



# The Chalice and the Flame

*Diverse people. Diverse beliefs. One community.*

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

## October 2018

### **WARNING! Beware of Fake Invoice Request from UUCS Office Email**

Recently, one of our members called the office to tell us about an email he received from the "office at uusalem.org" email address. The email indicated that it contained an invoice and had a Word attachment. The UUCS office did not send this email. If you receive this email, **DO NOT click on the attachment**. Mark the email as "phishing". If possible (if you know how), copy the email "headers", paste them in a NEW email and send them to the office. If you do not know how to collect the headers, just let the office know that you received the email.

### **Connections Groups Notice**

Did you sign up for a Connections Group but have not heard from your facilitator? Email Anna Tally at [annastally@gmail.com](mailto:annastally@gmail.com) or call 802-417-1080 so we can make sure you get into a group.

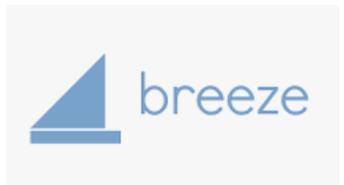
### **New Online Church Directory Coming Soon**

In the interests of simplification and cost savings, UUCS is switching to a new platform for our online directory. Our current program, Instant Church Directory (ICD), will be available until October 13. We have already begun the process of changing to Breeze Church Management Software.

Early in October, current users of the software should receive an email titled "Create Your UU Congregation of Salem Account", inviting you to begin using the new directory.

Instructions for setting up your account can be found on the [Connection/Membership Directory Page](#) of the UUCS website. You can also stop by the *Directory Updates* table

during Fellowship Hour for help with setting up your device or to pick up a printed version of the instructions.



### **Special Dances of Universal Peace October 5**

The First Friday Dances of Universal Peace on October 5 will include a certification ceremony for Angela Gross. She would be honored if you could join the evening of dances, stories and joy that celebrate this achievement of a long-time member. Have two left feet and no rhythm? Not to worry. Everything will be fully taught!

There will be a finger food potluck and ice cream after the dance so we have a chance to chat and build community. If able, please bring finger food to share. There will also be a donation basket with a suggested donation of \$5-10 to support the Salem Dances of Universal Peace circle. No one is turned away due to lack of funds. You can find more information about the event [on the UUCS website](#).

### **African Handcrafts Sale October 7 and 28 Sponsored by Microfinance Team**



On Sunday, October 7 and Sunday, October 28, the UUCS Microfinance Team will host sales by Thembanathi, a nonprofit working in South Africa. There will be a variety of hand-crafted items for sale, including beautiful beaded jewelry, enchanting beaded animals, colorful telephone wire baskets, and superbly embroidered cards. All items were made by Zulu women in income-generation projects in an area of South Africa struggling with extreme poverty, high unemployment, and disease.

This year, the funds raised by Thembanathi through donations and the sale of fair-trade products will allow over 165 young children to have a positive, caring, and safe space to learn and develop, and two nutritious meals a day. Early intervention is key to helping young people succeed in school and enabling them to transcend the cycle of chronic poverty that has shaped their communities. With your support, they can reach the bright futures they deserve.

In addition to supporting Thembanathi, 20% of your purchases of their products will also support our own Microfinance program that partners with global nonprofits working in impoverished areas and provides small loans to people living on the edge, so they can increase their earning power, escape poverty, and make a better living for their families.



## Reverential Ramblings

~ Rev. Richard Davis, UUCS's minister

My daily drive to UUCS takes me past some new construction, including a gigantic building that must be the largest structure in Salem (one million square feet!) – an Amazon packing and shipping warehouse that will hire 1,000 workers (whose long term job prospects will someday be threatened by automation). Meanwhile, many of the traditional retail stores are closing due to the loss of customers to online shopping options. Like it or not, the world is changing – too often not in ways we might desire.

Roughly similar dynamics are at work in the world of faith. Nationally, people's connections to organized religion are weakening dramatically – the fastest growing religious category in our country today is the “nones” (those who don't belong to any church, synagogue, mosque or temple). Regular attendance at congregations continues to decline. Every year now, several thousand churches close their doors while many fewer are started.

Today there are easier, alternative ways to connect with other people online – including virtual, online spiritual communities – and in many cases these can be a great blessing, if this is the only option for finding community. Yet we are discovering that virtual community leaves much to be desired and can actually have a harmful effect upon individuals. We are social beings and need to have real interactions.

A significant percentage of the “nones” classify themselves as “spiritual but not religious” (SBNR). Today, if I were a young millennial I daresay I'd be among the ranks of SBNR's, a rugged religious individualist. No more. During my years in the ministry, I have come to see the incalculable value of religious community (most especially our own). It can be something precious – a genuine blessing to the lives of members young and old and the surrounding community and world.

There are many reasons why congregational connections are weakening, but one of the primary causes is that people are more questioning of the integrity of traditional religious organizations and the doctrines they profess, which strike many as superstitious and untenable.

Here's where Unitarian Universalism has a distinct advantage – ***we Unitarian Universalists have a tradition of not being bound by tradition.*** That is to say, if a fresher, more compassionate, wiser insight is presented to us we are open to new revelations. This is why, for example, we were among the very first organized religious bodies in our country to openly affirm gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people– nearly half a century ago. Today more (it should be ALL) religious communities have seen the light on this matter, but for many decades they struggled with reconciling what their hearts were telling them and what an ancient text (the bible) purportedly (it's open to interpretation) says about human sexuality. It's good to ground yourself in a religious tradition, but too often tradition becomes a trap that keeps people mired in outdated, outmoded, oppressive states of mind.

The essential thing I cherish about healthy religious community – that you generally find lacking in other organizations – is our commitment to **radical, inclusive love for everyone**. All the great religious traditions affirm that each person has sacred worth and from that key insight flow many compassionate and courageous congregational endeavors. Congregations, at their best, create and cultivate conduits for love and compassion to flow into our lives and strive to be a moral beacon of love and hope, especially during times of darkness and despair. Love will guide us!

Love,  
Rick



## *Lifespan Religious Exploration*

~ **Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration**

**October** is upon us and our Soul Matters theme (the theme that our Connections Groups and Religious Exploration (RE) are discussing,) is Sanctuary...What does it mean to be a people of sanctuary? Since I have a farm sanctuary for animals that have in their past been abused or neglected, my mind immediately goes to the meaning of the word in the sense of providing a safe home for animals. We will be discussing this aspect as well as others when we are together during the month in our RE classes. To extend the learning about the sanctuary for animals, I will be helping with a harvest festival at Green Acres Farm Sanctuary providing activities for children. I invite you to attend and see the meaning of animal sanctuary in action.

Our youth have decided that they wish to read short essays to discuss on Sundays. They may explore the theme as well or delve into an area of their current interest. Our youth coordinator, James Snowcarp, is providing the essay via a google group for our youth. If you are interested in having your youth be a part of our youth program this year, please let us know so that both parents and youth can have access to this essay. In addition, so that no one feels excluded, we will have a hard copy available in the youth room (which has moved to the Green Room across from the Office (the old Library). Please feel free to have your youth invite a friend to attend on Sundays. We would also really appreciate the outreach to let people in your community areas know that we have a very inclusive, safe, welcoming group to be a part of on Sundays!

Our family dinners have been very successful and we have enjoyed hosting the mixed ages at these evening events. Our RE Team would like to continue this and have a family dinner and pumpkin carving event at the end of the month. If you are available to help make this happen, we will need a team of 8 people available to pull this off. Please let me know right away if you are available to give your service to our congregation in this way so we can provide this offering. Thanks for your consideration!

Please remember that we continue to offer a yoga practice on the first Sunday of each month. We have an instructor lead this for all ages. Our UU Explorers (fourth – seventh grade) and our YRUU (eighth – twelfth grade) are welcome to decide to attend this offering or attend their individual classes. This is an opportunity to develop a spiritual and mindful practice that can be practiced outside of UUCS. Please bring a yoga mat if you can. We will have a limited number of mats available for this practice.

As you finish harvesting items from your family gardens, please consider the roosters in your giving. They enjoy the fresh produce as well as non-meat fresh left overs. On Sundays, consider stopping by and sharing some of your wealth of fresh food with our resident roosters. They will certainly appreciate the attention and the treats!

On **October 28**, we will be having our ANNUAL COSTUME PARADE through the sanctuary! ALL AGES are encouraged to dress-up in costumes that will not scare our littlest UU's!! You can come to the service wearing your costumes or costumes can be put on prior to the end of the service. We are looking forward to seeing the creative costumes we can all come up with for this annual UUCS tradition!!

Hope that you enjoy your first full month of fall!

*In faith and until next time....Christi*

### **OWL Classes Available at UU McMinnville Beginning October 7**

The UU Fellowship of McMinnville is offering OWL classes for children aged 4-9, beginning on October 7. The cost is \$25 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child. For more information, contact Rachel Hayward, UUFM DRE at [rchayward13@gmail.com](mailto:rchayward13@gmail.com).

# Happenings and Highlights

## **Bateman Woods - Fall Planting October 6 – NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

The landscape team's goal is making Bateman Woods a relaxing, beautiful and harmonious environment. The next major activities include Fall planting of NW native plants (on the East side) and Spring planting of NW native plants (on the West side).

For Fall planting, there will be about 200 plants and help will be needed. Ways to support this goal are:

- ◆ Donate \$ for the purchase of plants and planting soil. The cost is estimated at \$1,000. Make checks out to UUCS and mark the check with "Bateman Woods Plants".
- ◆ Attend a WORK PARTY: On Thursday-Saturday, October 4-6 beginning at 9 am, show up at UUCS to help with marking, digging and planting. Planting will be on Saturday, October 6, weather permitting. (October 20 is an alternate date for planting).

## **Women's Alliance Oct. 9 Topic: Kaleidoscope Preschool**

Women's Alliance will meet on Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Ashley Acers, founder and director of Kaleidoscope Preschool, which uses the UUCS campus as the children's classroom. Ashley and her staff use the Reggio Emilia tradition of engaging young children with their environment by tending the garden, exploring the woods, caring for the roosters, cooking, and doing arts and crafts. Ashley will discuss the curriculum, the successes, and her hopes for the future of Kaleidoscope. You will be delighted at the many smiling faces of the children in the program: Ashley presents a charming slide presentation as she discusses her innovative preschool program. All are invited to attend; delicious refreshments will be served!

## **Building Sacred Ground Begins October 14**

Looking to deepen your connection to Unitarian Universalism? Consider attending the Fall offering of Building Sacred Ground.

This 4-week experiential group covers the historical and theological roots of Unitarian Universalism, involves the participants personally through the sharing of their spiritual journeys, and provides guidance on how to get involved in the life of the congregation.

For those who are new to our community, the group can help them decide if this congregation is the right fit for them. And, if it is, there will be an opportunity to sign the Membership Book. For established members, the series is a great way to refresh their personal search for truth and meaning and an opportunity to get to know new friends.

Join us for the fall series of Building Sacred Ground:

- Sun, Oct 14, 12 - 2 pm: Session 1 — Sharing Our Journeys
- Sun, Oct 21, 12 - 2 pm: Session Two — UU101
- Sun, Oct 28, 12 - 2 pm: Session Three — Getting Involved
- Sun, Nov 4, 12 - 2 pm: Session Four — Membership at UUCS

Note: Building Sacred Ground sessions are not open to drop-in attendees. Registration is closed once the first session begins. The series is facilitated by the Membership Team.

You can sign up by sending an email to [office@uusalem.com](mailto:office@uusalem.com) or [submit your rsvp online](#).

## **Journey to Belonging, Next Session Begins October 18**

Looking for a connection opportunity?

*Spiritual growth is an individual affair that is best pursued in groups.* — Henry Miller

Join in and share in Journey to Belonging, a 3-month connection group that explores our spiritual journeys. All are welcome to join! The group will be facilitated by Reverend Richard Davis.

Each session will meet for 3 months on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. The next group begins October 18, and meets in November and December.

Ready to sign up? Send an email to the UUCS office: [office@uusalem.org](mailto:office@uusalem.org) or [submit your rsvp online](#).

## **Fall Circle Suppers October 19-20**

Fall Circle Suppers will happen Friday, October 19 and Saturday, the 20th! Join your fellow UUers for an intimate dinner at the home of a gracious host. Circle Suppers are potluck-style gatherings at members' homes. Hosts provide their homes, and guests bring food to share. The dinners are an informal opportunity for an evening of fellowship and fun with a handful of members and friends of UUCS. Hosts decide the menu and call/email people who have signed up for their dinner. Sign-ups will be available during fellowship hour on Sundays 10/7 and 10/14 or [sign up online](#). You can also call or email Anna Tally to sign up or to ask questions. Phone: 802-417-1080, email: [annastally@gmail.com](mailto:annastally@gmail.com).

### Halloween Costume Parade October 28

On Sunday, October 28, all ages are encouraged to wear costumes that do not scare our youngest UU's and be a part of our annual costume parade near the end of the service.

### Roy Zimmerman Concert November 11

On Sunday, November 11, Roy Zimmerman will perform in the UUCS sanctuary, beginning at 7 pm. Tickets at the door are \$20 or whatever you can afford.

**RiZe Up** is ninety minutes of Roy Zimmerman's original songs, a funny and forceful affirmation of Peace and Social Justice. "Sometimes I think satire is the most hopeful and heartfelt form of expression," says Roy, "because in calling out the world's absurdities and laughing in their face, I'm affirming the real possibility for change."

Roy's songs have been heard on HBO and Showtime, and his videos have garnered tens of millions of views. He has recorded for Warner/Reprise Records. He's shared stages with Bill Maher, Ellen DeGeneres, Holly Near, Robin Williams, Arlo Guthrie, John Oliver, Kate Clinton and George Carlin, and tours the country constantly with his wife and co-writer Melanie Harby.

### Pie Day Is Coming!

Reserve a place at your Thanksgiving table for our famous UUCS fruit pies, a fundraiser for the UUCS general fund. Presales will begin the last Sunday of October and conclude with the final sale and pie pick-up on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 18.

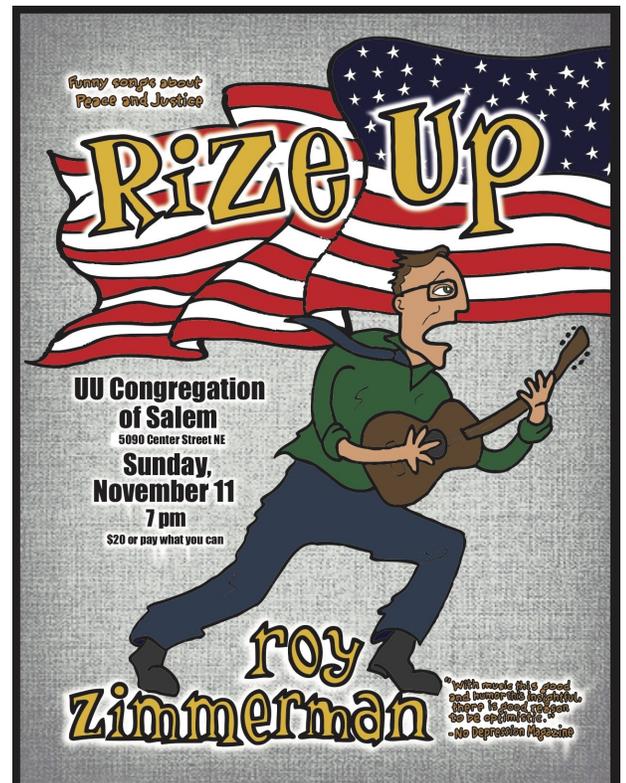
We will have blueberry, marionberry, cherry, wild blackberry, apple, and rhubarb pies. New this year will be peach pies! Price will be \$15 each or 3 for \$40.

We encourage you to consider buying three and giving two to your neighbors as a thank-you for being good neighbors! To help you with that, we will again offer you two greeting cards with original, Fall-themed art work with each three-pie purchase.

If you want to join the "Board of Crusteze" to help with our fabulous Pie Making Saturday on November 17, contact Vicki Cunningham. Around 20 volunteers put together two hundred pies in about 4 hours. It's an event all in itself! If you have been getting emails, you are already on the pie making list!!

### Health and Aging Workshops Series

Age 60+? Improve Your Health or Your Money Back! Four (free) workshops on health and aging. The series scheduled for October is full. However, you can sign up for the waiting list. If enough folks express an interest, leader David Haber will offer another series. David, a retired WOU gerontology professor and author of Health Promotion and Aging (8th edition, in progress), will distribute the latest health research findings, followed by discussion (if willing) of your own practices/ideas. You can add your name to the waiting list using [the online form](#).



## Help Needed and Appreciated!

### Landscape Team Chair Opening

It has been a pleasure to serve UUCS as the Landscape Team Chair. I am stepping away from this position to pursue other areas of service at UUCS. If you are interested in filling this position, please let the nominating committee know of your interest. They will present the candidates to the Board for approval. - Angela Gross

### Contribute Returnables to Benefit UUCS Programs

On the first Sunday of each month, bring your returnable cans and bottles to UUCS to help the Resource Center (formerly the library), the Landscape team and Salem Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans. If you have any questions, contact Benjahmin Boschee at [benjahminboschee@yahoo.com](mailto:benjahminboschee@yahoo.com).

## Splinters from the Board

The Board received a report from Ashley Acers on the activities of the Kaleidoscope Preschool. She presented the Reggio Emilio philosophy that governs the education process. The school is growing and is full for the 2019 school year. It has 5 children pre-enrolled for the 2020 school year. She discussed the various programs that the students are involved with, including involvement with children from the homeless families in the Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network and gardening projects.

Ashley discussed a proposal to expand the school by 10 children and to add 1st through 3rd grade to the school. The size of the school is currently constrained by the portion of UUCS that is being rented. The school needs to be relicensed in December. She needs to know by November if the Board approves expanding the rental area for the expansion of her program.

The Committee on the Ministry is working on an update to the Covenant of Good Relations, including a potential to rename the Covenant. Joel Martin provided the Board with a survey that had been drafted to help simplify the Covenant, based on the priorities of the congregation. Board members have taken the survey and provided their responses to the Committee.

## Social Justice News

The Social Justice in Action Team continues working to help defeat Measure 105. The "Vote No" yard signs have been distributed. One member of our team is working with Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMirJ) as they develop an informational tool kit about Measure 105 for faith communities. Members will continue to do phone banking and canvassing throughout October to inform our community about this harmful measure. Two members attended the school board meeting and spoke, along with many others, to request the school board endorse a "no vote" on Ballot Measure 105; the school board did not. Two members attended the Oregon UU Voices for Justice annual meeting to connect with about 20 others and to learn and share justice stories. Rev. Rick and three others attended the IMirJ Fundraiser in Portland and had a great time celebrating this year's accomplishments. The speakers included Stephen Manning from the Innovation Law Lab and a former detainee from Sheridan. Rev. Rick told us he will be participating in the pilgrimage from Sheridan to NORCOR. The SJAT continues to support all justice work in the ways we are able. Submitted by Patrice Pollard

### **SJAT Thank You for Supporting Our Causes**

The Social Justice in Action Team wishes to thank John Gear for donating the yard signs to members of our congregation and to Lana and Andy Driscoll for donating the frames. The team is very grateful to Lorna Youngs for her generous gift for social justice work. And once again, we remember the generosity of Ron Speck and Meera Kreitzer for their donation of the Sanctuary Banner and to Lana and Andy for the green Social Justice banner which is hanging in our Fellowship Hall. Our team thanks everyone who expresses their support, and all who have given their time, energy, and talents for social justice and social service work. And to Reverend Rick, who leads us with his courage and moral leadership, we are truly grateful.

### **Voter Registration Forms on SJAT Table During Fellowship Hour**

Voter registration ends October 16, 2018. If you are not registered to vote or your voter status has changed, you can pick up a voter registration form at the SJAT Table. Vote for your rights and vote for your values!

### **Help with Vote No on Ballot Measure 105**

You can help with the Vote No on 105 campaign by participating in a phone bank or by canvassing. Stop by the SJAT table during Fellowship Hour for more information and a list of available dates.

[Find the UUCS Social Justice Page on Facebook](#)

# Calendar

## **Membership Team Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 pm**

## **Danza Azteca**

**Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 pm**

The teachings of the Aztec Dance are tied to the Pre-Hispanic roots of ancient Mexico. It serves to connect the dancer to a universal view of the Anawak culture and the Nawatl philosophy: a worldview of nature. Aztec dance awakens and develops various human faculties which are essential across society but which the current educational system fails to implement in a conscious and permanent manner. All are welcome to attend.

## **UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation**

**Every Wednesday, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm**

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, 8:00 – 9:00 pm, is for discussion, compassion, about how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

## **Habitat and Hope Meeting**

**Every Thursday, 12:30 pm**

Homeless Coalition partnership with other Interfaith groups

## **Microfinance Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, October 4, 5:30 pm**

## **Choir Rehearsal**

**Every Thursday, 6:30 pm**

## **Dances of Universal Peace -**

## **Dance Over/Certification Ceremony**

**Friday, October 5, 7:00 pm – Saturday, October 6**

See Article on Page 1.

## **Bateman Woods Fall Planting**

**Saturday, October 6, 9:00 am**

See article on Page 4.

## **Refuge Recovery**

**Every Friday, 7:00 pm**

UUCS' Addiction Recovery Ministry and Support program is glad to sponsor the Refuge Recovery group meeting every Friday from 7 to 8 pm at UUCS. The mission of this national non-profit organization is to build an extensive and comprehensive network of groups, meetings, and communities that practice and promulgate Buddhist teachings and meditations for anyone seeking recovery from addiction. Drawing inspiration from the core teachings of the Four Noble Truths, emphasis is placed on both knowledge and empathy as means for overcoming addiction and its causes. Those struggling with any form of addiction greatly benefit when they understand the suffering that addiction has

created while developing compassion for the pain they have experienced.

## **Life Lines Lay Ministry Meeting**

**Saturday, October 6, 9:30 am**

## **Microfinance Team Jewelry Sale**

**Sunday, October 7, 11:30 am**

See article on Page 1.

## **Age 60+? Improve Your Health or Your Money Back!**

**October Mondays, 11:00 am**

See article on Page 5.

## **Women's Alliance Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 pm**

See article on Page 4.

## **Board Meeting**

**Thursday, October 11, 5:30 pm**

## **Building Sacred Ground, Session 1**

**Sunday, October 14, 12:00 pm**

See article on Page 4.

## **Social Justice in Action Team Meeting**

**Sunday, October 14, 12:30 pm**

The monthly SJAT meeting. All are welcome to attend.

## **Worship Team Meeting**

**Monday, October 15, 5:30 pm**

Monthly Meeting of the Worship Team to plan & discuss Sunday Services

## **Safer Congregation Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 16, 6:30**

## **Danza Azteca**

**Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 pm**

(See October 2)

## **Journey to Belonging**

**Thursday, October 18, 6:30 pm**

See article on Page 4.

## **Dances of Universal Peace**

**Thursday, October 18, 7:00 pm**

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.

## **Finance Team Meeting**

**Friday, October 19, 10:30 am**

## **Zazenkai - All Day Meditation Retreat**

**Saturday, October 20, 8:00 am**

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha's annual day-long silent retreat. Silent potluck lunch. Donations \$20-40 gratefully received.

### **Dharma Group**

Sunday, October 21, 9:00 am  
Facilitator: Tom Ellis

### **Building Sacred Ground, Session 2**

Sunday, October 21, 12:00 pm  
See article on Page 4.

### **RE Team Meeting**

Sunday, October 21, 12:00 pm

### **Facilities Team Meeting**

Tuesday, October 23, 6:00 pm

### **Danza Azteca**

Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 pm  
(See October 2)

### **UUCS Family Dinner**

Friday, October 26, 6:30 pm

### **Microfinance Team Jewelry Sale**

Sunday, October 28, 11:30 am  
See article on Page 1.

### **Building Sacred Ground, Session 3**

Sunday, October 28, 12:00 pm  
See article on Page 4.

### **RE Staff Meeting**

Sunday, October 28, 1:00 pm

### **Life Line Screening**

Monday, October 29, 8:30 am

### **Communications Team Meeting**

Monday, October 29, 4:00 pm

Join the communications team for discussion of progress on our UUCS newsletter, website, Facebook, publicity and video projects. Newcomers or visitors welcome.

### **Dances of Universal Peace**

Friday, November 2, 7:00 pm  
(See October 18)

### **Life Lines Lay Ministry Meeting**

Saturday, November 3, 9:30 am

### **Hosting SIHN Families**

November 4 – 11

### **Building Sacred Ground Session 4**

Sunday, November 4, 12:00 pm  
See article on Page 4.

### **Membership Team Meeting**

Tuesday, November 6, 6:30 pm

### **Danza Azteca**

Tuesday, November 6, 7:00 pm  
(See October 2)

## Worship Services and Religious Exploration

October Share the Plate: [Microfinance](#)

**Service Time: 10:30 am**

**Sunday, October 7**

**The Rev. Richard R. Davis**

### **"Lending to the Least of These: The Redeeming Power of Microloans"**

**Celebrant:** Ann Hanus; **Anchor:** Laura Christian

**Music:** Ted Cory

Join us as Ron Hockley, Executive Director of The NEO Fund, brings us stories from the field. Nicaragua is facing mounting civil unrest and while the larger micro-lending institutions have suspended operations amid a crashing economy, the UUCS Microfinance project and our partner, The NEO Fund, are still at work supporting the borrowers. And in India, while initial seed money has been raised, cultural challenges and logistics still need to be overcome as thirty anxious women are waiting to be the first of The NEO Fund's borrowers in Andhra Pradesh. Ron's enthusiasm and heart for the poorest of the poor will leave us pulling for these brave people persevering in the most trying of circumstances.

**RE Information:** Today we have the honor of presenting our RE Offering money during the service!

We will have yoga for all ages today and a lesson in mindfulness. Please bring a mat if you have one. We do have a limited supply to borrow. Namaste -

Sunday, October 14

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

### "A Heartfelt Response"

**Celebrant:** Steve Rosen; **Anchor:** Lennie Martin  
**Music:** UUCS Choir

As you may know, our minister, along with other Oregon clergy affiliated with the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, was arrested for an act of nonviolent civil disobedience to protest the cruel and unjust immigration policies of our federal government. Members and friends have shown strong support for this action, yet some in our community are upset. Let's hear their voices and concerns and Rev. Rick's responses.

**RE Information:** All ages will continue their exploration of our Soul Matters theme of Sanctuary.

Please encourage youth you know to attend our youth group and enjoy the opportunity to be with an inclusive group of like-minded peers!

Sunday, October 21

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

### "Finding Sanctuary"

**Celebrant:** Sara Pickett; **Anchor:** Laura Christian  
**Music:** Guy Hallman

It was a great day when our congregation voted to provide sanctuary for those in danger of unjust deportation. Yet the idea of sanctuary is about more than providing physical space. Who needs sanctuary? How do we find it? How does this help us in our spiritual lives?

**RE Information:** With our older children, we will talk about what it means to have someone living in Sanctuary with us.

Our Wisdom of Wondering children will continue with their exploration of Sanctuary by thinking about spaces where they can find Sanctuary in their every day!

Sunday, October 28

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

### "A Beloved Forbear"

**Celebrant:** Gloria Holland; **Anchor:** Sara Pickett  
**Music:** Christie Smith

Who are your spiritual ancestors? Who are the great souls whose lives of goodness, courage and compassion inspire you in your own? Come hear the story of one truly exceptional Unitarian forbear, one who has shaped my very ministry.

*For this service we will create an "Ancestral Altar." Please bring a picture, photo or image of a loved one who has died or perhaps an image of a figure you deeply revere.*

**RE Information:** Today we will have our own Ancestral Altar in RE for all ages. We will also celebrate the meaning of Halloween and play games and have snacks. All ages are encouraged to wear costumes that do not scare our youngest UU's and be a part of our annual costume parade near the end of the service.

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