



October 2008

UNITARIANA

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Highlights

- Annual Dinner
- Program Fair
- Harvest Potluck
- Stewardship 2009
- UUA Principles & Purposes — Proposed Changes

Our community is a place to grow in mind and spirit. We promote a loving, just and sustainable world through service, learning and action.

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Sunday Worship Services 9:15 & 11 am

October 5

The Reverend Carol McKinley
and The Rev. Arthur Vaeni

Our Faith in the Public Square

Our work as a liberal religious tradition is unfinished as long as there is poverty and injustice in the world. Now, more than ever, is the time to make our Unitarian Universalist values heard in the political arena. In doing so, we honor Unitarian Universalism's tradition of political and social activism, and put our faith into action. A short discussion will follow each service.

October 12

Wayne Smith

The Costs of War

On October 12, Wayne Smith will visit us from Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Mr. Smith is a Viet Nam veteran, who earned a Nobel Peace Prize for his work with both Vietnamese and American soldiers. Together, 40 vets cycled from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City as an expression of healing. Mr. Smith will bring a message that will open the hearts of all, setting the stage for community action based on understanding through dialogue.

October 19

The Rev. Arthur Vaeni

Mindfulness and Money

With our nation in the midst of a financial crisis we feel its effects rippling outward touching our lives and often evoking anxiety. It may be helpful to reflect on our relationship with money and our way of being in the world.

October 26

Troy Fisher, Karen Jackson, Sara Lewis
and The Reverend Arthur Vaeni

Day of the Dead: Remembering Those Who Came Before Us

In the Day of the Dead festival people remember loved ones who have died as they celebrate the continuity of life. In this intergenerational service we, too, will remember, honor and celebrate. All are invited to bring a photograph or other memento to commemorate someone for whom you care who has died.

O.U.U.C. Celebration Dinner – October 5

5:00—8:00 pm. Thurston County Fairgrounds Expo Center. Open to all members, friends, and the extended family of our church. Reconnect with our liberal religious community, make new acquaintances and strengthen bonds with old friends. Dinner will be provided; please bring a dessert or beverage. Child-care and children's activities are planned. RSVP to rsvp@olyuu.org.

Along the Ministerial Midway

The Rev. Arthur Vaeni, Minister

As I mentioned last spring, an aspiration I seasoned during my sabbatical retreat was to more fully engender lovingkindness within myself and within our congregation. On the one hand, it's so simple. You don't need a graduate degree in lovingkindness or even special training. You just need a willingness to let your heart rest in lovingkindness. That, however, brings us to the other hand.



Imagine yourself as a newcomer who has decided to attend one of our Sunday services. You succeed in following our directions and making your way to our building, although it took a little longer than you thought it would, so you're feeling a bit stressed as you enter. The foyer is filled with people and, perhaps, feels chaotic. The sound of singing wafts out of the sanctuary, and you wonder if you're later than you thought. Your stress increases.

On the other hand, letting your heart rest in lovingkindness isn't always easy. We have this condition known as "just being human" that often gets in the way. While it's true that when we're just being human, we can be endearing and generally wonderful, it's also true that we can be quite un-endearing and far less than wonderful. That makes it difficult for mere mortals to consistently rest in lovingkindness.

Here's another thing about lovingkindness though: It is most resilient when it's accompanied by good humor, tolerance and a general sense of ease with life (not to be confused with poor boundaries), for those qualities help with sustaining lovingkindness even in the difficult times. The good news is that when one's heart more often rests in lovingkindness, those accompanying qualities tend to be nurtured there as well.

If the spirit of lovingkindness is going to thrive in our congregation, it needs to begin in each of our hearts. Here's more good news. It doesn't even require all of us to rest in lovingkindness in order for it to pervade our congregational culture. It just needs a core group. Nonetheless, it needs to be nurtured in many of our hearts, and it needs to be nurtured in our shared congregational life. Two areas of our shared life to which I—along with some of our staff and members—have been giving greater attention these past few months are the revamping of our pastoral care team and the welcome and integration of newcomers. I will write about pastoral care later. For now, I want to focus on one part of our newcomer welcome.

Suddenly, you become aware of a person who is smiling at you and who seems to have been expecting you. Before any words are exchanged and without even realizing what it is you're feeling, you sense that you're in the presence of lovingkindness. You realize you are welcomed here, for you are in the company of one of our greeters.

In the grand production we call the Sunday service, our greeters and ushers play such an important role in its success. They are the ones who initially meet all who come, both new and old, as they shepherd them across the threshold into the heart of this community. They are the ones who first demonstrate the extent to which this community's heart rests in lovingkindness. What a glorious thing to do for another human being, especially one who may be crossing the threshold with a measure of trepidation.

We have a committed cadre of ushers and greeters and several new volunteers who attended the usher and greeter training last August. I'm lifting this up because we need more, especially for our 11:00 am service. Yet, I'm lifting it up not only for that reason but because I want to encourage each of our members to take a turn in these roles. I believe these positions play an essential role as part of our shared congregational spiritual practice.

When I envision someone fulfilling these roles, I imagine them standing in the entryway with their arms extended and their hearts open to receive all who need to be here. Yes, our ability to warmly

Moving Closer to More Space

Mike Harbour, Board President

It's really about to happen. I have been a member of OUUC for about 13 years and during that time one issue has been a constant – we need more space. I arrived at OUUC in 1995. A few years after a relatively small group of Unitarian Universalists took leap of faith and built a church that they knew they could not afford. Almost immediately membership exploded and soon we were faced once again with the need to expand. This need became more pronounced each year as our membership grew and our programs expanded.



offices and a smaller number of classrooms. The plan is to have 5 large classrooms and a nursery. Much of the space will be flexible so that larger rooms can be available when needed. Phase 1 also substantially enlarges the foyer. Phase 1 is estimated to cost approximately \$1.3 million.

We conducted a number of “needs analyses” over the years and these consistently showed our greatest needs were Religious Education space, office and work space, and an expanded foyer/lobby/coffee area. More sanctuary space, parking, and of course a great kitchen also made our list.

On Sunday, September 22, 2008, the Space Committee presented to the congregation a status report on the latest plans and an anticipated timeline. We are moving forward and will soon begin detailed design. We hope to break ground in early 2009 and complete phase 1 by the end of 2009 or early 2010. Phase 1 will include construction of a new RE building with new classrooms and a nursery. The existing RE space will be renovated into

The expansion of our sanctuary and parking lot will be phase 1A and is estimated to cost approximately \$700,000. The timing of this phase will depend on decisions we make regarding borrowing or raising additional funds. Our Growing by Giving Capital Campaign raised \$1,200,000 in pledges. We will use these funds to complete phase 1 – a small amount of borrowing may be required. We have choices on how we will complete Phase 1A. We can attempt to raise more money – new member since the capital campaign completion will be given the opportunity to contribute – or we can borrow. The entire congregation will be involved in this decision and you will see more information on this in future months. This discussion will certainly be framed by the success of our annual Stewardship campaign. Jeff Goltz is heading this, and you will likely be contacted by an OUUC volunteer soon. Please be generous of spirit and resources.

—Mike

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welcome the stranger and long-time friend is crucial to their sense of inclusion, but just as importantly, it is necessary for our development as religious community where the experience of loving-kindness is real and palpable.

The group I've been working with this summer have streamlined usher and greeter responsibilities and eliminated the physically demanding

tasks. Another training will be held after second service on October 26, 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm. Lunch will be provided. My hope is that every one of our members who is capable of doing so will take the opportunity to practice lovingkindness as a greeter or usher in the coming church year.

In the spirit of love and peace,

—Arthur

Building Bridges for our Kids

Sara Lewis, Director of Religious Education

When you walk into our church building, you have the option of going to your right into the sanctuary, or going to your left down the hallway and eventually finding some classrooms. These two sides of our building house very different church experiences, and many in our community feel they more solidly belong in one side or the other. There is some necessary specialization, as the adults enjoy thought-provoking sermons that do not speak to our children, and the children enjoy classes that might not speak to our adult concerns and expectations. However, too much division can create a “two churches, one building” phenomenon with little in common other than the roof over our heads. As we move into this new church year, we will be trying to build bridges between those two sides of the church, and unite our community, across the generations with common purpose and mission.



be translated as meaning “worthiness”. In worship, we come together to celebrate that which we find worthy, and to gain something worthy from the experience. Worship gives people a chance to affirm and celebrate what they find most important. When worship is designed to fit the natural rhythms and issues of children, it gives them a chance to gain a sense of the specialness of life and a space and community in which to celebrate that specialness.

We will be creating just such a service in a Children’s Chapel which will be held on the first Sunday of most months. Children will still start the service with the adults, and then exit to continue their own, more physical and active worship experience. Through music, dance, yoga, meditation, storytelling, and a “Birthday Cake Communion”, the children will both celebrate and be celebrated, seek what they find of worth and be affirmed that we find *them* of worth.

Children’s Chapel

What lies at the center of our membership in a religious community? Contrary to what some of us may experience, it is not attending committee meetings! It is not coffee hour, workshops, choir practice, volunteering, fund raisers, or social justice activities. All of these things may feel very important to you, but they are not at the core of a *religious* community. Coming together in worship is the central, defining activity of such a community.

However, for our children, there is little chance to participate in worship. They come into the service for a few minutes each Sunday, and they have the children’s story and the music, the greetings and the birthdays. For most children, this is enough of the adult service, but it is not a complete worship experience. This is why many congregations offer an occasional Children’s Chapel so that children have a chance to experience worship that is age appropriate for them.

The definition of worship can feel difficult for UUs. What/who are we worshipping? The dictionary defines worship as: “the reverent love and devotion accorded a deity, idol, or sacred object”. Yet the word worship is derived from *worthshipe* which can

Kids Making Change

OUUC Families, I’m excited to tell you about our new program to give the children a chance to practice generosity. We will be taking a children’s collection as part of the monthly Children’s Chapel, and the plate will be passed just as it is in the adult service. We will also have containers in each classroom in which children can put contributions on other Sundays. I encourage you to help your children donate *their own* money whether it is from an allowance or from money earned for household work or other efforts.

My own son will be donating a percentage of his allowance as an example of how this could work. That’s the collection part of the program, but the fun part for the kids will be in seeing their efforts go to a good cause. Later in the year, we will hold a meeting for the children to decide where their collection should go. Presentations about various worthy causes will be made, and then we will practice the democratic process and each child will be given two stickers that will be their votes for their favorite cause/s.

Adult Education

Adult Education classes beginning in October (all meet at OUUC) are ***Buddhist Themes in Films of Miyazaki***, 2 sessions, Fridays 7:00 pm, October 17 & 24; ***Cakes for the Queen of Heaven***, 5 sessions, Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 pm, begins October 21; ***A Dialogue With Jews, Christians, and Muslims***, 6 sessions, Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm, begins October 13; ***Poetry as Path***, 2 sessions, Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 pm, October 7 & 14; ***Recovering the Sense of the Earth as Sacred***, 5 sessions, Wednesdays 10:00 am -12:00 noon, begins October 15.

These and classes starting in November may still be open. Consult the Fall 2008 Adult Education Program Guide to find descriptions of all classes and how to register for them. Copies are available at OUUC in the foyer and office, or the same infor-

mation can be viewed on the OUUC website www.olyuu.org (see More About Us, Our Religious Education Programs, Adult).

The ***Membership Class*** will meet Saturday, October 11, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at OUUC. Registration is urged but there is no registration fee for this class.

Meditation, a continuing class, will meet Friday 7:00 pm, October 3 and Tuesday 7:00 pm, October 21 at OUUC; registration is not required.

The OUUC ***Book Group*** will meet Thursday, October 16th, 7:00 pm at OUUC, to discuss ***The Spiral Staircase: My Climb Out of Darkness*** (Karen Armstrong, 2004). Registration is not required; just read the book and show up.

—Pete Taylor

Young Adult Spiritual Retreat and Workshop on Contemplative

October 17-19, 2008 at Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church in Shoreline, WA

This spiritual retreat will be lead by the dynamic Julia McKay. Small group ministry and spirited singing will be a part of this refreshing experience. She will also lead a training on contemplative worship that participants can take back and

share with their congregations and campus ministry groups.

Go to the District Website: www.pnwd.org for more information and registration form or contact District Program Specialist, Tandi Koerger with questions: tkoerger@uua.org/ 253-278-4646.

Adult Religious Education Mini-Conference

October 11, 2008 at Rainier Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Seattle, WA

This is for program coordinators, teachers, and want-to-be teachers. Come learn how to turn your favorite films into a faith formation exercise, how to run effective small group ministry, how to support young adults in specific and all-church program-

ming, and more. \$20 person. A lunch will be provided by the congregation for a free-will donation.

Go to the District Website: www.pnwd.org for more information and registration form or contact District Program Specialist Tandi Koerger with questions: tkoerger@uua.org/ 253-278-4646.

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Service Sundays

Our final new program for our children will give them a chance to be volunteers for a Sunday service once a month. On the first Sunday of each month, one of the classes will act as Greeters and help with the coffee hour. They will also showcase some of what they have been doing, and possibly

fundraise for causes they are working toward. Service Sundays will give us a bridge between the two sides of the church, and a time and place for the children to practice being full members of the church. Our adult volunteers can mentor the children as they learn how to perform these vital services to our community. Look for our young volunteers, and give them the support of your attention and interest.

—Sara

Building Community . . .

That is the theme we have chosen for this fall's Stewardship Drive. And it is a fitting one. We have grown from a small and close knit fellowship into a strong, dynamic and friendly congregation able to serve our community in ways we never thought possible. And, in the coming year, we will literally be "building" our community through our capital expansion. It is an exciting time – and an important one.

What is at stake?

The annual Stewardship Drive provides about 90% of our annual OUUC operating budget. Last year OUUC budgeted for expenditures of \$362,000. Of this, over \$323,000 comes from last year's Stewardship Drive. The average pledge was \$1,700. Your generosity enabled OUUC to expand the position of Director of Religious Education to full time and to hire a part time Volunteer Coordinator.

Of course, costs of operating OUUC are increasing: we need to pay the increased utility bills, and we need to treat our tremendous staff well by providing fair cost-of-living increases. In addition, because our full-time DRE and our Volunteer Coordinator were only funded during the latter part of this year, we need a larger budget to fund them for all of 2009.

How much more is needed this year over last in order to maintain our current operations? It is hard to say, but we estimate that it will be at least ten percent over last year. And we hope to make some needed additions to various committee budgets, such as music, communications, and social justice. (The Finance Committee is working on the 2009 budget as this article is being written.) There may be other needs as well.

So, like last year and in other years, we seek to tap the generosity of this congregation.

How will this Fall's Stewardship Drive proceed?

In early October (perhaps by the time you receive this *Unitariana*), you will receive a letter enclosing the Stewardship Drive Brochure and a pledge form.

During the week of October 5, many of you will receive a phone call from one of about 30 volunteer Stewards who will ask to set up a time to talk about OUUC, its future and its needs, and also how you

can help with your pledge. We will not be seeking to meet with everyone, as that effort is extremely resource-intensive and we know that some of you prefer to pledge without the benefit of a face-to-face meeting. The letter you receive will let you know

whether you will receive a call or whether we are asking you to simply make your pledge. (Of course, if anyone wants to meet with a Steward to discuss their potential pledge or any aspect of OUUC, let us know. We will arrange that.)



If you are called, please try to arrange a meeting. The volunteer Stewards are trying to juggle a number of appointments. It is a challenging job.

We realize that figuring out how to pledge is difficult. In the mailing, we provide you with some information that we hope will make that task easier. You will receive the UUA "Fair Share Giving Guide," a means to calculate a pledge based on your income level. You will also receive information on various levels of pledging commitments of OUUC members and friends of a year ago.

It may be that, for whatever personal reason, you are unable to make a pledge this year. If you are in that situation but wish to continue to be a member, you must so indicate on the pledge form.

We need to wrap this up before Thanksgiving so the Finance Committee and the Board can finalize the budget for later submission to the Congregation at its annual meeting. We will make follow-up calls to those members and friends who have not turned in a pledge form, but we want to keep those to a minimum.

It may be that some of you reading this will not get a letter. It may be that you are new to OUUC and not yet on "our list." Or perhaps we just made a mistake; those things happen. But if we miss you, please, please get back to us.

Questions?

If you have any questions, contact Jeff Goltz at goltz-welsh@comcast.net, Kelly Thompson at KT2oly@aol.com or, or Brian Coyne at lawyr@comcast.net. If you want to volunteer (we still can use people to make follow-up contacts), contact Jeff or Sarah Rocker at volunteercoordinator@olyuu.org.

OUUC Program Fair and Harvest Potluck!

As we say farewell to summer and enter into the busy church year, we thought we'd kick off the season with a celebration. Please join us on October 19th for a bountiful Harvest Potluck and our 1st OUUC Program Fair.

Directly after the end of 1st service, you can meander back to the Anthony room where you'll find groups and committees tabling with information about who they are, what they've been doing, what they've got planned for the upcoming year, and how you can become involved. You'll have the chance to grab a plate to eat, wander around and meet new people, and make connections to the groups that interest you.

Already involved? Come to share the table and

socialize. We'll have quieter areas to eat outside of the Program Fair for those who want to simply kick back and enjoy the harvest!



Program Fair tables will be set up in the Anthony room after 1st service from 10:30-11am, and again with food after 2nd service at 12:30 pm. Join us! If you have any questions or if your group is interested in tabling at the event, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Rocker. (volunteercoordinator@olyuu.org)

—Sarah Rocker

Ushers and Greeters Training and Lunch

Join us as we host our Fall Usher/Greeter training and lunch on October 26th, directly after 2nd Service. If you are looking to get involved and want to know what it takes to be an Usher or a Greeter, this training is for you. We'll spend about an hour together talking about what the two roles entail, providing a short demonstration, and answering any questions that you may have — all over a delicious lunch which is our way of saying thanks! Because we've made some new changes to the roles,



we invite both veteran ushers and greeters and those who are interested for the first time. If you'd like a bit more information before signing up, please check the Volunteer Board in the foyer for brief job descriptions, or contact Sarah Rocker, volunteercoordinator@olyuu.org. R.S.V.P. by signing up in the foyer or by sending an email to Sarah. We look forward to serving with you!

—Sarah Rocker

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Ushers	9:15 1. Linda Crabtree 2. ?	1. Warren Dawes 2. Janet Dawes	1. Harmon Eaton 2. Ron Hinson	1. Mike Young 2. Jo Ann Young
	11:00 1. ?	1. ?	1. ?	1. ?
Greeters	9:15 1. Diana Finch	1. ?	1. Lorrie Eaton 2. Jan Spiller	1. ?
	11:00 1. ?	1. ?	1. ?	1. ?
Coffee Servers	9:15 1. Mary Ann Thompson 2. Fritz Wrede	1. Jan Pearson 2. Jean Phillips	1. Brian Coyne 2. Fumiko Coyne	1. ?
	11:00 1. Fred Kellogg	1. JoAnn Cristal	1. Kathy Emory 2. Roy Emory	1. Karl Johnson 2. Rod Campbell

To volunteer for hospitality service, contact Sarah Rocker at volunteercoordinator@olyuu.com or 786-6383.

Social Justice Commentary

I want to thank you all for the support you've given many social justice projects over the last three years. While I am stepping down at the end of October, the delightful news is that you'll be hearing from new voices in a new format. Instead of a Social Justice (SJ) "Committee", individuals will be able to develop projects and access limited funds to implement them. The details are in the design stages, but we do know that Douglas Mackey, Shelley Spalding, Ruth Abad and Sandra Worthington have stepped forward to take on specific SJ roles.

Douglas Mackey will be looking at what other UU congregations, the districts, and national office do to learn about and support social justice efforts internationally. He hopes to find other members interested in seeing the big picture; especially our young members.

Shelley Spalding will be linking with Bridges not Walls, training opportunities sponsored by a Bellingham organization that works very effectively to support undocumented workers. She lives near Shelton and hopes to connect with Mason County Literacy. Speaking Spanish fluently would be very helpful. If you are interested in working with her, please contact Shelley, saschar44@gmail.com.

Ruth Abad and Sandra Worthington are interested in continuing the Share the Plate program. If you have nominations of local non-profit organizations that you would like to see submitted for board approval, contact Ruth (rbad@live.com) with your nomination. She is also the contact person for obtaining an application. A few nominations have

been carried forward from last year.

Please mark your calendars for the Social Justice series, **The Cost of War**. On October 12th, Wayne Smith, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, will offer inspiration on how to effectively reach those who continue the war and occupations in the Middle East. October 17th through 19th, the Rachel Corrie Foundation Peace Works project features excellent speakers on the Occupations of Palestine and Iraq. October 20th, Antonia Juhasz will take us further into the future, showing how the US oil interests will take us into further wars over oil. She will also describe what we can do to fight the Tyranny of Oil. Her suggestions are well informed, and empowering. If you haven't heard her speak, she will knock your socks off. This series of events will receive some national attention — details of time and place will be announced.

Thanks to several of you who attended both the moving service Kelly Thompson led on July 27, and the session following on the GI coffee house, Coffee Strong. We have great news: A Seattle coffee roaster, pro-military, was so impressed with the services Coffee Strong will offer, he donated all the furniture and equipment needed to open. A local philanthropist is giving a \$10,000 loan for start-up costs. The public has donated just over \$5,000. Coffee Strong will open in about eight weeks if the lease negotiation goes well, and all permits are obtained. Look for an announcement of opening night.

See you in October!

—Molly Gibbs

News from the Conflict Management Team

The OUUC Conflict Management Team (CMT) recently welcomed two new members to the Team: Carol Horner and Simon Tee. Carol has served as a mediator for the Thurston County Dispute Resolution Center. Simon works as an Operations Manager for the State of Washington. He has over eight years of management experience and has received various trainings in managing and resolving conflicts at work. Other members of the CMT

are Carol McKinley and Joe Shorin, who both have served on the CMT for more than three years.

The purposes of CMT are to: a) Empower you to engage constructively in conflict situations; b) Help you work through conflicts that arise in the church setting; and c) Maintain confidentiality in all of its interactions with you related to conflict management.

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Commute Trip Reduction – Not Just a Job Thing

The automobile is a necessity in the US, or so most of us believe. We are an auto-centric society. Our environment has been modified to incorporate our dependence on our cars. The location and layout of stores, residential areas, and businesses are defined by convenience to drivers. Urban areas in the west are easily recognized by the amount of land and resources devoted to roads, parking facilities, and auto-related services.

But our intimate relationship with our cars is proving to have its draw-backs. The data on environmental and health costs are becoming more apparent. For example:

- the Washington Department of Ecology estimates that automobiles cause 55% of air pollution in the state
- cancer rates along major urban transportation corridors are higher than other urban areas – often creating a social justice issue
- automobile accidents in the US cause one death every 13 minutes
- stormwater from roads carry metals and other contaminants that pollute streams and wetlands
- road density can modify the natural hydrology pattern of a watershed to its detriment
- automobile use contributes to global climate change
- dependence on global oil ‘complicates’ foreign policy and national natural resource decisions

Many of us who work for larger employers in Thurston County are aware of the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) legislation, goals, plans and incentives. The primary goal of CTR is to reduce congestion during peak commute hours since building larger freeways and repairing transportation infrastructure are expensive. Employees are

encouraged to use buses, bicycles, carpools, vanpools or walking modes for their daily commutes. Telecommuting and flexible hours of commute outside the peak commuting hours also count toward achieving CTR goals. For more information about Thurston Regional Planning CTR activities, see their website at www.trpc.org/programs/transportation/commutes/index.htm.

But our commute to work isn't the only place to reduce our automobile use. One small step each of us can do in keeping the UU seventh principal is to examine our automobile use and reduce all daily trips as much as we can. The summer spike in gas prices has helped some to change routines and reduce car use. But as gas prices fall a bit, there is the tendency to fall back to old habits. Individuals and the community could benefit from permanent reduction in car use. Consider trying the following:

- if the errand or destination is 2-3 miles away, try walking
- if it's within 5 miles, try using a bike
- if it's along a bus route, try transit
- if you know some else going there, try to carpool

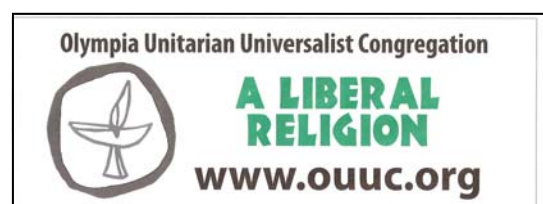
Speaking of carpooling, the Green Sanctuary Committee is working to help OUUC members find potential carpool partners. We are in the process of mapping and organizing a database to inform members of the congregation of potential carpool mates within a few miles of each other. With the church construction and growth in the near future, carpools could be helpful in preventing congestion and frustration. And, it might just help enhance our community by building new relationships between members. So, free yourself from single occupancy vehicle life and join the interdependent web!

—Joe Joy

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To find out more information about the CMT, pick up a brochure from the rack in the foyer, and contact one of our team members – their email addresses and phone numbers are in the brochure.

—Joe Shorin



COMING SOON! Bumper Stickers @ \$3.

The Word from Out of the Woods

Have a van to donate?

Out of the Woods is looking for a van that can be used to help move families, transport our guests to appointments at hours when public transportation is inconvenient, and accommodate local travel with young children and/or strollers. If you have a van you might be able to donate (this would be tax deductible), contact Mary Walton Cameron.

Celebration on Tristan's birthday

On Tristan's first birthday on Friday, September 19, his parents signed a lease for permanent housing,

and they will be moving on from the shelter the first of October. Happy Birthday, Tristan! Best of luck to the whole family.

Middle School Youth looking for towels

The OUUC Middle School Youth are getting involved with a drive to collect towels and diapers for families at the shelter. They launched their efforts with a skit during services on September 28, and there will be opportunities during October to make donations.

—Riley McLaughlin

Committee on Ministry Defined

Do you know about the CoM? No, it is not the Communications Committee, though we get that a lot. We are the Committee on Ministry. The mission of this committee is to support and monitor the health of the congregation's ministry. This body serves to:

- Stay abreast of the pulse of the congregation, and provide feedback to the Minister;
- Evaluate the ministry of the congregation—its success toward carrying out the OUUC mission, and its success in meeting the congregational five-year goals; and,

- Evaluate the Minister's success in carrying out the OUUC mission and in meeting the congregational five-year goals.

Committee members are: Polly Taylor, Linda Whitcher, Jody Suhrbier, Evelyn Greenburg, and Jim Lengenfelder. If you ever want to share your thoughts on this congregation's ministry, we are here for you. We take all feedback to the group and our Minister to decide how to proceed, when necessary.

—Jody Suhrbier

New O.U.U.C. Online Calendar

Check out of new website calendar! It has a lot of great features. Click on any calendar listing for more information. You will be able to send yourself an email reminder of any event or you can send an email invitation to your friends. You can sort out the calendar listing by interest groups. (Choir members – if you want to see only the choir schedule you can do so by choosing the Choir interest group).

—Darlene Sarkela

OUUC Membership Class

Saturday October 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch and materials provided.

Open to potential members

or anyone interested!

Please RSVP to rsvp@olyuu.org

Market Place

FOR SALE: Refrigerators: 1) Side-by-side, almond colored with ice maker. 2) New under-the-counter refrigerator. Make offers. JoAnn Cristal, babe@air-internet.com.

TO LOAN: Medical Equipment .Joan Forst and Bernie Brady have several items that they store and share with others including a walker, a wheelchair, a bedside toilet (rolls out of way easily) a toilet seat riser and numerous wraps. Contact broad-eye1@turbotek.net for a "loaner."

UUA Principles and Purposes – Proposed Changes

A review of the UUA Principles and Purposes happens every 15 years. After conversation and reflection through UU input over the last two years, a draft of recommended changes is ready for review. UUA wants to engage as many UUs as possible in this process by October 16, 2008. The final draft proposal will be sent to the UUA Board by the end of the year in preparation for a June vote at the General Assembly.

Please take the time to review the draft presented by the UUA Commission on Appraisal at www25.uua.org/coa/. Responses can be sent by email or, preferably, by responding to the online version of the survey found on the first page of the web site. Background for these changes and the planned timetable for review are also on this website.

23 UUs enjoy wine tasting party — winning bidders of Ken and Ann Yeo's auction item.



Famous UUs Quiz #2

Match these names of famous Unitarians and/or Universalists with their accomplishments. Watch for Quiz #3 in a future issue of the *Unitariana*.

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| 1. Louisa May Alcott 1832-1888 | A. Abolitionist; wrote "Over the River & Through the Woods" |
| 2. William Ellery Channing 1780-1842 | B. Founder of nursing as a profession |
| 3. Lydia Marie Child 1802-1880 | C. Attorney General under Nixon who triggered Watergate's Saturday Night Massacre" |
| 4. Phineas Taylor (P.T.) Barnum 1810-1891 | D. Songwriter/Composer, Unitarian Church Music Director, wrote "Jingle Bells" |
| 5. Ray Bradbury 1920- | E. 19 th C. poet, literary critic and feminist, author of <i>Little Women</i> |
| 6. Elliot Richardson 1920-1999 | F. Universalist, creator of modern 3-Ring Circus |
| 7. John Quincy Adams 1767-1848 | G. Statesman, advocate for free non-sectarian public schools |
| 8. James Pierpoint 1822-1893 | H. Science fiction writer – <i>The Martian Chronicles</i> |
| 9. Horace Mann 1796-1859 | I. Unitarian minister, wrote "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" |
| 10. Florence Nightingale | J. Spanish Unitarian martyr, nemesis of John Calvin |
| 11. Michael Servetus 1511-1533 | K. His 1819 ordination sermon laid out the distinctive tenets of Unitarianism. |
| 12. Edmund Hamilton Sears 1810-1876 | L. 6th President of the United States |

Answers: 1E, 2K, 3A, 4F, 5H, 6C, 7L, 8D, 9G, 10B, 11J, 12I

UU & COMMUNITY NEWS

Volunteers for Hurricane Relief

Potential volunteers for natural disaster relief assignments need to receive all their training before being sent out on any national Red Cross disaster relief assignment such as those involving Tropical Storms Gustav or Ike, or any other disaster. This does not guarantee that the volunteer will be deployed.

As the need for additional volunteers increases for these and other disasters, those who already have their paperwork processed and are trained will be offered the opportunity to serve. Red Cross assignments are for three-week durations. Check the website at www.rainier-redcross.org/classes/ or call 360-528-3346 for training opportunities.

Interested in Micro-lending with Other UUs?

I want to recruit you to my lending team on Kiva, a non-profit website that allows you to lend as little as \$25 to a specific low-income entrepreneur in the developing world. You choose whom to lend to — whether a baker in Afghanistan, a goat herder in Uganda, a farmer in Peru, a restaurateur in Cambodia, or a tailor in Iraq—and as they repay the loan, you get your money back.



If you join my lending team, we can work together to alleviate poverty. Once you're a part of the team, you can choose to have a future loan on Kiva "count" towards our team's impact. The loan is still yours, and repayments still come to you - but you can also choose to have the loan show up in our team's collective portfolio, so our team's overall impact will grow!

Check out the Unitarian Universalists lending team, and learn more about lending teams on Kiva in general, by clicking here: www.kiva.org/app.php?page=community&action=viewTeam&team_id=70&_isc=bef7778e-c77d-102b-ac3c-ecd46065da15.

—Unitarians of Eastport Maine

If you would like more information about Kiva you can talk to Darlene Sarkela, church administrator and Kiva member

Sound Alliance – Organizing for the Common Good

The Sound Alliance is a diverse partnership of religious congregations, labor organizations, and other civic non-profit organizations in the Puget Sound region building power to take action for the common good. Using a successful model of community organizing and political action honed across the U.S. over the past six decades by the Industrial Areas Foundation, Sound Alliance is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organization directed by leaders from its member institutions and served by a staff of professional organizers.

Sound Alliance has two main goals:

- To strengthen its member institutions by building relationships and fostering leadership; and,
- To serve as a vehicle for member institutions to act in the public arena for the common good.

OUUC has been invited to join the "Thurston Cluster" of organizations, which include faith, labor and other non-profit institutions. To begin the process of determining whether OUUC should join the Thurston Cluster of Sound Alliance, the Committee on Ministry will be hosting an information session with Sound Alliance representative, Rachel da Silva, on Thursday, October 2nd, at 6:30, at the church. All are invited to attend. We will need to gauge the interest of the congregation, in order to determine whether and how to pursue this relationship. For more information please visit www.soundorganizing.org or email Rachel@soundorganizing.org.

—Committee on Ministry

2009 UU General Assembly

The 2009 UUA General Assembly (June 24-28) in Salt Lake City will be a watershed event in the history of Unitarian Universalism. Voting delegates from the Association's more than one thousand congregations will elect a new president, moderator, and financial advisor; as well as members of decision-making boards, commissions, and committees.

October 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>SPECIAL EVENTS 5 Annual Dinner 19 Harvest Potluck & Program Fair</p>			<p>1 10:30a PUGs (Powerful Unitarian Gals) 6:00p Worship Arts Committee 7:00p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 10:00a Mighty Unitarian Guys 11:00a Staff Meet 6:00p Buildings & Grounds 6:30p Sound Alliance Info 7:00p Committee on Ministry</p>	<p>3 7:00p Meditation Class</p>	<p>4 9:00a Developing Intuition Class 1:45p Voice Class</p>
<p>5 9:15a Worship Service 11:00a Worship Service 11:30a Green Sanctuary Com. 12:30p Canvasser Training 5:00p Dinner</p>	<p>6 7:00p Building Green Class 7:00p Conflict Management Team</p>	<p>7 3:45p Earth Scouts 6:15p Partner Church Committee 7:00p Poetry as Path Class 7:30p Covenant of UU Pagans Monthly Circle</p>	<p>8 10:30a PUGs (Powerful Unitarian Gals) 6:00p Choir Rehearsal (Early!)</p>	<p>6 10:00a MUG (Mighty Unitarian Guys) 7:00p Board Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9:00a Membership Class 10:00a The Opera Experience: Live from the Met 1:45p Voice Class</p>
<p>12 9:15a Worship Service 11:00a Worship Service 12:15a Religious Education Committee</p>	<p>13 COLUMBUS DAY 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Interfaith Dialog 7:00p Nonviolent Communication 7:00p Moral Imperative of Health Care Reform</p>	<p>14 3:45p Earth Scouts 7:00p Communications Committee 7:00p Pastoral Care team 7:00p Poetry as Path Class</p>	<p>15 10:00a Recovering the Sense of Earth as Sacred Class 10:30a PUGs (Powerful Unitarian Gals)</p>	<p>16 10:00a MUG (Mighty Unitarian Guys) 11:00a Staff Meet 7:00p Book Group 7:00p Out of the Woods Board 7:30p Living by Heart Class</p>	<p>17 7:00p Buddhist Themes in Films of Miyazaki Class</p>	<p>18 1:45p Voice Class</p>
<p>19 9:15a Service 10:30 & 12:30a Program Fair 10:45a Newcomer Orientation 11:00a Service 11:00a Newsletter deadline 12:30p Potluck</p>	<p>20 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Interfaith Dialog 7:00p Moral Imperative of Health Care Reform</p>	<p>21 3:45p Earth Scouts 6:30p Americans United for Separation of Church & State 7:00p Cakes for the Queen of Heaven Class 7:00p Meditation Class</p>	<p>22 10:00a Recovering the Sense of Earth as Sacred Class 10:30a PUGs (Powerful Unitarian Gals)</p>	<p>23 10:00a MUG (Mighty Unitarian Guys) 1:00p Adult Education Committee</p>	<p>24 7:00p Buddhist Themes in Films of Miyazaki Class</p>	<p>25 1:45p Voice Class</p>
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OUUC PROGRAM FAIR & HARVEST POTLUCK

Sunday, October 19

Program Fair 10:30-11 am and 12:30-2 pm

Groups and committees tabling with information about who they are, what they've been doing, what they've got planned for the upcoming year, and how you can become involved.



Potluck 12:30 pm

A time to share the bounties of the season with friends, old and new, and visitors. Welcome all!



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