Hanus**, Anchor

Second Service, Music, **UUCS Choir**

Our guest speaker Tim Buckley and his wife Elaine Hultengren are the most recent recipients of the 2015 Salem Peacemaker Award that was bestowed during the 26th Annual Salem Peace Lecture October 21 at Willamette University. Tim has dedicated the last 12 years to understanding and teaching Nonviolent Communication (NVC) as originated by Dr. Marshall Rosenberg, a speaker at UUCS in 2003. Tim and his wife Elaine now are teachers for the Oregon Prison Project and are doing contract work in staff mindfulness and stress reduction for the Oregon Department of Corrections. They also train employees of the Catholic Community Services in NVC and mindfulness. Tim will speak about learning more effective and compassionate ways to relate with anyone in our lives.

Sunday, November 15

"It Happens"

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

Gloria Holland, Celebrant; **Arrhiannon Kirkpatrick**, Anchor

First Service Music, **Ryan Amend and Aimee Larsen-Amend**

Second Service Music, **Sara Greenleaf**

We never know what's going to come our way - life has its surprises, unexpected twists and turns for all of us. Yet we do have some significant control that often goes unrecognized. Our UU ancestors did recognize their power and it provides an excellent template for us.

Sunday, November 22

"What They Dreamed"

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

Lennie Martin, Celebrant; **David Gortner**, Anchor

First Service Music, **John Chinburg**; Second Service Music, **UUCS Choir**

Who are your ancestors? Don't know? Well, maybe you do after all. A Sunday to honor whose lives shed light on our own. Bring a photo or image of someone in the past—maybe your grandma or father or Buddha or Jesus or Susan B. Anthony or Gandhi—someone who you revere—for our "ancestral procession."

Sunday, November 29

"Doing the Sand Dance: Acting Like an Ancestor"

Theresa Soto, Intern Minister

Joanne Manson, Celebrant; **Mark Kendall**, Anchor

First Service Music, **UUCS Choir**

Second Service Music, **Ryan Amend and Aimee Larsen-Amend**

Reflecting on the work of Joanna Macy and others, we will explore the significance of deep time and of what it means to act like ancestor to a future that we are building. It is a transition that includes shifting from being an industrial growth society to being a life-sustaining society. The elements include hope, change, and work for change that sustains both ourselves and the world.

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