



# *The Chalice and the Flame*

*Diverse people. Diverse beliefs. One community.*

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

## April 2019

### **Small Pledge Increase and a Matching Gift CAN Overcome Our Pledge Shortfall!**

A very generous family has offered to increase their annual pledge by \$6,000 if the congregation pledges enough to fund UUCS next year at current levels, \$303,000. How much is needed?

So far, about 170 of us have pledged either as individuals or as households. If we all increase our pledge by an average of **only \$7.35 month (\$88.24 per year)**, we will reach the pledge target!

So, it CAN BE DONE! Will you consider increasing your pledge by at least \$7.35 per month? And, if you have not yet pledged, please do so, now! Together we can make this happen!

Pledge forms can be found in the foyer of the church. However, it is quicker and easier to use our [online Estimate of Giving form](#). Only the increase in your latest pledge will be counted towards meeting the \$6,000 challenge, but you can check a box on the pledge form to make your intent clearer. Just check the box on the online pledge form next to the words "This form REPLACES a previous form."

Thank you for helping to support our beloved community! ~ Bob Muir, 2019-20 Abundance Team

### **Rev Rick's Sabbatical**

After twenty-six years of ministerial service to our congregation, our minister, Rev. Rick Davis, will take his first extended sabbatical from April 2019 through July 2019.

Rev. Rick has been consulting with congregational leaders and UUCS staff to ensure that his areas of responsibility will be covered during his time of renewal. The Rev. Mark Gallagher – who has spoken here often – will be our part time Sabbatical Minister. Other engaging speakers will work with our Worship Team will insure consistent, quality Sunday worship services. Our Life Lines Lay Ministry Team and our strong tradition of mutual care will continue with extra pastoral support provided as requested. Rites of passage will be available as needed. Our dedicated staff will ensure that other administrative and programmatic aspects of congregational life continue to run smoothly. The [Sabbatical Handbook](#) is intended to answer any questions related to Rev. Rick's sabbatical. The Sabbatical Return Service will be Sunday September 8, 2019.

### **Corrie-Cozart Book Launch and Reading April 4**

Celebrate the publication of former UUCS member Virginia Corrie-Cozart's posthumous poetry collection, *Wavering Reflections*, with a reading by members of the Peregrine Writers Group. Share in the lyric legacy of Salem's beloved poet, artist, and musician with selections from her final poems. April 4, 7 pm at the IKE Box, 299 Cottage St. NE, Salem.

### **Journey to Belonging Begins April 4**

Join in and share your Journey to Belonging in a 3-month Covenant Group that will explore our spiritual journeys. We will share where we come from, where we are, and what we look forward to exploring. Our spring session of Journey to Belonging will be facilitated by Sara Pickett, UUCS member.

The group will meet for 3 months on the first Thursday of the month: 6:30 - 8pm; April 4, May 2, and June 6. Ready to sign up? Use the [online form to RSVP](#). All are welcome to join!

### **Women's Alliance To Hear Master Gardener April 9**

All are welcome to come hear Tobie Habeck from Master Gardeners speak to the Women's Alliance at UUCS next Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 pm. (Due to a misunderstanding, her talk was announced for the March meeting, but we'll be even more interested in gardening now!)

Ms. Habeck will discuss class offerings and the variety of programs Master Gardener participants may choose to become involved in. She will also give some tips on early spring gardening. Visitors are welcome to stay for refreshments and, if they wish, the business meeting.



## Reverential Ramblings

~ Rev. Richard Davis, UUCS's minister

In the final weeks before my sabbatical one thing became ever more abundantly clear to me – I feel so honored and grateful to serve as your minister - it brings me such joy and pleasure to share life with you as we work to help our congregation thrive, thereby blessing ourselves and the surrounding community. We are learning to trust in the love that is shared, and this empowers us. And I trust that our time apart will help us gain even more clarity and a renewed sense of purpose.

I am so grateful to my good friend and dear colleague Rev. Mark Gallagher for agreeing to serve as our sabbatical minister. Our friendship stretches back more than twenty-five years, and we are like brothers. Mark and I have met and discussed this sabbatical time a number of times and I have invited him to offer his many gifts to our beloved congregation. What a wonderful, excellent minister you will have with you during this time. Please open your hearts to him and enjoy what he has to offer (a lot!) to the fullest. May it be so!

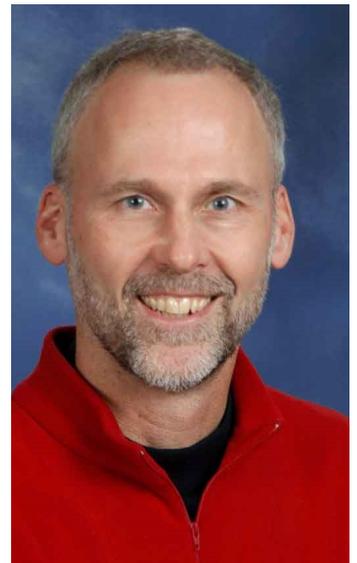
Love,  
Rick

### **Meet our Sabbatical Minister, Mark Gallagher**

Mark has been a Unitarian Universalist minister for over 25 years, serving as pastor of the UU Church of Vancouver (WA) most of that time. Since 2015 he has been pursuing a private-practice ministry, doing the parts of ministry he loves most: preaching, teaching, and leading workshops. He is familiar to many at UUCS, having been a regular guest preacher with us.

He is married to Jennifer Gallagher and still lives in Vancouver with their grown children: Quinn and Miles (both in college, living at home).

Like our pastor, Rick, Mark has practiced Buddhist meditation for many years. His faith journey centers on deepening in reverence for the Great Mystery of existence – especially the natural Universe and the mystery of consciousness .





## Lifespan Religious Exploration

~ Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

**April** Soul Matters Theme asks, “What does it mean to be a people of Wholeness?” Our Religious Exploration (RE) Program has paid for families to receive the Soul Matters Sharing Circle packets supporting families as they explore the world around them. If you are not already receiving this offering and would like to, please be sure I have your email address and I will forward the packets to you.

When exploring this month’s theme, as I prepared the lessons for April, I kept thinking about what being a people of wholeness means to us as a congregation. This is just my thought to share as the theme is explored. I notice that individuals get caught up in their own area of what they do for the congregation. Perhaps someone spends most of their time being a part of one specific committee and attending on Sundays. Someone else may be a part of another committee and not even know about other committees and what they do. Someone might see the RE Program as something that just happens in the RE wing only on Sundays. When we individually are having these different experiences, it is easy to forget that all of our individual responsibilities and interests are what actually make up a whole congregation. For instance, the children and youth are not a separate part of our congregation. They are part of the whole. The Team or Committee you are on is not a separate group but a part of the whole congregation. We are all so much more – together – and each of our individual contributions are what make us stronger as a whole. There is not one weaker lesser part of our whole, just different kinds of pieces. Pieces that fit well together to create one unique congregation. So perhaps my take-away in relating this month’s theme to our congregation is to challenge each of us to explore and lift up all the contributions we all make individually and to recognize how that makes us a “congregation of wholeness” connected by a covenant of good relations. In your exploration, maybe you will even find a new niche where you might want to spend some of your time!

I am thankful for all the many of us that make up the whole!! Have a great April.

*In faith and until next time, Christi*

Christi J Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

### ~ Other Notes Of Interest From RE ~

**April 5-7:** High school youth will be attending the spring youth conference in Randall, WA

**April 21** EASTER SUNDAY. We will celebrate Easter and Earth Day together this year. We will be spending time outside in Bateman Woods searching for canned food to donate to Marion-Polk Food Share. Three years ago we began our tradition of hiding canned food instead of eggs as a social justice project for our children and youth. We donated over 100 pounds of food last year. Youth hide the cans in the woods and children search for the donated cans. Once all of the food has been found and collected, children get to choose filled Easter Eggs to take home! ***Please help us make this a successful project and continue to bring your canned food to donate to our Annual Easter Egg Canned Food Drive! There is a collection box in the foyer.***

**April 27-28:** Middle School Youth will be heading to the Willamette Valley UU Cluster Opal Creek Trip. Registration is full!

# Happenings and Highlights

## "Love is Strong as Death" at UUCS April 7

Come hear the next musical offering in the UUCS Concerts in the Sanctuary series, "Love is Strong as Death" on Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm. This un-staged, concise opera, was composed in 2017 by Christopher Wicks and is a re-telling of the ancient Celtic legend of Tristram and Isolde. The concert features UUCS's own Aimee Larsen-Amend, as well as Alison Seeber, Bennet Bailey and Christopher Wicks on piano. The concert will also include excerpts from other musical/dramatic works by Wicks.

Tickets are \$15 (\$5 for students) at the door or what you can pay.. Don't miss this amazing production!

## Songs of Civil Disobedience & Redemption April 13

The Civil Disobedients return to UUCS on Saturday April 13 at 7 pm. This is a band of 6 whose music is dedicated to issues of social justice, reviving classic songs whose roots go back as far as the 1930's depression era songs and also looking forward. Playing acoustic instruments, including guitars, bass ukelele, cajon and keyboards - and a few unexpected instruments - put together with tight vocal harmonies and audience participation. We are topical and contemporary and historical all at the same time. Join us! Tickets are \$10 or whatever you can pay at the door.

## Health and Aging Workshop Series Starts April 23

If you are age 60+ and didn't make the first Health and Aging series, please try again. Improve your health or your money back! Four (free) workshops on health and aging will be offered again at UUCS, this time on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:30 pm, April 23, 30, May 7 and May 14. Content is different on each date. David requests that you register for the entire series. [Click here to register.](#)

David Haber, retired Western Oregon University gerontology professor, and author of *Health Promotion and Aging* (8th edition will be published in 2019) will distribute the latest health research findings, followed by discussion (if willing) of your own practices and ideas. Group limited to 12 participants.

## Beltane Ritual with Besom Craft Projects May 4

The Wild Witches of the Willamette, Eclectic Witches of Oregon and Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans of Salem are partnering to bring a free besom making workshop and Beltane tea ritual on Saturday May 4. We will begin with an eclectic Beltane ritual to draw in our intentions through sharing a tea ceremony, where we will cast the circle, all share tea, and then offer a collective chalice of tea for the Goddess and God. After the ritual, we will have a potluck and besom making workshop. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SUPPLIES! We will have some extra but in order for this to be a free event we want to strongly encourage people to collaborate and bring extra supplies so we don't have to charge for this event. What to bring: • A stick for a handle • Dried herbs • Dried flowers • Charms • Hemp or twine • Ribbon • Straw • Dried Grasses. Ritual will begin at 4 pm, with broom making workshop and drumming to follow. We look forward to celebrating the Wheel of the Year at Beltane with our beautiful community. Blessed Be!

# Help Needed and Appreciated!

## Thanks for St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Dinner

The Fellowship Team wishes to thank all who helped make the St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Dinner a success!

Thanks to:

Joel Martin who created the wonderful meal

Jack Tally for the delicious Shepherd's Pie,

John Prohodsky for the great Irish Soda Bread,

Ted and Carolyn Cory for the beautiful music,

Rich Ford and Robert Muir for their help preparing the meat,

Sharon Pierson, Joel Woodman, Jean Logan and Tom Lancefield for their help with the colcannon,

Sharon Pierson and Joel Woodman for helping with the bread pudding,

Sharon Pierson, Robin Lamont, and Patrice Pollard for the evening preparation and serving,

Sharon and Neil Pierson and Patrice Pollard for clean-up, and

Everyone who attended and enjoyed the evening! Joel and I are grateful!

~Submitted by Michael Pollard (Fellowship team of one)

### Help Homeless Families Apr 14-20 - Volunteer Sign-up Now

UUCS will be hosting homeless families from April 14 through 20 through the Family Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up during the fellowship hours after each service or [use the online form](#).

It takes about 50 volunteers to set up for the week, prepare and serve dinner, entertain our guests in the evenings, stay overnight with them, and help pack up once the week is over. Your time commitment can be just a few hours or overnight, whatever fits your schedule. We thank you in advance for your participation. Every little bit helps. See [the Family Promise website](#) for more information about activities in support of this worthy cause.

### Cordon Road Clean Up April 27

Come help with the Cordon Road Cleanup effort on Saturday, April 27, at 9 am. Twice a year, our members pick up litter along the segment of Cordon Road adjacent to our property, in return for having our name on the Adopt-a-Road sign – a great way of increasing our visibility in the community.

We will meet at the UUCS parking lot at 9 am. Safety vests and garbage bags will be provided. First-time adult volunteers must sign a waiver. 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. To volunteer, please contact Michael Pollard at [mpollard608@aol.com](mailto:mpollard608@aol.com).

### Safer Congregation Committee Needs You!

The Safer Congregation Committee was created to prevent and deal with any issues of sexual harassment or child abuse that might arise in the congregation. To ensure that UUCS is a safe and harassment-free place where we are able to voice opinions freely and resolve conflict in a healthy way, the Committee is beginning a process to help with conflict resolution/restorative communications within the church. If you are willing to take mediation training and help with conflict resolution situations, please attend one of our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday at 5 pm.

### Volunteers Needed at Congregations Helping People

[Congregations Helping People](#) is an affiliated ministry of UUCS. Recently, we received the following request from Rebecca Strader:

*Friends: I'm the new Program Director at Congregations Helping People, and I can say that my work with, in many ways, the poorest of the poor, is one of most meaningful ministry positions I've held. We do have a need for a new crop of volunteers, and I am reaching out to our supporting congregations for just the right people who can be calm, gracious, computer literate, and focused. You will be blessed!*

Contact Rebecca at [staff@chpsalem.org](mailto:staff@chpsalem.org) for more details.

## Soul Matters Theme Talk

The following thoughts relate to the recent Soul Matters Theme of **Journey** and were collected and provided by Steve Rosen.

Larry Smith is passionate about helping people share their life journeys. He created a website with numerous tools and prompts to make sharing easier. One prompt turned out to be everyone's favorite: *Pare down your life journey to six words*. It was inspired by Ernest Hemingway taking up a bar bet to write a novel in 6 words. Hemingway's response: "For Sale: Baby shoes, never worn."

*Here are some contributions from the UU Congregation:*

"Lost in nightmares, saved by dreams." Erich Schmidt

"I came. I saw. I ate." Wes Johnson

"Swim often in the river Muse." Jon Chinburg

"Dirt water make coils for life." Jerrold Martisak

"Long tale, some ups and downs." Alan Holland

"Keep Your Hands on the Plow." Tom Lancefield

"Late to launch, but spirit soared." Don Beckman

"Your journey is worth my attention." David Haber

"Curiously tried, Worked, succeeded. Satisfaction Guaranteed!" Jerry Nathan

"I'm an 'extra' in your movie." Joel Woodman

"Go west raise happy resilient children." Steve Rosen

# Splinters from the Board

## Budget Actions:

The Budget Committee reported on the status of the budget and the budget development process. Final pledge numbers are not in yet, but all indications are that UUCS will not have sufficient Operating Fund resources to meet current operating needs. The Budget Committee requested that the Board give direction on the priorities for budget reductions.

By unanimous electronic vote, the Board approved the following 2019-20 Board Budget Priorities:

*If UUCS Budget funds allow – priority for funding the budget will be as follows:*

- ◆ Fund facilities maintenance requirements and facilities reserves;
  - ◆ Provide for Staffing at the level that is recommended by UUA 'best practices' for 'staffing for success', sustainment and growth of the congregation;
  - ◆ Hire a Congregational "Administrator". With definition in alignment with the UUA position description; and
  - ◆ Prioritize 'projects' from Committees and Teams with fund-raising efforts that also provide for at least 10% of their funds raised to be allocated back into the UUCS Facility Reserve or Ministry budget.
- If UUCS Budget funds do not allow – priority for reducing budget will be as follows:*
- ◆ Reduce all program team budget line item funds; and direct and show those amounts requested and needed are to be funded with specific fund-raising efforts of each respective team; with 10% of any funds raised to go toward the UUCS Facility Reserve fund;
  - ◆ Require that all fund-raisers conducted under the auspices of the UUCS by any team, committee, or affiliated ministry through-out the year have at least 10% of funds raised to be allocated back into the UUCS Facility Reserve fund;
  - ◆ Reduce Staff hours according to lowest risk of impact to congregation (e.g., reducing music does not pose a risk of liability for not having appropriate staffing – as does R.E.); and/or
  - ◆ Reduce staff position(s) with lowest impact of risk to congregation well-being and growth.

## Letter in Support of the Islamic Community:

Reverend Rick requested that the Board, acting for the UUCS Congregation, approve the following letter in support of the Islamic Community. By unanimous electronic vote, the Board approved this letter:

"Islam is one of humankind's great spiritual traditions which guides our many Muslim sisters and brothers around the world to walk the sacred path of compassion, wisdom, peace and justice, thereby enriching us all. Since the earliest days of our nation's history Muslim Americans have been woven into the fabric of our national story and, today, we celebrate the strengthening presence of people from around the world who practice the Islamic faith. This enhances our diversity and greatly blesses our nation, and for this we are grateful.

We are profoundly distressed and saddened that there are those whose minds have been poisoned by fear, ignorance or bigotry against the Islamic faith, and we are shocked and heartbroken at the vicious attack on Muslims in New Zealand during their Friday prayers. This was a vile act which we utterly condemn. It has caused grievous harm to the members of the Islamic Community of Salem, OR and to all Muslims in our community beyond our full understanding, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy, compassion and concern to the members of the Islamic Center of Salem, OR. Please know that you are not outsiders, you are an integral and important part of our community. Please also know that we are committed to do all that we can to help, not only during this time of grief, but in the days to come."

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# Social Justice News

## **SJAT March Report**

Reverend Rick and three other Social Justice in Action (SJAT) team members attended an Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrJ) meeting at First United Methodist Church on March 7 to learn and prepare for the first IMIrJ Advocacy Day on April 8. The last day to register was April 1. OUUVfJ board members plan to attend and gather for a group photo with UU's in attendance across the state. [For more information, check the UUCS website.](#)

PFLAG members met in the Fellowship Hall on March 11 and listened to guest speaker, Representative Theresa Alonso Leon.

The SJAT members who planned to participate in CAUSA's Advocacy Day on March 25 regret not being able to attend but are grateful they were able to support the people who needed them on that day.

SJAT members are collecting signatures of UUCS members and friends who support the Equal Access to Roads Act (HB 2015). If enacted, this bill will give our undocumented friends and neighbors access to a driver's license, ensuring their right to drive, and thus avoiding deportation in case of a traffic stop. Signatures will be collected through Sunday, April 7 and given to our state legislators on April 8.

The Share the Plate Recipient for February, the Minister's Discretionary Fund, received \$2,988.87. Thank you!

Our team is grateful for the opportunity to serve our congregation.

~Submitted by Patrice Pollard

## **Words from UUA's Economic Justice Projects for this Month**

Perhaps there is no more fundamental issue underlying most of the world's ills than economic injustice and greed. Our UUA is addressing this issue via several projects which have been featured in the Chalice & Flame for several months. This is the third and final article of the series.

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality. Read more about the UUA's actions on the [Poor People's Campaign webpage.](#)

# Calendar

## **Membership Team Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 2, 6:00 pm**

### **Danza Azteca**

**Tuesday, April 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.

## **Landscape Team Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2:30 pm**

### **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.

## **Choir Rehearsal**

**Every Thursday, 6:30 pm**

### **Journey to Belonging**

**Thursday, April 4, 6:30 pm**

See article.

## **PNWD Spring Youth Conference**

**April 5 through April 7**

### **Dances of Universal Peace**

**Friday, April 5, 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.

## **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.

## **Middle School to Opal Creek**

**April 6 to April 7**

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

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

### **Seed & Plant Exchange**

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

Come and join us for a seed and plant exchange. Bring whatever you want to share. Take home what you want, whether or not you brought something. There will be time to visit with other gardeners. Looking forward to connecting with others who love plants!

### **"Love is Strong as Death" Opera Performance**

**Sunday, April 7, 4:00 pm** See article.

### **PFLAG Meeting**

**Monday, April 8, 7:00 pm**

PFLAG is the extended family of the LGBTQ community. We're made up of LGBTQ individuals, family members and allies. Because together, we're stronger.

### **Women's Alliance Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 pm**

Monthly program and meeting

### **Habitat and Hope Meeting**

**Thursday, April 11, 12:30 pm**

Homeless Coalition partnership with other Interfaith groups

### **Board Meeting**

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

### **ArtWorks Team Meeting**

**Friday, April 12, 10:00 am**

Monthly business meeting of the ArtWorks Team. Open to all interested UUUCS members.

### **Landscape Work Party**

**Saturday, April 13, 9:00 am**

### **Songs of Civil Disobedience & Redemption**

**Saturday, April 13, 7:00 pm**

See article.

### **Compassionate Connection**

**Sunday, April 14, 11:30 am**

Please join us, 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.

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

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

The monthly SJAT meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Committee on Ministry Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 16, 10:30 am**

### **Safer Congregation Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 16, 5:00 pm**

### **Danza Azteca**

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

(See April 2)

## **Dances of Universal Peace**

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

(See April 5)

### **Finance Team Meeting**

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

### **Dharma Group**

**Sunday, April 21, 9:00 am**

### **RE Team Meeting**

**Sunday, April 21, 12:15 pm**

### **Men's Group Meeting**

**Sunday, April 21, 12:30 pm**

All UUs identifying as men are welcome! Men attending will check in and there will be discussion. All that is discussed will be kept confidential unless the safety of a participant or someone else is at risk.

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

**Tuesday, April 23, 2:00 pm** See article.

### **Facilities Team Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 pm**

### **Danza Azteca**

**Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 pm**

(See April 2)

### **Circle Suppers**

**Friday, Apr 26 to April 27** [is an article coming?]

### **ArtWorks Art Making**

**Friday, April 26, 10:00 am**

### **Cordon Road Clean-Up (Adopt-a-Highway Program)**

**Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am**

### **Gifts for Mom Workshop**

**Saturday, April 27, 2:00 pm**

A FUNraiser for Save Salem's Peace Mosaic, this event will provide multiple gift-making opportunities led by artists and craftspeople. Hosted by the RE Team

### **Communications Team Meeting**

**Monday, April 29, 4:00 pm**

Join the Communications Team for discussion of progress on our UUUCS newsletter, website, Facebook, publicity and video projects. Newcomers or visitors welcome.

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

**Tuesday, April 30, 2:00 pm**

(See April 23)

### **Danza Azteca**

**Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 pm**

(See April 2)

### **Journey to Belonging**

**Thursday, May 2, 6:30 pm**

A 3 month covenant group to explore our spiritual journeys.

### **Dances of Universal Peace**

**Friday, May 3, 7:00 pm**

(See April 5)

### **Beltane Ritual with Besom Craft Projects**

**Saturday, May 4, 4:00 pm**

See article.

# Worship Services and Religious Exploration

Sunday, April 7

The Rev. Mark Gallagher

## "A Soul's Eye View"

**Celebrant:** Janet Stevens; **Anchor:** Sara Pickett

**Music:** Ted Cory and Guy Hallman

Normally, we experience our lives from a small-self point of view – focused on personal relationships, household affairs, career, and so forth. It is good sometimes to step back and gaze upon the world from a soul's eye view.

Sunday, April 14

Tom Ellis

## "A Truffula Seed"

**Celebrant:** Gloria Holland; **Anchor:** Geoff Hutchinson

**Music:** UUCS Choir

The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss, is an environmental allegory that pits a rapacious forest-destroying "onceler" against a fuzzy little "lorax" who "speaks for the trees." But the deeper significance of this parable-like tale lies in the "Truffula Seed" he offers at the end of the story--the seed of "unless"--conferring resolution and courage in the face of an uncertain and frightening future.

Sunday, April 21

The Rev. Mark Gallagher

## "Miracle of Miracles!"

### *An Easter/Earth Day Celebration*

**Celebrant:** Janet Stevens; **Anchor:** Becky Harrison

**Music:** UUCS Choir

The holy day of Easter celebrates the miracle of Jesus rising from the tomb, symbolizing the Christian promise of life eternal. This year Easter coincides closely with Earth Day (April 22). Today we celebrate the stupendous miracle of being part of the life of this unique, beautiful planet – Earth.

Sunday, April 28

The Rev. Mark Gallagher

## "Science and Theology"

**Celebrant:** Laura Christian; **Anchor:** Geoff Hutchinson

**Music:** Ted Cory

This is the first in a six-part series on the interplay of science and theology. In this post-modern age, many fundamental questions about reality are being considered afresh. Science and theology are two important ways of looking at these questions.

Sunday, May 5

Judy McGavin

## "Reflections from the UUA "

**Celebrant:** Sara Pickett; **Anchor:** Tom Ellis

**Music:** George Struble and Guy Hallman

Judy McGavin, former member of the UUA Board of Trustees, reflects on that experience and contemplates the future of Unitarian Universalism.

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