



# UUUCP

# News

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## Sunday Services

9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*This month we ponder the question of our responsibility to those who are different from us, in life style, in belief system, in their physical abilities. What is expected of us? What do we expect of ourselves?*

### Sunday, April 3 ***Nobody's Burning Wheelchairs: Roots of Able-ism and the long climb to human rights***

"Disabled": the "open door" minority any of us can join at any moment. Living with a disability is often challenging enough without having to fight the attitudes of our culture that pity and fear disability. (Give the person who chooses suicide over disability an Oscar!?) Where do the UU affirmations of the "inherent worth and dignity of every human being" and "justice, equity and compassion in human relations" fit into the disability rights movement?

Speaker: Mark Leeper

Celebrant: Krista Kramer

### Sunday, April 10

### ***The Open Heart***

What is our moral responsibility as a congregation, to the stranger? And what's in it for us?

Speaker: Rev. Joan Montagnes

Celebrant: Tom Hess.

### Sunday, April 17

### ***Neighboring Faiths***

Intergenerational Service. The Junior High class has been hard at work learning about and visiting other faith communities in our region. Come and listen to what they have learned this year about spirituality, faith, tolerance and acceptance.

Speakers: Members of the Jr. High Group Celebrant: Amanda Nelson

### Sunday, April 24

### ***Liberation is costly***

The Passover story reminds us that liberation is costly. What holds you down? What do you have to let go of to be free?

Speaker: Rev. Joan Montagnes

Celebrant: David Nelson

## Hospitality Tip

At social time it can get crowded around the coffee pot. Try to move away from the counter as quickly as you can to make room for others to get their beverage. Blue cups are for guests, so look for the blue cups and meet somebody new!

## From the President's Computer. . .

I used the word “spiritual” (gasp!) in my first newsletter column. Last month I talked about the need for UU(CP) “evangelism” (yikes!). In between, I talked about volunteerism and involvement within our own community (gosh – getting a bit demanding, eh?).



From what I know of this month's newsletter, I know all of the above are being touched on – with a not-intentional theme of identifying and proclaiming who we are. As promised, I've included Gini Courter's “elevator speech.” Ken Faunce and the folks working on our becoming a “Welcoming Congregation” let us know more about the process and upcoming UUCP activities. Last month the Board held a retreat, and realized that we (UUCP) need to revisit our “Mission” and “Vision” statements. (We think we know who we are – but do we express (all of) it clearly?)

Hence, in April there will be a series of one-hour facilitated sessions to collect Mission/Vision thoughts and ideas - to distill the essential points from our congregation. We want EVERYONE to be involved – so check out the announcement and schedule inside. As much as possible, we are trying to work with existing groups. Looking at the list – I see a definite bias toward groups that individual Board members are associated with – but don't feel left out if your own group is not listed! Get in touch with me or Joan and we will set something up especially for you.

The Board's role is to set policy and oversee activities of the Church. We NEED a strong mission statement that reflects who we are in order to refine and develop policies – so please help out by attending both the Mission statement and the Welcoming Congregation workshops.

Go forth this month, and be forthright! And as you bemoan (or thank) Uncle Sam for the “opportunity” to support government programs with your taxes, remember that *each* of us has our *own* role in making the world a better place, and maybe UUCP has a role too!

-Cathy Perillo

### Mission and Vision

What are YOUR thoughts on the UUCP purpose, vision, and mission? Do you know what our existing mission statement says? Do you have ideas on what you think it SHOULD say?

The Board, and a small implementation task force, are soliciting input for UUCP's vision and mission statements. It is time to revisit them! These statements should serve as our public statement of who we are, as well as serve as our internal ‘reality check’ in decision-making (e.g., “Does \_\_\_\_ (activity/decision/resource allocation/etc.) help us further our mission?”).

Ideally we will get input from EVERY member and friend of the congregation, and we're attempting to do this through:

1) Discussions within existing **Small Group Ministry** groups

One of your regular April sessions

2) One-hour sessions with existing groups

**Choir:** Wed April 6, approximately 8 pm after regular choir practice (Sanctuary)

**Jr. High group:** Tuesday April 12, 7-8 pm (Church Basement)

**PPQ:** A Monday in April (Church Basement)

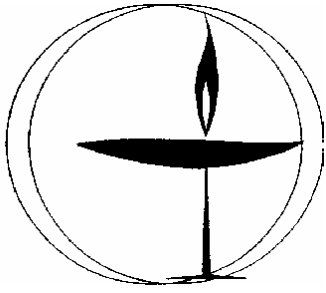
**Staff:** TBA

**Retirees:** TBA

3) One-hour session(s) with any **other folks** who don't fit into or can not make any of the above sessions.

**Others Individuals:** Wed April 20, 7pm (Yellow House)

*If none of the above groups work for you, contact Joan, Cathy Perillo or another Board Member and we'll set one up for you!*



## ...and from the minister...

In March I took a mini-sabbatical in Poland: land of the Pope and pirogies; sauerkraut and sausages; vodka and...well, more vodka.

Why Poland, and especially why Poland in March, you might ask? I had two reasons to dive into Eastern European winter with all the snow, slush and wind it could throw at me. First, I was invited by a friend to visit during her extended stay in the old country with her family. Second, it was a pilgrimage.

Believe it or not, we modern day Unitarian Universalists are indebted to a group of 16<sup>th</sup> century Polish renaissance religious liberals. Poland, now about 98% Catholic, and mighty proud of it, was once a hot bed of theological tolerance. All kinds of things were going on. People were getting a hold of their own Bibles and reading them for the first time. They started noticing that some of the Church's doctrines weren't mentioned anywhere in the Bible. They started questioning all sorts of beliefs. Was God really one God in three persons? Was Jesus divine or human? How are we saved and who gets to decide? Does it really help anyone's soul to burn them at the stake in the town square? It was an exciting time.

One of these groups of searchers began calling themselves the Polish Brethren. They applied original Christianity to personal, social and political relations. They believed in: 1. propagating freedom of religious thought; 2. being reasonable while interpreting scripture, revelation, and theology; 3. absolute tolerance of all creeds; and 4. social equality among people.

Sounds pretty good, eh?

The Polish Brethren's most brilliant period was between 1585 and 1638 when they carved a little town out of the woods. They called the town Raków in honor of their patron's coat of arms (roughly translated as Crayfishtown.) There they built a world-renowned school. Their printing press filled Europe with multilingual treatises. They were small in number, but held high ethical values and had advanced ideas in social, political, and religious fields. They were praised by John Locke, John Stuart Mill, and Isaac Newton who brought the ideas of the Brethren into the Enlightenment. Polish Brethren theology also migrated to Transylvania and influenced the budding Unitarian movement there.

Needless to say, it wasn't to last. The counter-reformation in general and the Jesuits in particular squashed them like grapes and it was all over – except their legacy which we enjoy today. Our Unitarian Universalism was built on Transylvanian Unitarian heritage and on the Enlightenment.

So going to Poland was a religious pilgrimage for me. I was able to see many Brethren sites in Kraków and I was able to visit what's left of the tiny village of Raków.

I was also able to visit Auschwitz, but that's another story.

Once I have my slides developed I plan to offer you a talk on our liberal religious roots in Poland. It is my great joy to share our remarkable heritage with our forebears and with you.

Yours in faith, joan

### In the Family

Our sympathies go to **Joseph Erhard-Hudson** and his family. Joseph's grandfather died last month.

We send healing thoughts to **Donna Holmes** who is recovering from knee surgery.

We send our condolences to **Gerri Saylor** whose father died in March.

### Repast with the Rev.

Joan will be having lunch at Tam's Place Restaurant, 1005 E. Main St., in Pullman on Thurs., April 21 at 12:00. She would love some company.



## Sunday Services Committee News

After serving many years as chair of the Sunday Services Committee, Mary Jo Hamilton has decided to step down at the end of this church year, June 5. Thank you, Mary Jo, for your grand accomplishments leading the committee that has provided us with excellent services that have moved us, taught us, and provided insight into our daily lives. Our Sunday Service is often the first impression that guests receive of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse, and we have been fortunate to have such strong leadership both through our committee and our Minister. The Nominating Committee is recommending that the Board approve Roger Wallins as the new chair of Sunday Services. Roger is looking for all good folk who wish to be part of scheduling of Sunday Services to contact him. He is also asking everyone to send him names of people—both within the congregation and outside—whom they would like to hear present a sermon, and also to send him ideas for Sunday Service topics that they would be interested in hearing. His email is [rwallins@moscow.com](mailto:rwallins@moscow.com), and you may also place your ideas in his folder in the top drawer of the file cabinet in the church foyer under the coat rack.



We are grateful to **Janice Boughton** and **Mac Cantrell** for seeing the need and springing to the rescue of our piano. They purchased a much needed humidifier for our instrument

so it will stay in tune longer and stay alive for many years to come. Thank you for your ministry of music.

Thank you to everyone who made the Service Auction possible, especially **Laurie Gardes** and **Roger Wallins**. Though Roger and Laurie led us into unmitigated fun and rip-roaring fundraising, everyone who donated services and food, purchased items, set up, took down, served, and auctioneered made the service auction possible. It takes a village to raise that much trouble! We are grateful to all of you. We are also especially grateful to **Archie George** for his masterful record keeping system.

Thanks go to **Archie George, Betty Smith, Cathy Perillo, Marisa Perdue, and Rebecca Rod** for taking a weekend out of their busy lives last February to represent our congregation at the Pacific North West District Annual General Meeting. They brought back many ideas and new leadership skills for our congregation and they met the moderator of the Unitarian Universalist Association. If you are interested in being a delegate to the General Assembly this June in Fort Worth, talk to John Pool, Cathy Perillo, or Rev. Joan.

## News From Way Up North

Hello! My news is that I have successfully survived my first winter in the Northwest Arctic bush where I am working as an itinerant mental health therapist to Native Alaskan Villages. Sub-zero temperatures to below -50 and 24 hour darkness, 10 hour waits in blizzard conditions for Medivac flights, a suicide rate 19 times the national average, and numerous other challenges have been no match for the lessons in strength, community, resiliency and love of life learned through the years from the Unitarian Fellowship in Moscow, Idaho.

It is now ice fishing season, the sun has returned at a rate of about 8 minutes per day. On a cloudless day, one cannot describe the beauty of the expansive whiteness of the tundra and ice stretching from here to Siberia.

I hope to hear from any who care to correspond about such things as the Inupiaq Ilitqusiak (the Inupiaq Native Alaskan values system), subsistence survival in the arctic, survival in Moscow, Idaho, or any who would just like a postcard from north of the Arctic Circle.

Cheerios, Jennifer



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## Book Discussion Group

Our book for April is "War Trash" by Ha Jin. From The Washington Post's Book World/ [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com): The "war trash" of this hypnotic novel are Chinese soldiers who were taken prisoner by U.N. forces -- mainly American -- during the Korean War. Written in the modest, uninflected prose of a soldier's letters home, Ha Jin's story, a mixture of authentic historical detail and realistic invention, is a powerful work of the imagination whose psychic territory is not the hunger and humiliation of the prison camp but the haunted past that was the old, lost China and the mysterious future that is in the process of becoming Mao Zedong's chimerical new China.

Caught between the two is the narrator, an instinctively decent young man named Yu Yuan, a cadet at Huangpu Military Academy, the West Point of Nationalist China. Though on the losing side, he feels "grateful to the Communists, who seemed finally to have brought peace to our war-battered land." Because Yu speaks English, the communists permit him to complete his studies. He soon finds himself crossing the Yalu River with the 180th Division of the People's Volunteer Army. He leaves behind his widowed mother and his young fiancée, for both of whom he feels deeply and worriedly responsible.

The soldiers of the 180th Division are told to expect little resistance from the soft, spoiled Americans they will meet in combat. "At the mere sight of us, the Americans would go to their knees and surrender -- they were just pussycats." Poorly equipped with Soviet weapons they do not know how to use, incompetently led by Party hacks, the 180th soon encounters reality. Pounded by U.S. airpower and shattered by ferocious American ground attacks, the division is surrounded and destroyed. Thousands, including a grievously wounded Yu, are taken prisoner.

After surgery in an American hospital, Yu is sent to a large, American-run prisoner-of-war camp on Koje Island in the Sea of Japan near Pusan. "Inside the compound," Yu tells us, "my first impression was that I had returned to the

Chinese Nationalist army: everywhere I turned, I saw people wearing the sun emblem of the Nationalist Party." These men, who are in control of the camp by American consent and through sheer force of numbers, are still loyal to Chiang Kai-shek. They plan to go to Taiwan after the war. The communists, many fewer in number, are determined to return to the motherland.

Each side competes fiercely for the loyalty of every new prisoner. Because of his value as an interpreter, Yu Yuan is a desirable prize. Though Yu is not a communist -- and realizes that he is likely to have an easier personal life in Taiwan than in a Maoist China that will always suspect his loyalty -- he opts for return to the mainland. His reasons are Confucian: An only child, he is the sole support of his old mother, and he also supposes that he must soon become a father as the result of a single night of lovemaking with his fiancée.

When he declines to join the Nationalist faction, its enforcers knock him over the head and, while he is unconscious, tattoo the English words "[Expletive] COMMUNISM" on his belly. Thus indelibly branded as an enemy of the people, Yu Yuan struggles to elude the fate that political zealots have designed for him. But in his insistence on being the captain of his soul, he fashions a destiny with which it might have been impossible to live had he not, in the end, been able to live with himself -- and with the obscene tattoo that is a constant reminder that what is written is written.

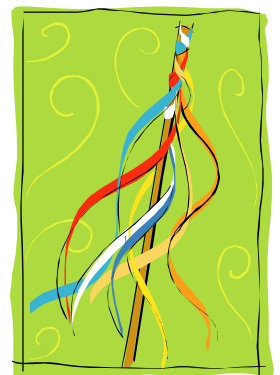
The discussion of this book will be on Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 PM at the home of Margaret Dibble, 1131 Jacksha Road, Moscow.

The Book Discussion Group is open to anyone who enjoys reading books and talking about them. To get on the e mail list for reviews of books and announcements of meetings, e mail [mhamlto@vetmed.wsu.edu](mailto:mhamlto@vetmed.wsu.edu).

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## Renaissance Faire is coming up!

UUCP will once again be selling our famous UUCPizzas, along with delicious black bean burritos, chocolatey brownies and other desserts, and the best coffee at the fair. The dates for the fair this year are April 30 and May 1. We need cake and brownie bakers, pizza bottom bakers, people to lend us things, and, of course, people to work the booth and make those pizzas and burritos. If you want to be a part of this great activity, look for the sign up in the foyer. Pizza bottom baking will be done on Saturday AM, April 23. Questions? Contact Mary Jo Hamilton, 882-0443, [mhailto@vetmed.wsu.edu](mailto:mhailto@vetmed.wsu.edu). This event is sponsored by the UUCP Social Action committee, and all profits go to good causes on the fairPalouse and in the larger world.



# Religious Education News

RE Greetings!!

April proves to be a busy month in the Yellow House with many activities for all ages to enjoy. From field trips to intergenerational services to the Secret Pal's potluck, the Yellow House is an exciting place to be!

Several of the RE Classes will be taking **field trips** this month. The 2/3/4 class will be going to **Phillips Farm on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>** and the 5/6 class will be going to **Idler's Rest on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>**. In order to make these activities successful we need your help! Children need permission forms to attend, or they will have to stay behind. These have been sent to our families and are available in the Yellow House foyer. We also need several adults to come along and provide a watchful eye; this is a great chance to be involved in RE and the environmental theme. Lastly, please spare your children until 12 p.m. these days or make special arrangements if this is not possible. Contact Ginger for more information.

**Intergenerational services** are an important part of our church community. This is our chance to share our worship with our children, and for our children to share their worship with us. The youngest members of our community often experience worship in different ways than we are used to. Music and movement often carry greater messages than words; feeling has more weight than logic. Yet intergenerational services are not only for families with children, but for every person of every age to worship together! Intergenerational services have an accessible message which can challenge us to transform our lives. Young, old or in-between, coming together is what our community is all about. This month the RE Staff and the Jr. High class will be sharing their thoughts on various faiths that are our community neighbors. Through visits and guest speakers the Jr. High class has been exploring these faiths and have some excellent insights to our neighboring faiths, tolerance and acceptance. Please join us for this intergenerational service on **April 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Spring Wishes,

Ginger George, Acing Director of Religious Education



**Secret Pal's Potluck is April 10<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30 in the Church Basement. Please bring a dish to share and meet your pal. This year, try something fun when meeting your pal. Have both of you wear hot pink (or any other color), wear flowers in your hair or meet in a special spot.

If you can't come but have a secret pal, please let Ginger and your pal know! Ginger George: 882-4328, [uucp-dre@moscow.com](mailto:uucp-dre@moscow.com).



## April Birthdays

Beth Armstrong   Ada Fitz-Axen  
Ann Cantrell   Robin Nilsson  
Carl Curlette

*Several RE Classes will be taking **Field Trips** this month! Please see the RE news article for more information.*

## Welcoming Congregations

The UUCP is starting the process to become an official Welcoming Congregation. The UUCP has always been supportive of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community, but we believe it is time to make that official and carry it further. We launched this process with a successful service with the Rev. Linda Hart explaining why this was important. We need to provide a safe, supportive and loving environment for all people. Linda Hart summed it up in a simple statement: “You should not be afraid to hold hands in public with someone you love.” There are a variety of things that the congregation of the UUCP needs to do and continue with in the future. Many of these we have already been involved in: supporting the Pride Celebrations, teaching Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality curriculum, and sponsoring various activities. Other things we need to do are: make sure our by-laws are inclusive with regards to anti-discrimination, continue and expand community outreach and education, and show support for the GLBT community on a continuing basis.

Starting on April 2 and for the next nine weeks, we will begin a series of workshops for the congregation and the community. The workshop series is an introspective and interactive educational journey into the issues surrounding the lives of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender people. We as Unitarian Universalists affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person no matter their gender or sexual orientation.

The Welcoming Congregations committee will be circulating an anonymous survey on attitudes. Please take a moment and fill out the survey and place it in the box in the foyer. The dates for the workshop series are listed below. We invite all members of the congregation to attend as many of the workshop sessions as possible. If you have further questions please contact Ken Faunce.

Thank you

### Jr. High UU's — Your Chance to Seize Power!



The UUCP Board is beginning the process of crafting a new mission statement for the church. At various times, we will be seeking input from all church members. The meeting with **Jr. High UU's will be Tuesday April 12 from 7-8pm in the Yellow House.** This is your chance to shape the future of the UUCP! Any Jr. High-age people associated with UUCP are invited to participate and let us know what you think of the current mission statement, what you like about the church, what you think we can do better, and what our goals for the future should be. Hot chocolate and popcorn will be provided.

### Welcoming Congregation Workshop Dates:

Saturday April 2, 1-5 pm

Sessions 1/2: Introductions and Expectations/ What do We Know and How did We Learn It.

Thursday April 14, 7-9 pm

Session 3: The Common Elements of Oppression

Thursday April 28, 7-9 pm

Session 4: Gender Socialization and Homo-phobia

Thursday May 12, 7-9 pm

Session 5: Religion and Homosexuality

Thursday May 26, 7-9 pm

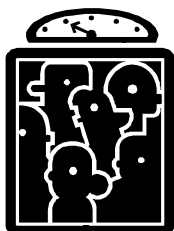
Session 6: Experiences of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender people

Thursday June 2, 7-9 pm

Session 7: Bisexuality and Biphobia, Transgender Identity: What does it mean?

Saturday June 4, 1-5 pm

Sessions 8/9: How Homophobia Hurts Us All and What Now?



## How do we express the tenets of UUism (aka the “Elevator Speech”)?

Cathy Perillo

The butt of several critiques and knock-knock jokes is the concept that Unitarian Universalism (UUism) is wishy-washy or a free-for-all-anything-goes religion – because we don’t follow a rigid dogma or creed. Yet – there IS commonality and meaning and principles. How do you explain what UUism is to co-workers and others who wonder (or question) your beliefs?

Hence, the “elevator speech” concept – the idea of having ready a tidy, brief, succinct, description of our faith that we can deliver quickly. (That is, as in an elevator ride – though here on the Palouse it would need to be extra short! Perhaps we need to refer it to the “coffee line” or “quilt shop” speech here.)

Here is the one that Gini Courter gave at the PNW District AGM Feb 18 (Imagine a relatively powerful woman, speaking very quickly, with a certain nuance in the last sentence.)

*“Unitarian Universalism is the religion that this country was founded on. Four of the first six American presidents<sup>\*1</sup> and many of our “founding fathers” were Unitarians. We built a strong country, based on freedom and liberty and compassion, with a constitution that protects all religions, not just ours. Unitarian Universalists are required to search for truth and meaning, and to work toward a world that is less difficult, more just, and more compassionate for all of God’s children. What do **you** believe?”*

And – feeling a bit hesitant (yet again, here I am talking publicly about my religion-yikes!) – here is what I say:

*We believe that there are many paths to finding “truth”, and we respect (even rejoice) in these many paths – as long as they are earnest and respect the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We come together as a single faith community, because of the many strong and beautiful things about searching, questioning, and acting together.*

Now – I ask (even challenge) YOU to send in your version for future inclusion in this newsletter (care of uu-church@moscow.com, put ‘elevator speech’ or similar in the subject line).

\* I am not so sure this statement is factually correct – but the concept is. (Ms. UU (or other) – can you verify?) -cp

## Grounds for Change



Kudos to the PPQ for bringing Grounds for Change coffee to our church! Not only is this coffee Fair Trade, Organic, and Shade Grown, it also tastes delicious. The coffee is also for sale to the congregation in ground or whole bean type, decaf or regular, in a variety of your favorite sources and blends. It is sold during coffee hour on the first Sunday of every month, and is \$8 for a 12 oz package. Profits from the sale of the coffee go to supporting the church’s coffee habit. Any extra profits will go into the kitchen remodeling project. For more information, to make a special order, or if you find yourself in a coffee deficit emergency, call Marguerite Thoreson, 882-2183, or E-mail Carol Casavant, casavant@uidaho.edu

## Service Auction Thank You

This year’s highly successful Recycled Service Auction owes its success to all the members of the UUCP. As co-chairs of this year’s event, we want to thank the record number of good folk in the congregation who worked behind the scenes, who attended the March 5 gala, who signed up and bid for the many items offered by their friends, and the wonderfully kind people who offered services and other items. You have all opened your hearts—and many have opened their hearths—to make this year’s Service Auction record-setting in the number of items listed. We look forward to passing on the mantle of Service Auction co-chairmanship to next year’s team. Again, our deep appreciation and thanks.

Laurie and Roger

## Building and Grounds Update

You may have noticed a large amount of repairs and construction going on around the Church. This is thanks to several members of the congregation that have donated money to the UUCP for various projects. Jerry Grzebielski, Bill Styer and crew have been very busy. Also, this late spring and summer we will be calling on our congregation for volunteer help with several projects.

We have a long list of jobs that have been completed or are in process. For the church these include: a new sound system, new insulation, new ramp lights, new outlets and wiring and foundation repair. For the Yellow House the projects include: remodeling the upstairs bathroom, remodeling the stairway, painting the basement hall floor, installing new carpet for the classroom upstairs and the basement classroom, and refinishing the main floor. Projects that are planned for this late spring and summer include repairing and painting the East wall at the church, repairing the chimney, replacing Joan's office window, and doing a Power vac of the ducts and furnace. We also plan a complete remodel of the church kitchen with the goal of moving it toward a commercial kitchen. In the Yellow House we plan to power vac ducts and furnace, and a build a new playground including new landscaping for the area between the church and the Yellow House.

These projects would not be possible without the generous donations of members of our congregation. We will be sending out a call for volunteers later for the larger jobs, and if you have any questions or would like to help in any way please contact Ken Faunce.

Thank you  
Building and Grounds

## Small Group Ministry



Do you long to explore your own spirituality in the company of like-minded people, and get to know others at the Church of the Palouse at a deeper level?

Then Small Group Ministry is for you. Currently we have six very active groups, and we are working on building a seventh. These groups meet to discuss big topics in our lives and each group is led by a trained facilitator.

Are you free two Wednesday nights each month to make your life more meaningful?

Grab a yellow registration form in the foyer and return it to Rev. Joan or the church office and we will get you in a group as soon as possible.

The only qualifications you need are a longing to explore your own spirituality in the company of like-minded people, a desire to get to know others at the Church of the Palouse at a level that's not possible during coffee hour, and a yearning to be part of a program in which we truly minister to each other.

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## "Fools Rush In" Party April 2!

When was the last time you made a fool of yourself? Okay, maybe not that long ago. But it'll be different this time – you won't be the only one! We'll do it *en masse* on Saturday, April 2, from 6:30 til 9 p.m. in the comfort of our own sanctuary! Is there a secret soul singer locked up inside you? Or maybe you're a closet country crooner, or a disco diva?

You will have your chance to rise and shine, accompanied by that internationally acclaimed back-up canned band, Karaoke! And if you really still cannot bring yourself to "sing" in front of a group, please feel free to bring a joke or two, or a silly poem or limerick, imitation, whatever, to share for Open Mike segments. We know there's a ham somewhere in your heart, just waiting to have its day!

Now, the hitch is, I need your help to accomplish this evening of foolish fun and frolic. We need fuel for fools – finger snack foods, drinks, etc. And some set-up/decorators, and clean-up folks. Maybe your small group wants to help as a project. We pulled off for the Valentine's Chocolate Fest -- we can do it again!

Contact me ASAP, for the foolish day cometh soon! Rebecca Rod, 882-8168 or rpotter@turbonet.com.

P.S. Don't forget to dress funny, so no one takes you seriously!





## PPQ News

It has been hard to concentrate on inside activities with the beautiful weather we have been having, but the PPQ has gotten quite a bit done nonetheless. By the time you read this, the Dog Scarf Quilt will be winging its way to Massachusetts to its dog-loving new owner. We think it turned out quite well. For a look at it, go to the UUCP website and look for the PPQ under social activities. We are very close to finishing the raffle quilt, and it may be totally done by the time you read this. We just have a bit of the hand quilting on the border to do. Now we are in the stage of deciding what to do next. We have a couple of quilt tops that we have been asked to hand quilt, and there are always the baby quilts.

As many of you know, PPQ member Rita Styer's daughter Robin and her two daughters Alexis and Madison recently lost their home to fire. The PPQ made quilts for the two little girls to replace some of what they lost. We hope the quilts bring love and warmth to grandmother, mother, and the girls. Marguerite and Michael spearheaded this effort.

I have been remiss, or at least late, in welcoming Joyce Leonard as a new PPQ member. She comes regularly, and quietly and competently accomplishes lots of things. She has been blind stitching the binding on the latest baby quilt, and has done her stint at ironing when the Dog Scarf Quilt was being assembled. Joyce also took materials to start a baby quilt at home. Welcome Joyce; we're glad to have you. We also want to welcome another new quilter, Idgie (not sure of her last name). She comes pre-programmed with patchwork skills, but spent her first evening with us pin-basting the Dog Scarf Quilt and tying it. Idgie is a native of Moscow - we don't get a lot of those. Other new quilters include Osh Andersen, who not only does fine hand quilting, but is learning to knit, and John, a friend of Michael's, who was hand quilting very competently the very first night he came. Of course, his mother is a quilter. The Palouse Patcher's spring quilt show is coming up on Saturday, April 16th and Sunday, April 17th, and will have the Journeys of Lewis and Clark as its theme. The PPQ will have its annual pre-show pot luck lunch in the church basement on Saturday at noon, followed by a group visit to the show. All people who like quilts, quilters or food are welcome at the potluck and/or the trip to the show.

We note with sadness the passing of the Hot Flash phenomenon at UUCP. These attractive young ladies were an inspiration to us all, and we certainly consulted them whenever we needed fashion advice. It was a real kick to see these intelligent, busy women having such a good time doing exactly what they wanted to do. The PPQ occasionally has delusions of being entertaining, but we know we never can fill their pointy-toed stilettos. We hope they will occasionally come by PPQ now that they have all those idle hours previously spent shopping and rehearsing. They are very multi-talented, you know. A thought comes to me: Do you suppose we can sell those Hot Flash T shirts for a lot of money as collector's items on Ebay?

Thanks to everyone who has worked on our knitted strips for Afghans for Afghans. We need any of them that are out there to come back in so we can assemble them into afghans for the April 11 shipment deadline. We can also use hats, mittens, socks, sweaters - anything but scarves. Just bring them to church and leave them by the knitting basket in the foyer.

### UU Retirees Luncheon

At noon on **April 7th**, the retirees will meet for lunch in the Appaloosa Room at the Best Western.  
*All are welcome!*

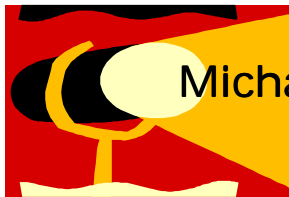


## Feed of Dreams April 13

This is a special Feed of Dreams that will benefit the High School-aged youth of our congregation! There are two upcoming events that several of our youth would like to attend. The money raised from April Feed of Dreams will help to cover the costs of attendance and travel. Please join us April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Church Basement!

## PPQ Interview

This month's featured PPQ member is . . .



Michael O'Neil

PPQ: Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed, Michael. Tell us something about yourself. What is your favorite color?

MO'N: Green, of course - I'm Irish.

PPQ: How about a favorite food?

MO'N: Anything beef. I am a cattleman by profession. There is nothing better than a well-cooked steak.

PPQ: How long have you lived on the Palouse?

MO'N: I have lived in Pullman for 3 years. I came here to take a job at WSU. I work as a Herds Manager at the WSU Dairy Center. I grew up in Pasco.

PPQ: What brought you to PPQ?

MO'N: I had been interested in learning to quilt for a while. I had bought myself a new sewing machine and was looking around for a group or a class. I was also looking around at different churches. The Sunday I decided to try UUCP was the Sunday the PPQ had bought Joan's sermon. When I came in and saw the entire PPQ up front singing "Oh Lord, It's Hard to be Humble, When You're Perfect in Every Way" I knew I had found my quilting group.

PPQ: What is your favorite part of PPQ?

MO'N: I like to work on projects with the group. I like to learn new things, and there is always someone there to teach me a new technique. I also like being able to contribute my hand quilted items to raffles and auctions for various causes that I support.

PPQ: What was most surprising to you about PPQ?

MO'N: I was VERY surprised to find myself attending my first baby shower (for Rachel Caudill). Actually, it was a lot of fun. People say I handled it well.

PPQ: What do you dislike the most?

MO'N: Burying knots when I run out of thread. I still can't do it right.

PPQ: What do you feel you bring to PPQ?

MO'N: I think a Western influence. I use western motifs of horses, cattle, cowboys on my own projects. I think I also use a different color palette.

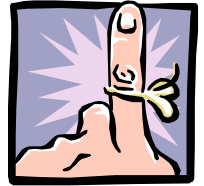
PPQ: Would you recommend PPQ to others?

MO'N: Definitely! It is a great group to work with on all sorts of projects, and I am always learning something new.

PPQ: What is your personal quilting goal?

MO'N: To make my first full-sized quilt. I know I can do it with the support of PPQ.

## Dates to Remember



### Mondays:

PPQ. 7:30 pm, CB.

Men's Group. 7 pm, various locations.

Contact Bill Styer

at 882-2113 for info.

### Wednesdays:

Choir. 6:30 - 8:00 pm, CS

### Thursdays:

Palouse Harmony. 7:30 pm, YHM

### Sat., April 2:

Welcoming Congregations Workshop.

1-5 pm, CB

"Fools Rush In" Party. 6:30-9 pm, CS

### Wed., April 6:

Mission/Vision Meeting for Choir. 8:00 pm, CS

### Thurs., April 7:

Retirees Lunch. Noon. Best Western

### Sun., April 10:

Secret Pal Potluck. 12:30 pm, CB

### Tues., April 12:

RE Committee Meeting . 7:30 pm, YHM

Mission/Vision Meeting for Jr. High. 7 pm, CB

### Wed., April 13

Feed of Dreams. 6 pm, CB

Sunday Services Meeting. 8 pm, CB

### Thurs., April 14:

Welcoming Congregations Workshop,  
7-9 pm, CB

### Fri., April 15:

Newsletter deadline

### Tues., April 19:

Board Meeting. 7:15 pm, YHM

### Wed., April 20:

Mission/Vision Meeting for Individuals.  
7 pm YHM

### Thurs., April 21:

Repast with the Rev. Noon. Tam's Place

### Wed., April 27:

Book Discussion Group. 7:30 pm, Margaret Dibble's Home.

### Thurs., April 28:

Welcoming Congregations Workshop,  
7-9 pm, CB

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