



# The Chalice and the Flame

*Diverse people. Diverse beliefs. One community.*

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

## May 2019

### Women's Alliance Annual Dinner - RSVP by May 7

Tuesday evening, May 14, will be the last gathering until fall for the UUCS Women's Alliance. This year, the traditional May dinner meeting will be at McNary Golf Club, 155 McNary Estates Dr N, Keizer 97303. There are still several spaces available, so anyone reading this who would like to join us but hasn't yet made a reservation should contact Jane Manning right away: [janemyoung@aol.com](mailto:janemyoung@aol.com). The charge for the meal is \$27, including salad, entrée, nonalcoholic beverage, dessert and gratuity. Give your choice of a) gluten free/veggie lasagna, b) flat iron steak, c) pesto chicken. Payment can be made by giving cash or a check made out to Women's Alliance to Diana Bodtke. Happy hour and conversation start at 5:30 pm, with dinner about 6:00 pm.

### Taking a Soul's-Eye View Workshop May 11

Saturday, May 11, 1 pm – 4 pm, Rev. Mark Gallagher will lead a workshop of guided meditations, personal reflections, and structured interactions to invite a shift of perspective from our usual mental chatter to a soul's-eye view. Beneath the planning, commentary and emotional reactions which usually occupy our minds, there are deeper layers of living experience. In this workshop we will practice bearing warm-hearted witness to the unfolding of our lives – without trying to solve, improve, or 'fix' anything.

Participants should be willing to sit (or stand) for several minutes at a time in introspection, and to engage supportively in structured small group interactions.

A maximum of 30 participants may sign up and there is a \$35 registration fee. To register, email Jennifer at [j35gallagher@gmail.com](mailto:j35gallagher@gmail.com) to see if there are still openings. Contact Rev. Mark Gallagher at [revmarkgallagher@gmail.com](mailto:revmarkgallagher@gmail.com) with questions about the program.

Rev. Mark Gallagher was pastor of the UU Church of Vancouver for 21 years. He has been studying and practicing Buddhism for over 30 years and exploring the mystery of consciousness for considerably longer. Mark has led numerous classes, workshops, and retreats on living with depth and integrity. Currently he is filling in at the UU Congregation of Salem as Sabbatical Minister.

### 2019 Annual Meeting May 19 at Noon

UUCS will hold its annual congregational meeting on Sunday, May 19, after the service, beginning promptly at 12:00. Lunch will be served. Child care will be available: if you plan to take advantage of child care, please make a reservation so that the organizers can ensure there are enough sack lunches available for the children. You can reserve a lunch for your child(ren) by filling out the [online childcare reservation](#) form.

In advance of the meeting, you can review the slate of candidates, and budget in detail on the [2019 Congregational Meeting webpage](#). **You must be an eligible member to vote on the issues at this meeting.**

Per our bylaws, voting members must meet the following criteria:

- have shown sympathy with the Congregation's purpose as stated in Article II of the Bylaws by signing the membership book,
- have within the last twelve months made a financial pledge, and
- have within the last twelve months made an identifiable financial contribution.

**On May 12, you can stop by the membership table in the Fellowship Hall to verify that our records correctly reflect your membership status.** You can also verify your status by using your Breeze app to review your pledge and contribution information for the current (2018-19) year. If you do not have a Breeze login, review the setup instructions on the [UUCS Membership Directory](#) page or send a request to [directoryupdates@uusalem.org](mailto:directoryupdates@uusalem.org).



# ReMarks

## ~ Rev. Mark Gallagher, Sabbatical Minister

Well, Rev. Rick has been on sabbatical for a month now. I hope he is catching his breath and settling into some deep reflection and remembering. I imagine most of you-all are just beginning to actually feel the absence of Rick and the presence of myself. If we liken church life to music, it's the same composition but with a change of tempo, a change of key. A lot is the same, but something is noticeably different. I hope that difference piques your interest the way a key or tempo change does.

As for me, I appreciate the opportunity for sustained engagement beyond what is afforded by single-serving guest preaching events. As a guest preacher, for instance, I never get to do a sermon series. Serving as your Sabbatical Minister provides an opportunity to delve into the kind of 'larger thought' a series makes possible.

By my reckoning, any decent religion should invite people to see their lives, and their society, and the whole mystery of life itself in a larger frame of reference; to raise our sights above the current personal and political dramas which tend to monopolize our attention. My 6-part sermon series is an attempt at that. "Science & Theology" is a reflection on who we are and what is really going on here (theology) from the perspective of looking carefully at the natural Universe (natural philosophy or science). As it turns out, the picture of reality painted by our most careful observation thus far is something I find utterly stupendous and reverence-worthy. A lot of UU-ish folk find it inspiring, and I hope it will be so for you. (If not, I appreciate your generous forbearance.)

Some of you have been asking me for a printed sermon text. What I plan to do is edit the six sermons into a little booklet and make that available when the series of done, in mid-June.

Your faithful companion,

Mark

## Welcome Jo to the UUCS Office!



Welcome the newest member of UUCS Staff, Jordynn Sweeney or, as they like to be called around the office, "Jo". Jo's preferred pronouns are "they" and "them." As UU'ers dedicated to social justice and honoring an individual's worth and dignity, it shouldn't be a problem for us to use the preferred pronouns.

Jo is a member of Confluence LGBT Choir. Their strong history with tutoring students at Chemeketa Community College and computer skills made them one of the top choices of the hiring committee.

Jo was hired to help out Sam in the office but now that Sam has left us, Jo will be helping us transition to a new Office Admin position, though at this point the board hasn't decided what type of position will replace Sam's position. Many things that Sam did for UUCS are just not going to get done or will be done by office volunteers, so please be patient with us as we transition.



## *Lifespan Religious Exploration*

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

*May* brings us to the last month of individual Religious Exploration (RE) programming. Our theme for the month is, “What does it mean to be a people of curiosity?” One Sunday in May, we will have three tiny two legged visitors that will be curious to meet you all!

An email group was created to share the family packets for the Soul Matters Theme each month. If you are not receiving them, please let me know. The last packet until fall will be in June.

For Easter, we had a successful Easter “egg” Canned Food Drive that benefitted Marion Polk Food Share. Though our donations were down, with an RE contribution and a lot of people that still donated, we collected over one hundred pounds of canned food! Thank you to all who contributed.

In April, we said good-bye to Elizabeth Bauman, our consistent, awesome Nursery Coordinator. She will be very missed. With that loss, we are in need of volunteers to fill her position until a replacement can be found. Her position was part of a job share. If you are interested in working on Sundays for four hours every week, please let me know and we can explain the process. The hours include care during the service, set-up of RE and take down of RE so the preschool can have their space back, occasional extra projects and meetings.. It is so important to have consistent faces in our nursery for our youngest Unitarian Universalists (UUs).

Our summer program has been decided. We will be using a curriculum written by a fellow Director of Religious Exploration. The lessons explore other cultures through cooking! We will be including learning from our UU principles and sources. Our summer programming is geared towards preschool through fifth grade; however, all ages are welcome to attend and there is always a way for us to connect the learning for all ages.

In order to make sure that we can offer our summer programming, we will need volunteers to fill the nursery vacancy and we will need volunteers to help the staff with the summer curriculum. We will need three volunteers each Sunday at this point in our planning. We have only had two people commit to helping one Sunday a month so far. Please let me know what is possible for you this summer.

We hope to add parents to our RE Team. Our team meets once a month (3rd Sundays) to discuss ideas for our programming and to plan extra activities and fun. If you would like a “behind the scenes” look at the RE programming and helping with decision making for the program, we would love to have you be a part of the team. Please talk with me more about it if you are interested in providing service to RE in a different way from directly working with the children.

*In gratitude and until next time, Christi*

Christi J Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

## Happenings and Highlights

### Salem Ukulele Band at UUCS May 25

Salem's pluckiest new orchestra, the Salem Ukulele Band, presents hits from Disney to Metallica and beyond, on Saturday, May 25, at 7 pm at UUCS.

Started in 2019 by Zak Zundel, the Salem Ukulele Band was created out of a desire to arrange tunes for an ensemble of fretted instruments. We perform a variety of songs from all eras and genres, and our mission is to create joy from the un-ordinary. The ensemble rehearses at Willamette Valley Music Company.

Tickets are \$8 at the door: pay what you can. For questions, or information about joining the band, contact Zak Zundel at [salemukuleleband@gmail.com](mailto:salemukuleleband@gmail.com).

### Time to Change the Building Access Codes

Per UUCS Security Policy, it is time to change the building access codes. If you require access, please come into the UUCS office Tuesday through Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. Please plan ahead so your meeting or event can begin as scheduled.

Codes will be changed on May 14, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Jo at [office@uusalem.org](mailto:office@uusalem.org).

### Western Oregon Early Music Concert June 1

On Saturday, June 1, beginning at 7:30 pm, the Western Oregon Early Music Ensemble will present Baroque music of Spain and South America featuring guest artist Daniel Zuluaga. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

### The Buddha Who Lost Its Head

In the summer of 2018 the Buddha Head statue which resides in the garden outside the Fellowship Hall was vandalized, its head was toppled from its pedestal base.

In early November, 2018, the Salem Zen Center/Compassionate Mind Sangha decided to attempt a repair. Two members who have experience in repairing broken items, including Buddha statues, designed a fix which would not only return the head to its place on top of the pedestal base, but also prevent the head from being toppled again. After a written proposal, complete with drawings, and a meeting with the Facilities Team, the proposal was approved. With the onset of winter the implementation of the repair was postponed until spring and better weather. Over the Easter weekend the repair was successfully completed! Many thanks to David Stanly, Ted Fontaine and Kirk Jarvie, members of the Compassionate Mind Sangha, for the design and for their muscle in making this project a success.

## News of the Community

April's Soul Matters theme was **Wholeness**. Here are responses to the question: "*In what space or place do you feel most whole?*"

My home. *Gloria Holland*

With spouse and cat. *Jeanne St. Pierre*

Blazing trails in many contexts: forests, being, teaching, learning, opposing, agreeing. *Jean Logan*

Being at the coast or playing the piano. Meditation. *Sara Pickett*

Walking outdoors in a natural setting, relaxing at home, being with my children and grandchildren. Dancing! *Cheryl Randall*

In a wildflower meadow. *Barbara Stebbins-Boaz*

Being outdoors in a beautiful place in Oregon. *Ann Hanus*

Wholeness lies in quiet, undisturbed forests. *Laura Christian*

100 pounds of clay and a potter's wheel. *Margrethe Gregg*

The 'place' where I feel most 'whole' is any place where the environment is clean, healthy, thriving and the people in it feel joy, comfort, and peace. *Joanne Manson*

## Help Needed and Appreciated!

### Summer Coffee Service Helpers Needed

Coffee Service Providers are needed for Fellowship Hours from June 9- August 25. During the summer, UUCS relies on individuals, not teams, to provide coffee service. If there are no volunteers for a Sunday, there will not be coffee on that day. This service takes time, but it is not difficult to do (providing snacks is always optional).

At least 2 people are needed for the following Sundays: June 9, 16, 23, and 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25. Please sign up on the schedule at the Social Justice Table. Please consider working together with a friend(s) to serve UUCS this summer. Your time and service are greatly appreciated! Contact Michael Pollard for any questions.

### Cordon Road Cleanup - THANK YOU

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem's contract with Marion County is to provide a twice-yearly cleaning of 1 mile of Cordon Road. In exchange, two "Adopt-a-Road" signs (with our congregation's name) are placed along Cordon Road; one for southbound traffic at Center and Cordon and the other for northbound traffic at Cordon and Pennsylvania. Marion County traffic studies show that more than 10,000 cars drive on Cordon Road each day.

Thank you to Wayne Harris, Ingrid Stromberg, Hannah Batu, Cheryl Seleen, Connie Anderson, Carolee Anderson, Phoebe Anderson, and Vaughn Gage for helping with the Cordon Road Clean Up on Saturday, April 27. We worked hard and filled 16 yellow bags and pulled various debris to the side of the road for pick up by the county. The next cleanup will be in November 2019. Your help was needed and appreciated!!

~Submitted by Michael Pollard

## Social Justice News

### SJAT Monthly Report

The Social Justice in Action Team became a Member Partner of IMIrJ (Immigrant Movement for Immigrant Justice) in April. Rev. Rick, Sarah Pickett, Michael Pollard and Patrice Pollard attended the IMIrJ Advocacy Day on April 8, 2019. We joined 250 others, including Rev. Connie Yost and Kathleen McKinney of the Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice (OUUVfJ), and Reverend Marcia Stanard of Willamette Falls; a few other UU's from our state were also there. This was a happy, busy, long, and very gratifying day. Our team from UUCS began work at St. Mark Lutheran Church at 7:00 am. We helped with registration and breakfast. We participated in the worship service and two of us served as crossing guards during the procession to the Capitol. We met with legislators and, with the help of new friends, delivered 42 copies of the UUCS signature list, stating 83 members' and friends' support for HB 2015 (Equal Access to Roads Act) to our state senators and representatives.

On April 17, 2019 Reverend Rick, Sarah, Michael and Patrice attended a hearing for HB 2015, along with 500 other supporters. We listened to testimony both for and against. It was very disturbing to hear the venom coming from the opposition group. It was difficult to hear the words "illegals", "criminals", and "aliens" used to refer to people who are trying to provide a good life for and take care of their families, as we all are trying to do. I went to the hearing to support people who are marginalized and hated because of their country of birth, their skin color, or their accents. I was humbled when some of the women thanked me for my support. I thanked them for testifying. It took courage to speak after being called illegal and criminals, and being demeaned in so many ways. Their strength and determination were astounding, and I resolved to be less fearful in my own life.

The team also supports other bills such as the Welcoming Refugees Bill (HB2508) and the Updating Hate Crimes Law (SB577). The legislature is in session through June. The OUUVfJ have 30 plus pages of bills they support in alignment with our UU values and principles. Please stop by the Social Justice Table during fellowship hours to view the printout and lend your support.

~Submitted by Patrice Pollard

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

# Splinters from the Board

## Staffing the UUCS Office

The Board approved hiring temporary personnel to staff the UUCS office following the resignation of Samantha Scales, which is effective April 19, 2019. Jo Sweeney has been hired as the temporary Office Assistant. She will work one-third time through June. The Board will determine how to permanently staff the office as part of its budget deliberations.

## Camerata Musica Building Rental

The Salem Public Library will be remodeling Loucks Auditorium starting in November 2019 and the Auditorium will not be available for Camerata Musica concerts, potentially until the spring of 2021. The Board approved a request that Camerata Musica rent the UUCS sanctuary for concerts during that period. Once scheduled, these concerts will be protected on the calendar as they involve musicians from out of town and are advertised widely.

## Strategic Plan

The [Long Term Strategic Plan](#) was approved by the UUCS Board of Directors on November 11, 2018. The plan was developed by the UUCS Strategic Planning Team which met from April, 2018 to October 2018. The Pastoral to Program transition is the primary focus for the plan.

The Board recently approved a [process for the implementation of the Strategic Plan](#). Primary oversight of implementation will be provided through the Team Council. Board liaisons with UUCS teams are responsible for ensuring that teams and committees are focused on the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan Process will be provided to the Team Council, and the Communications Team has posted both the plan and the process on the web site.

## Strategic Plan Implementation Expectations

In the coming 2019-2020 church year we will officially begin the implementation of the UUCS Strategic Plan. Many teams have actually already started with implementation but the Board wanted to let you know some of the expectations that we have of teams regarding Strategic Plan implementation:

1. All teams will read and familiarize themselves with the Board approved strategic plan, not just their team's part.
2. All teams will work toward achieving the goals/outcomes as set forth in the strategic plan.
3. All teams will work with other teams as necessary to achieve the goals/outcomes.
4. All teams will work with their appointed Board liaison (if they have a liaison) to resolve any unforeseen issues or to answer any questions about the plan that they may have
5. If a team decides to change one or more of the goals they must get Board approval first.
6. All teams will send at least one representative to the Team Council meetings so that they can be informed about the overall progress of the Strategic Plan and offer their help if a team should need it. The team should not send someone who is already going to represent another team.

This past year, the Board began a process of policy collection and review, which is one step in the Pastoral to Program transition. Each board member was assigned one or two teams for which they would be the liaison to the board, in regards to policy review, writing, and collection. With the adoption of the UUCS Strategic Plan, it was decided that the liaisons would also work with their assigned teams on implementation of the plan. Therefore, each team should be able to expect from their liaison the following:

1. Liaisons will read and familiarize themselves with the Board approved strategic plan. (Not just the team they are liaisons to)
2. Liaisons will advise teams on Strategic Plan implementation.
3. Liaisons will try to resolve any issues the teams may encounter during implementation.
4. Liaisons will try to answer all questions that teams may have about the Strategic Plan and if they cannot answer the question they bring it to the Board with a representative of the team.

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# Calendar

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

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

David Haber, 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.

## **Membership Team Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 pm**

## **Danza Azteca**

**Tuesday, May 7, 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**

**Thursday, May 9, 12:30 pm**

Homeless Coalition partnership with other Interfaith groups

## **Microfinance Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, May 9, 1:30 pm**

The UUCS Microfinance Committee will meet to discuss project funding, fundraising and the November 3rd service.

## **Board Meeting**

**Thursday, May 9, 5:30 pm**

## **Choir Rehearsal**

**Every Thursday, 6:30 pm**

## **ArtWorks Team Meeting**

**Friday, May 10, 10:00 am**

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

## **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.

## **Taking a Soul's-Eye View Workshop**

**Saturday, May 11, 1:00 pm**

Led by Rev. Mark Gallagher. An experiential workshop of meditations, reflections, and structured interactions to invite a shift of perspective from our usual mental chatter to a soul's-eye view. Maximum 30 participants. \$35 registration fee. See article.

## **Compassionate Connection**

**Sunday, May 12, 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, May 12, 12:30 pm**

The monthly SJAT meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **PFLAG Meeting**

**Monday, May 13, 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.

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

**Tuesday, May 14, 2:00 pm**

(See May 7)

## **Women's Alliance Annual Dinner (offsite)**

**Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 pm**

## **Board Retreat**

**Wednesday, May 15, 5:30 pm**

## **Dances of Universal Peace**

**Thursday, May 16, 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.

## **Habitat and Hope Meeting**

**Friday, May 17, 10:00 am**

**Finance Team Meeting**

Friday, May 17, 10:30 am

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, May 19, 12:00 pm

See article

**Worship Team Meeting**

Monday, May 20, 5:30 pm

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

**Committee on Ministry Meeting**

Tuesday, May 21, 10:30 am

**Safer Congregation Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, May 21, 5:00 pm

**Danza Azteca**

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 pm

(See May 7)

**UUCMS Annual Sangha Dinner**

Wednesday, May 22, 5:30 pm

Join the UU Compassionate Mind Sangha for our annual Sangha dinner where we will share good food and offer gratitude to our teacher, Lee Ann Nail Roshi, and each other for supporting another year of practice.

**Habitat and Hope Meeting**

Thursday, May 23, 12:30 pm

**ArtWorks Art Making**

Friday, May 24, 10:00 am

**The Salem Ukulele Band**

Saturday, May 25, 7:00 pm

See article

**No RE Classes Today Due To Memorial Day Weekend**

Sunday, May 26

**Facilities Team Meeting**

Tuesday, May 28, 6:00 pm

**Danza Azteca**

Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 pm

(See May 7)

**End of Year Choir Potluck**

Thursday, May 30, 6:00 pm

**Life Lines Lay Ministry Meeting**

Saturday, June 1, 9:30 am

**Western Oregon University Early Music Ensemble**

Saturday, June 1, 7:30 pm

See article

**Team Council Meeting**

Sunday, June 2, 12:00 pm

**Communications Team Meeting**

Monday, June 3, 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.

**Membership Team Meeting**

Tuesday, June 4, 6:00 pm



*The Art Works team put on the first Annual UUCS Art Show in March. Above, the team with Rev. Rick. Right, Iris Sea displays her first prize ribbon.*





# Worship Services and Religious Exploration

May Share the Plate Recipient: [Salem Harvest](#)

Service Time: 10:30 am

**Sunday, May 12**

**The Rev. Mark Gallagher**

## "Matter, Energy, Space and Time"

**Celebrant:** Janet Stevens; **Anchor:** Geoff Hutchinson

**Music:** UUCS Choir

**Science & Theology Series** [Part 2 of 6]: What is the fundamental 'stuff' of the Universe? How does it work? How do we know? What does this say about how we perceive and how we live?

**RE Information:** Wisdom of Wondering class will hear "I've Loved You Since Forever."

**Sunday, May 19**

**The Rev. Mark Gallagher**

## "Universe and Cosmos"

**Celebrant:** Steve Rosen; **Anchor:** Becky Harrison

**Music:** Zane Burger

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** See article on Page 1

**Science & Theology Series** [Part 3 of 6]: How big is the Universe? What patterns can be seen in the big picture? How has it developed? Where did it come from and how did it get started? What is the place of planet Earth in the cosmic scheme? Is the known Universe all there is to reality?

**Sunday, May 26**

**The Rev. Mark Gallagher**

## "Evolution and Creation"

**Celebrant:** Sara Pickett; **Anchor:** Geoff Hutchinson

**Music:** UUCS Choir

**Science & Theology Series** [Part 4 of 6]: Since the dawn of self-awareness, humanity has wondered how we came to be and what is our relation to the other animals. Darwin's theory of evolution provided a scientific answer at odds with traditional theological answers, and the debate has raged ever since. What does 'evolution' mean? How strong is the evidence for it? What are the arguments against it?

**RE Information:** We do not have individual classes due to the holiday weekend. All ages are always welcome in our services.

**Sunday, June 2**

**The Rev. Mark Gallagher**

## "Standing Together"

**Celebrant:** Janet Stevens; **Anchor:** Tom Ellis

**Annual Flower Communion:** Please bring a flower to share!

Given the lengths the Nazi regime went to rid Europe of Jews, would you believe that over 2000 Jews survived in Berlin through World War II, with the full knowledge of the Nazi authorities? We may take inspiration from this triumph of solidarity.

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**EVENT SCHEDULING:** please use the [Event Scheduling Request](#) form on the UUCS website to add your event to the UUCS calendar and/or reserve a UUCS space.

**PUBLICITY and ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Fill out the [Publication Request](#) form on the UUCS website for any announcement, event or news item. This form is a one-stop place to put a notice in the Sunday announcements, the UUCS newsletter, the UUCS website, the *This Week* email and or Facebook.

**DEADLINES:**

**Newsletter:** The deadline for the next newsletter is 8:00 pm on Friday, **May 31**.

**Sunday Announcements and This Week** submissions are due by noon, **Tuesday**.

Use the [Publication Request](#) form for all submissions.