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November 6, 9:30 & 11:00 am Stewardship, Part 2, The Ministerial Search Process
Speaker: Rev. Patti Pomerantz **Celebrant: Andrea Chavez**

It is wonderful to see so many visitors every week – and even more wonderful when they come back again. The church is almost bursting at the seams. How are we called in this congregation to be stewards of the larger Moscow-Pullman community and beyond? What kind of support and instruction can we take from our Pacific Northwest District and the Unitarian Universalist Association? Whether we come up with answers or just more questions, it'll be interesting!

November 13, 9:30 & 11:00 am **Quilt Sunday**
Speaker: Linda Arthur **Celebrant: Marguerite Thoreson**

Quilts, a household accessory even before the invention of woven cloth, have become a frequent item of bedding and comfort to counter the chill of cold and windy weather. They tell the stories of celebrations for special occasions and document family history, cherished as inheritance from one generation to the next. The patterns and designs used reflect cultural symbols as they utilize colors and fabrics of local and regional life styles. On this QUILT SUNDAY, Linda Arthur-- Professor and Curator of the Department of Apparel, Merchandising, Design and Textiles at Washington State University--will guide us in celebration of quilts. Our sanctuary will be a showplace for quilts that belong to our church families, each identified and marked with a brief bit of information. Dr. Arthur will share with us some of the magical beauty of quilts from Hawaii as well as the role quilts and quilt makers have played in our heritage.

November 20, 9:30 & 11:00 am **Thanks**
Speaker: Rev. Patti Pomerantz **Celebrant: Jack Keller**

November 25, 9:30 & 11:00 am **Giving**
Speaker: Rev. Patti Pomerantz **Celebrant: Kevin Gardes**

During these two Sundays which are bookends for the Thanksgiving holiday, reflect with me on the bounty we have and on the generosity such bounty invites us to share. From the beauty of The Palouse to richness of relationships, we have much to be thankful for and to give.

IDENTITY CRISIS AT UUUCP!

Do you wear your name tag during Sunday services? Do you introduce yourself when you make a comment or express a Joy or Concern? Don't leave us wondering who made those insightful and inspiring remarks. Please help the rest of us to get to know your name. You may be a long time member and think everybody should know you, but think again! We are getting to be a large congregation and there are many newcomers among us, so let's be helpful in this regard.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday Dec 4, promptly at 10:30am

AGENDA: Confirmation of next year's new Board members

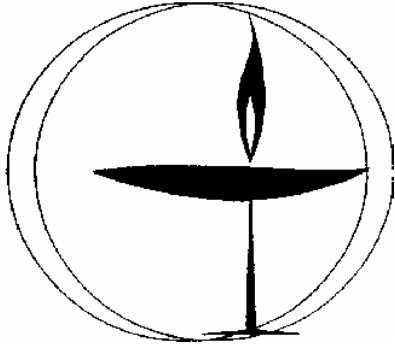
The Nominating Committee has selected the three individuals listed below to serve on the Board of Trustees for 2006-2008. Please come to confirm their nominations!

- Michael Kyte
- Ann Norton
- Michael Tarabulski



If you're early, you're timid;
If you're late, you're arrogant;
If you're on time, you're compulsive.
—Larry Hamby, Athens, GA





ATTENTION!

There are things I really like about the Thanksgiving holiday. I feel surrounded by such abundance! I have yet to meet a Thanksgiving dinner I didn't like – or overeat for that matter. For the past several years I have had that week off from work and this year is no different. I will be returning to family in Portland and my mother will join us for the week from Philadelphia. Imagine the repast we will have with two experienced kitchen mavens working together! Here, there is not a day that goes by I don't take a moment to appreciate this time to minister among you! What abundance to combine the joy of this congregation with my own love of this work! And then there is this place! You may have noticed me staring out of the front window of the church recently – I am simply taking in the beauty of fall. I'd forgotten the feast

From Our Interim Minister

of colors when there are more deciduous trees than evergreen! Add to that the color of the rolling hills highlighted by so much sunshine, and I come close to understanding what visual cornucopia can look like! I have been meeting with your Ministerial Search Committee during the past couple of weeks, and I keep telling them to have faith that the search process will bring you the minister you want and need. After all, I keep telling them – the process brought me to you! And for me, this is a blessed opportunity that would not have happened if either I, or the Interim Search Committee had rushed the process – not listened to the deep discernment of heart knowing.

But of course, there is another side of this time for me. There is the shame, however misplaced, of knowing that my privilege comes on the back of Native and African Americans who, for the most part, continue to suffer from the materialism of our American culture – a materialism I myself enjoy. I will be angry every time I see the billboards around town in Portland asking for donations to support the local Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless and marginalized. Why don't we take better care of those of least advantage among us? We have the resources, after all. And even my family time will

be tinged with grief as we celebrate our first holiday together since my stepfather, Chuck, passed away. My mother misses him very much – and so do I.

On a personal note, my joy at being here has taken on a few bruises as I took a spill in the Yellow House the other day. It has humbled me that I have not been paying attention to my own limitations. I have been living with fibromyalgia – one of the myriad chronic immune deficiencies. Attending to my energy is the reason I decline so many of your kind invitations to activities outside of church. But there are layers of listening, and I've been ignoring some of them. So I find myself tired out and clumsy in both body and mind and I face with humility my own inattention. But even here, the universe is kind as I will be leaving next week for a minister's retreat and a brief visit to Portland. By the time you receive this newsletter, I expect to have returned revitalized.

So my admonition to be attentive and thankful is mostly for my own benefit. Pay attention, Patti. Pay attention to your body. Pay attention to your spirit. Pay attention to the world around you. And be thankful for the marvelous abundance in your own life.

—Patti

UUCP Elevator Speeches

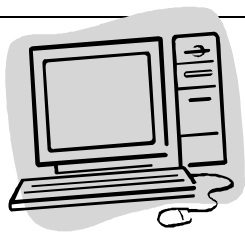
Last April we challenged members to come up with a succinct description of Unitarian Universalism that could be delivered quickly and spur-of-the-moment – the “elevator speech.” We'd like to give a big ‘Thank You’ to Janice Boughton, who rose to that challenge – and, in fact, came up with three different speeches! She hopes you'll feel free to use the version that best suits your audience and/or the amount of time available.

1.) The Longer Version: The Unitarians were Christians who believed in every person's right to interpret the bible without having to take the word of some authority such as the pope or another religious leader. They were called Unitarians because they believed that the concept of God as a trinity rather than one entity was not in the bible. The Universalists were another sect of Christianity who believed in universal salvation: that an all-loving and all-knowing god would not damn any human

being. The two groups shared many values and were small so they joined into one church. Our church is also home to Buddhists, pagans, humanists, and atheists, among others, who believe in mutual respect and need a community for spiritual practice and community service and organization.

- 2.) The Shorter Version: Unitarians were trouble-makers who didn't think that God was a trinity and insisted on reading the bible themselves. They were often found in the middle of social reform struggles. Universalists were a similar liberal religion that believed in universal salvation. Their membership was small so they got together into one church with a very long name. In our church we talk about spiritual issues, get together to make social change happen, make quilts, go rafting, have great parties, and drink a fair amount of coffee.
- 3.) The Version for a Very Fast Elevator: It's hard to describe. Why don't you just come and see?

Janice Keller



From the President's Computer

Once again, I find that the column I'd planned to write is not the one coming to the paper. I wanted to write about this interim year – how important it is to acknowledge that it is a year for addressing change at UUCP – realizing that change in church may well represent change in a core part of our personal intellectual and/or spiritual “center.”

Change, and addressing it, is often not comfortable. When it hits our core being we can be particularly sensitive and it may be particularly unwelcome. Some of us are still grieving the loss of a strong personal connection we felt with Rev. Joan – maybe even feeling some level of betrayal that she would dare to leave. Others may be wincing at the seemingly heavier weight of church activities due to her absence. (“Wait – I did not know Joan was leaving when I signed up for this!”) And some of us aren't sure what the fuss is about (“wait – there's a fuss?”), either because we're new, we've completed our own grieving period, or we never thought saying goodbye to our minister was that big a deal. Hence the importance of the interim year – time to deal with the range of reactions, and time to ask ourselves difficult questions (Why do we do things such-and-such a way? Why do we do x at all? Why don't we do yyy....?) And, posing those questions suggests additional change – ayyy!

But – having posed that theme, what comes more strongly to mind is the impressive number, thoughtfulness, and energy of the many individuals who have stepped up to take on the additional work of this year, and of the committee chairs and members who have stayed the course and really buckled down to take on their work and make our church the place that is important to us. What comes to mind is my own (as a church member) awe and gratitude for the work and dedication of sooooo many individuals.

The Interim Search Committee dove into literally dozens of ministerial records, made umpteen phone calls to references, and studied the interim year and ministerial search processes to identify those characteristics important

for our own interim minister. Members of the ISC - I thank you. And I thank Rev. Patti for accepting UUCP's invitation to share this exciting but possibly tumultuous year. From all that I have seen, she is doing pastoral work on multiple levels while still managing to find time to develop thoughtful sermons and provoking questions for our leadership, and laughing with us through the ups and downs of change.

I am inspired by the drive, energy, and steadfast commitment of the Ministerial Search Committee to do the best for our congregation. Their dedication, through thick and thin, shines. I encourage all to give thanks to the individuals in this group in particular – their task is challenging and can be intense at times. MSC members - I thank each of you for your tremendous gifts to us.

To those of you who have shared your time doing church work this year – greeting us as we come to church, making coffee, helping with painting and the playground, being on one or more committees, and the other numerous activities that comprise the seemingly seamless running of the church – I thank you. To the committee chairs who keep us organized, including those new chairs who stepped up this year and the long-serving chairs who were planning to “retire,” yet stayed on for a few more months to ease others' work during potentially rough times of change – I thank you! To our staff – several new and some long-standing – I thank you for your hard work (as always), and in particular for your graciousness in your work with the occasionally frenzied volunteer leadership.

This congregation has always buzzed with energy and commitment – and I am so, so pleased to see it shine through in what could be seen as an overwhelmingly challenging year. I thank you.

In the spirit of naming and acknowledging all that we are grateful for,

Happy Thanksgiving!

-Cathy Perillo



In the Family

Our condolences go to Jim Gregson for the loss of his mother, to Michael Irvin for the loss of his step-mother, and to Trish Gardner for the loss of her father.

We wish a speedy recovery to Donal Wilkinson, to Louise Ashmun's mother who has been ill and her niece who has been hospitalized, to Jack & Jan Keller's son, who was injured in Alaska and will be in a cast for several months, and to Jim Weddell who has had knee surgery.

Congratulations to Caitlin and David Cole on the birth of their daughter Cassidy on October 4, to Sara and John Holup on their new grandson Trent, to Dan Leonard on his two new granddaughters, and to Donna Bradberry on her new granddaughter.

Congratulations also to Terry and Debbie Grieb on celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary, and Jim and Bertie Weddell on celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary.

2005 PLEDGE DRIVE DINNER

Our pledge drive entertainment this year takes the form of a dinner on Saturday, November 5 in the sanctuary. Plan on joining your fellow Unitarians and friends for an evening of food, wine, music, and gentle persuasion aimed at helping you take a thoughtful look at what you want the UUCP to look like this year.

If we meet this year's pledge drive goal, it will be a generous gift to a future that includes fair-compensation salaries for our staff and funding for the continuing accomplishment of many of our dearest goals. To make it pleasantly possible, the church is hosting a dinner for all, complete with candle-lit tables and cheerful service. There will be musical moments to enjoy and bits of thoughtful speech, reminding us of what we hope to achieve.

The pledge drive is the heart of our annual budget and this dinner is a time to gather and affirm that this is what we want. Consider it an enthusiastic

"Yes! We will pay for what we believe in!" Think of it as an extra-special Feed of Dreams.

The dinner is also a chance to treat the congregation to a night out complete with child-care and dessert without the restaurant bill. Bring yourself to the sanctuary on Saturday, November 5 for appetizers at 5:30 p.m. and dinner to follow at 6. No need to R.S.V.P. – we're already planning on you.

"Let it be a dance we do.

May I have this dance with you?

Through the good times and the bad times, too, let it be a dance . . .

Learn to follow, learn to lead, feel the rhythm, fill the need

To reap the harvest, plant the seed.

Let it be a dance."

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Nelson, 882-3760, nnelson@moscow.com.



UUCP SNOW RETREAT A TRADITION SINCE 1977 January 13-15

Where? Fields Spring State Park:

The park is 1 & 1/2 hour drive from Pullman or Moscow, south of Clarkston, about 4 miles beyond Anatone, WA on Highway 129. Watch carefully for the State Park sign on the right, and then turn left off the highway at the winter entrance to the park. We will be at the Puffer Butte Lodge. A map is available if needed.

Accommodations: Huge rustic lodge with fireplace, central heat bathrooms, showers, well-equipped kitchen and mattress pads for sleeping on the floor. Also available: 4 separate cabins that

sleep 10 people each.

Bring: Equipment for snow play (sleds, tubes, saucers, cross-country skis), things for indoor recreation (musical instruments, music, games, tapes, books, puzzles, handicrafts etc.), personal comfort items (sleeping bags, flashlight, pillow, toiletry items, towels, warm clothes, extra gloves and socks etc.). **Please, no dogs per park rules!**

Music: Bring your instruments and lyrics for group singing.

Games: Bring your favorite games and puzzles.

Arrival: Anytime after 3:00 PM on Friday January 13.

Departure: We will all need to clean up the lodge and have it ready for the next group by 2:00 PM Sunday. However, we can stay and recreate in the park.

Registration: A sign-up sheet will be posted on the church bulletin board in the basement. Space is limited (80

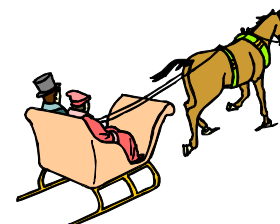
maximum), so sign up early.

Cost: \$38.00 per adult, \$25 per child under 10, or a maximum of \$118.00 per family for two (2) days, meals and lodging.

Note: It is possible for a few people to come down to spend the day with us Saturday. Please let us know well in advance, so we can count on you for lunch, which will be \$7.00 per person.

Policies: A responsible adult must accompany all children and youth. Quiet hours (after 11:00 PM) must be observed by all (we try to strike a compromise), so we can all get our needed rest. Again, no dogs.

Questions: Contact Ken or Karen Faunce (883-7604).



Get UUCP News in color!

We have started publishing this newsletter on the church website in full-color PDF format, formatted exactly as the paper version you are holding in your hands. The address is: <http://palouseuu.org/newsletter/>

Do you have a color printer at home? Would you like to print our newsletter while traveling? Do you want to read the newsletter the very minute it is finalized, instead of days later when it arrives in your mail box? Then visit the church website, and grab a hot-of-the-presses copy of "UUCP News".

Please note: The PDF files are approximately 600 kilobytes in size, which means that with a dial-up connection, the Newsletter might take between one and two minutes to download.

UU Retirees Luncheon

The retirees will meet for lunch in the Apaloosa Room at the Best Western at noon on **November 3**
All are welcome!



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PPQ ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR *ONE DAY ONLY!!*

Sunday, December 4
between the two services
and after the second service
Church Basement
One-of-a-kind items made by
genuine Unitarian Church Ladies!
All profits go to good causes,
local and international.

Child Care at Church Events

The following policy relating to child care was accepted by the board at the October 18 meeting:

"If child care is going to be provided at an event, it is board policy that the organizer of such event is responsible for arranging for child care. We urge that information about child care should be on all of our publicity."

Lisa Kliger's *Noodlehead* at the Kenworthy

UUCP member Lisa Kliger's original musical, "Noodlehead," begins its premiere run at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Center on November 3,4,5, and 10,11,12 at 7:30 pm, with matinees November 6 and 12 at 2 pm.

Lisa wrote the script, lyrics, and music for "Noodlehead," which is based on a Russian folk tale.

Appearing in the Moscow Community Theatre production are her daughters, Katie Barnes and Chloe Barnes. Other UUCPers Janice Willard, Eric Nilsson, Robin Nilsson, and Roger Wallins have roles, and Ethan Nilsson is one of the sound engineers. Tickets are on sale at BookPeople and at the box office half an hour before each performance; prices are \$11 for adults, \$9 for senior citizens, and \$6 for students and children.

~ ~ Thank You ~ ~ Thank You ~ ~ Thank You ~ ~

A special thanks goes out to Church painters Jerry Grzebielski, Bill Styer, Emily Theim, Donal Wilkinson, Dan and Martha Schmidt, John Poole, Janice Boughton, Dave Nelson, Terry Grzebielski, Marcia Whitten, and Jennifer Rod. Also special thanks to all those who helped work on the playground: Jerry Grzebielski, Bill Styer, Terry Grieb, Al Poplawsky, Eric Wegner, Jim Gregson, Paul Allen, and Audrey and Eleanore Faunce. The Church looks great thanks to all of your hard work.

Thanks to Donna Holmes, Sonja Lewis, Al Poplawsky, Linda Wilson, Beth Marshall, Judy LaLonde, Dan Schmidt, Fred Rabe, and those who leapt in at the last minute to make coffee and wash dishes.

Many thanks to Tami Prine for stepping in and creating the October Newsletter.

A Note from our Music Director

Dear UU music lovers -

Here we are in November already. I have just returned from my first trip to Vancouver, B.C. for an international sport psychology conference - what an amazing city! The semester is just flying by and before you know it, the holidays will be in full swing.

Our choir continues to grow in quality and will be singing many new arrangements that have been purchased for the choral library. The November 6th service will involve them AND all of you in the congregation singing a piece that was very well-received at this past summer's UUMN conference. I think we'll have a lot of fun joining forces!

The Recorder Choir, under the direction of Duane DeTemple, has resumed practice and will collaborate with our singers in December. I

am looking forward to this joining of forces.

This month we will hold our major drive to purchase copies of "Singing the Journey" (a.k.a. the new hymnal supplement) for the church. An order form insert will be found in your bulletin each Sunday this month. Many thanks to Michael Irvin for creating this form for us. On it, you can enter your name and contact information, as well as indicate how many copies of STJ you would like to order and to whom you would like each copy to be dedicated. A drop box will be located in the church foyer where you can put your order form and check, made out to UUCP with "hymnal supplement" written on the memo line. Each copy will cost \$16 if we have a minimum order of 20 copies. Thanks in advance for your support of this effort.



Call to Worship and Meditation performance opportunities are available this month on November 13th and 27th. Please call me at home (338-3414) if you would like to share your talents with us on either of those days. The sermon topics are listed on the first page of this newsletter, if that will inspire your choice of music.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. I look forward to hearing all of you on November 6th!

Cheryl Weiss, Music Director

New Member Biography -- Brent Jeffers

Brent is one of those rare individuals; a bonafide "Palouse Native". He was raised in Pullman and continues to live there, as do his retired parents. He has worked for Schweitzer Engineering for over four years in the Mechanical Assembly Department. He is single and has a younger brother in Dayton, Washington and a sister in Seattle.

In his spare time he enjoys reading, board games, puzzles and maps. He is a collector and has an extensive coin collection as well as sets of baseball cards from his younger days.

This is his first experience with the Unitarian-Universalist philosophy. He met Joan Montagnes several months ago and felt a kinship with her and with our principles. He has attended quite regularly since last February and feels he has found the sense of community he was looking for. He values his membership in small group ministry and is also interested in the social action committee. Welcome, Brent!

Social Action Committee News

This month, we hope that everyone in the UUCP will be making **Social Action News**, by engaging in conversations about the types of social action we should engage in together. If you haven't had a chance to return the survey passed out at the October 23rd Service it's not too late to do so. If you have not received a copy of the survey, contact Mary Jo Hamilton. In other news . . .

The **Katrina Hurricane Family Relief Group** continues to explore options for providing assistance in the gulf coast. The group is now pursuing the option of working with a UU Church in the Gulf Coast area that in turn provides direct aid to families. Michael Kyte reported to the SAC in September, and we discussed having a **church-wide Fundraiser** in February to raise funds for gulf coast relief. If you are interested in planning or participating in the fund raiser, contact SAC at socialaction@palouseuu.org.

A representative of **Sojourner's House** (Moscow's homeless shelter for families and single men and women) attended our September meeting seeking volunteers to help with the September Open House. Our group is thinking of an ongoing project to provide assistance to Sojourners; if you would like to be involved, please contact SAC. In Addition, **Sojourner's House** is looking for **New Board Members**. If you are interested in serving, contact Cindy Magnuson at cindyidaho@moscow.com prior to November 11, 2005.

At our September Meeting Joann Muneta reported on plans for the second annual **Finding the Center Conference**, which will be held March 24 through 26, 2006. SAC would like the UUCP to become more involved in the conference, since its goal of finding common interests within the community is consistent with our goals and mission. Anyone interested in becoming more involved in planning and preparation for the conference should contact Joann Muneta at jmuneta@uidaho.edu.

Another successful **Highway Clean-Up** was held September 25th. A small but highly efficient coterie cleaned our two miles of Hwy 95 in record time. Cathy Perillo and Dave Huggins were gracious hosts of the post clean-up root beer float party. The next clean-up will be in April '06; in the mean time, look for our name on Hwy 95 between mile post markers 356 & 358, just this side of Potlatch.

The UUCP and SAC will be participating in **Christmas For Kids** again this year. If you would like to help, contact the SAC at socialaction@palouseuu.org.

Our next meeting will be held November 16, 2005 at 7:00. If you can't attend but would like to stay involved in SAC planning and activities, please contact the SAC at socialaction@palouseuu.org.

Sunday Hospitality

"Please join us for Fellowship and coffee Downstairs after the Service"

How many times have you heard those words. And how many times have you gone downstairs? And how many times have you made the coffee? And how many times have you washed the cups afterwards?

There are no church elves that make the coffee and clean-up. It is just you and your fellow coffee and tea drinkers. Somehow without the coffee to grease the wheels, people don't linger and chat.

Please sign-up to keep the fellowship half hour going.



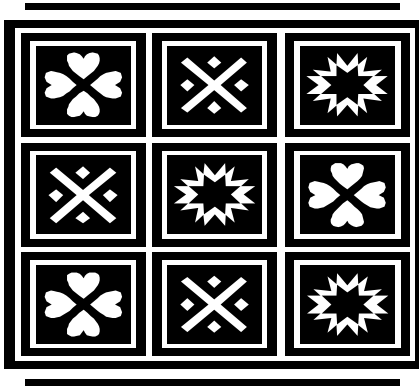
Ministerial Search Committee Update #4, or Writing a good essay we can agree upon!

Wow! 158 completed surveys were returned! That's a very good return for a long survey -- thank you! The raw data has been entered and we are working on turning it into the document we will share with you and prospective ministers. We are hoping to make it available on the UUCP website. We are also writing, editing and perfecting the numerous essays required for completing our online Congregational Record. We seven on the MSC are as varied as our congregation, and we are in the midst of building consensus with regards to essay topics like: describe your congregation, write a profile of the minister you seek, write about the three or four most important events in the life of this congregation, and what congregational issues may never be resolved -- this is hard work! Agreeing is harder. On the survey many of you expressed your confidence in our ability to do a good job with the task at hand. We're workin' on it and we appreciate your good thoughts. We also appreciate you giving us a little space and not looking too hard over our shoulders. Keep you posted...

Martha Schmidt, secretary for the Search Committee

P.S.--if the survey you filled out did not have a PPQ entry form attached, there are some extras in the foyer or make one for yourself, we trust you. We'll have the drawing at the Pledge Drive Dinner, but you don't need to be present to win. If you completed a survey, we'd like you to enter the drawing.

PPQ News



Life is good with the quilters. Garden produce has kept us busy in a very satisfactory way. Vacations have occurred, Marguerite Thoreson to Ireland, Mary George and Mary Jo Hamilton, independently, to Joseph, Oregon, the site of last year's very successful PPQ fall retreat, Carol Casavant to Oceanside, Oregon. Sara Holup went to France. We presented a baby quilt to Jennings Roe, daughter of Mary Silvernale-Shook and Steve Shook. Monday nights we work on the Dresden plate quilt for Cindy Magnuson.

We are scheduled to present the Feed of Dreams on October 19, with a menu of chili, corn bread, salad and fall fruit cobblers, but that is after the due date of this newsletter, so I can't report on that. We had to reschedule our fall retreat because everyone was TOO BUSY to attend on the weekend we had planned. We have rescheduled for sometime after the first of the year, but bemoan the fact that we all have so many commitments that we can't take time off to relax and have fun. We have two big events coming up. The first is our annual Quilt Sunday, which will be on November 13. We will have a speaker talking about quilts, family, and community, using Hawaiian quilts as an example. We hope you all will be willing to have us display your quilts that day. Call Mary Jo Hamilton (882-0443) if you have a quilt we can exhibit. We will pick it up and deliver it back to you. We especially like baby quilts, with photos of the baby. This is also the day we draw the winning ticket for our beauti-

ful raffle quilt, Trip Around the Garden. Be sure to get your tickets for this lovely, hand quilted masterpiece. The second big event is our Holiday Bazaar. Because November is such a busy month this year, with the pledge drive dinner, Quilt Sunday, and Thanksgiving, we decided to have JUST ONE DAY for our Bazaar. It will be on the first Sunday in December, December 4. Be sure to come by and pick up that unique gift for your loved one. We will be selling between the two services and also after the 11:00 service.

Thanks to Jenny Sheneman for her donation of wool yarn for our Afghans for Afghan project. I hope some of the rest of you find a stash of yarn left over from Aunt Opal or Grandma Harriet and think of us. It will be put to good use.

Our celebrity quilter for November is Sarah Holup.

PPQ: Thanks for allowing us to interview you, Sara. Tell us a little about yourself.

SH: I've lived in Moscow since 1971. John and I moved here with our family from Ohio. I was a teacher, mainly special education, mainly primary level children, for 25 years. Now I am hiking, traveling, quilting, knitting, reading books, and doing a little volunteering.

PPQ: How long have you been a member of PPQ?

SH: Since 1998.

PPQ: What made you join?

SH: I was working on the Sister Cities raffle quilt. PPQ agreed to do the hand quilting on the quilt. I worked on it with the PPQ, and I was so grateful for all the work they did, I have been coming ever since.

PPQ: What is your favorite food?

NOTE: There was a long discussion about fried fish, but Sara finally settled on chocolate mousse, having just had it 4 times on her recent trip to France. Sara says "I really do like

food". Later, Sara changed her favorite food to apple pie. Good choices, all, and hard to choose just one.

PPQ: What is your favorite color?

SH: Yellow, because it goes so well with purple.

PPQ: What do you like best about PPQ?

SH: It is a good opportunity to learn. Since I have been coming, not only have I learned to quilt, but I have also learned to knit. I have made my husband John a sweater, and made several pairs of socks. Now I am making baby quilts.

PPQ: Why are you making baby quilts?

SH: For church babies, of course, but also for my grandbabies. My first quilt, a pinwheel, was made two years ago for my first grandchild, Riley. My newest grandchild, Trey Collin Wasson, was born just October 8 in Honolulu, Hawaii. His quilt is made from a pattern called Hugs and Kisses. I plan to present the quilt in person in Hawaii.

PPQ: Would you recommend PPQ to others?

SH: Definitely, no reservations, because it's so fun, and productive, too.

PPQ: Any other comments?

SH: Did I mention that I have a new baby grandson? I'm going to see him in Hawaii soon, and present him with a quilt.

Feed of Dreams



Come to "Feed" with fellow UU's and friends Wednesday, November 30th at 6pm in the Church Basement. If you are available to help with this feed please sign-up by calling Jenny Sheneman at 882-3506. Thanks in advance and we'll see you at the table!

Thanks again to the PPQ for a wonderful October Feed!!!

Book discussion group

Our book for discussion for November is *The End of Poverty* by Jeffrey Sachs. From Amazon.com:

Celebrated economist Jeffrey Sachs has a plan to eliminate extreme poverty around the world by 2025. If you think that is too ambitious or wildly unrealistic, you need to read this book. His focus is on the one billion poorest individuals around the world who are caught in a poverty trap of disease, physical isolation, environmental stress, political instability, and lack of access to capital, technology, medicine, and education. The goal is to help these people reach the first rung on the "ladder of economic development" so they can rise above mere subsistence level and achieve some control over their economic futures and their lives. To do this, Sachs proposes nine specific steps, which he explains in great detail in *The End*

of Poverty. Though his plan certainly requires the help of rich nations, the financial assistance Sachs calls for is surprisingly modest--more than is now provided, but within the bounds of what has been promised in the past. For the U.S., for instance, it would mean raising foreign aid from just 0.14 percent of GNP to 0.7 percent. Sachs does not view such help as a handout but rather an investment in global economic growth that will add to the security of all nations. In presenting his argument, he offers a comprehensive education on global economics, including why globalization should be embraced rather than fought, why international institutions such as the United Nations, International Monetary Fund, and World Bank need to play a strong role in this effort, and the reasons why extreme poverty exists in the midst of great wealth. He also shatters some persistent myths about

poor people and shows how developing nations can do more to help themselves.



Despite some crushing statistics, *The End of Poverty* is a hopeful book. Based on a tremendous amount of data and his own experiences working as an economic advisor to the UN and several individual nations, Sachs makes a strong moral, economic, and political case for why countries and individuals should battle poverty with the same commitment and focus normally reserved for waging war. This important book not only makes the end of poverty seem realistic, but in the best interest of everyone on the planet, rich and poor alike. --Shawn Carkonen

Discussion will be led by Mike Browne on November 30, 7:30 PM, 927 East 6th St., Moscow (882-2183).

Upcoming books:

December: no meeting.

January 25 *The Unquiet Mind* by Kay Jamison. Discussion led by Marg Raunio and Marguerite Thoreson, 708 Ridge Road, Moscow (882-3319)

Other books to be scheduled:

The Solitude of the Open Sea by Greg Smith

An Imperfect God: George Washington, His Slaves, and the Creation of America by Henry Wiencek.

The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara

Lost in Translation by Nicole Mones

Mountains beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder

Delights and Shadows by Ted Kooser

The Mysterious Flame of Queen Loana by Umberto Eco

Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson

The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner

The Known World by Edward P. Jones

The UUCP book group is open to everyone who enjoys reading books and discussing them. To receive notices of meetings and reviews of books, e mail mhamilto@vetmed.wsu.edu or call 882-0443. If you would like a ride to the discussion, call or e mail as above.

Calling All UUCP Cooks

Recipes! A call for recipes!! We NEED a new UUCP cookbook for all our new members—and one that includes all those new recipes you've discovered over the past 6 years! Last Call. Deadline: November 10. Send email recipes to judyb@uidaho.edu or put paper copies in the collection basket!! Or mail them to Judy at her home address!! To make the book interesting, include a tip that will make the recipe work; or tell where you served it to great deals of applause; or tell a funny story about an ingredient; or tell a cooking joke!
We'd like to have a book ready for holiday giving!!
Let's all share!!

RE Page



Greetings!

This past month we held our first ever non-intergenerational RE Service, which turned out to be a great success! Heart-warming stories were shared and connections were made. I hope that everyone has a bit more understanding about the RE program now and is excited to work with our amazing children.

I received many great comments and questions after the service, one of them being “*What does it mean to teach?*” This is very important because it hits at the heart of religious education. Many of us many not feel as though we can teach our children. We may not have been trained as teachers or have any experience in the classroom. We may be afraid of the time commitment or even that we don’t know enough about ourselves to help our children grow. Let me put these apprehensions to rest with the following:

What Does It Mean To Teach?

Commonly Asked Questions

Adapted from a UU Society of Howard County brochure

How can I teach our children when I am still forming my own beliefs?

As UUs most of us spend our lives questioning and forming our beliefs, we expect that our teachers may not know exactly what they believe. We are not trying to give our children the “right” answers or pre-set beliefs but to help them start searching for their own. We want our children to begin thinking about religion and the big questions in life. All you need is

an open mind and an open heart!

But I’ve never been trained as a teacher!

Then you will fit right in! Many of our volunteers are not teachers by occupation. We will give you the tools you need to succeed. This includes a full curriculum that contains the lesson plan and activities, all the supplies necessary and support from the RE Staff each Sunday. At the beginning of each teaching commitment I give a full and comprehensive Teacher’s Orientation to help you feel right at home in our program and in your role as class leader. Also, if you are new at this, you will be given the chance to assist the teachers at least once before you have to lead the class.

I can’t do this alone!

And we don’t expect you to! When you sign up to teach you are put on a team of at least 2 other teachers. You three decide which weeks you are available and which lessons you will lead and which you will assist. Each week you lead the class someone on your team will be there too. Further, I will check in on you each week you teach to make sure any questions you have are answered and any help you need is provided.

What sort of time commitment do I make?

When you say “Yes!” to teaching, you commit to 2 of 3 or 2 of 4 Sundays each month for 10-12 weeks, up to a full year, depending on the class you choose. You teach in either the 9:30 or 11:00 service, so you spend about 1 hour in the class with the chil-

dren on these Sundays.

When you are the lead teacher you will need read over the lesson and do some preparation for the week. Usually this is less than an hour and consists of finding a book at the library or some craft prep. I am always there to help you if your schedule is tight or you need some added direction.

But I love the services and don’t want to miss them!

And you can attend each one of them even if you are teaching! You sign up for the 9:30 or 11:00 teaching, so with two services offered each Sunday you will be able to attend the other service! And teaching is a great way to broaden your UUCP community as you will meet many families that you many not have known before. May of our teachers find that RE is a great way to explore their own beliefs and learn about other religions, celebrations and beliefs they may have known nothing about before!

We make teaching attainable to anyone who wants to spend time with our children! If you would like to try this out, give me a call and we can find the best way for you to join in. Our children are the heartbeat and future of our congregation and our world, and everyone can do something to help them grow in our uniquely UU traditions.

In Faith of Our Living Tradition,

Ginger George

Fall Registration Please **Register your children and youth** for the 2005-2006 church year!!! A current registration is needed for ALL UUCP kids to facilitate the needs of our diverse group. Go online at <http://palouseuu.org/childrensreligiouseducation/index.html> and click on *Register your children*. Paper forms are available in the basement of the church.

Where are they now - 2005 UUCP Bridgers

Last Spring we welcomed 4 graduating seniors into the world of adulthood through the beautiful Bridging Ceremony. We also had two seniors who chose not to participate in the ceremony who are also very important to our community. But where have they gone off to now? We will showcase three this month and the other three in December.

Chris Sappington is now sailing on the flagship The Lady Washington, which makes its way up and down the western coast of the United States and Canada. This ship is an 18th Century style Tall ship that gives community outreach and opportunities to youth and young adults along the way!

Emma Schmidt is attending Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. She is interested in History, French and International Studies. She is enjoying her time in the city and at school.

Nick Norton is attending Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. He is playing soccer on the Junior Varsity team and has been whitewater kayaking in a cold New England river. He has found time to visit New York City with a friend, experiencing the city and its culinary delights.

RE TEACHERS NEEDED!

It is time to sign up for the Winter Session of RE in the Yellow House. Read about what it means to be an RE Teacher in Ginger's Column! This winter, the children will be exploring the theme of *Personal Spirituality*.

The session begins on **Sunday, November 20**. The Teachers' Orientation is on **Sunday November 13**. Contact Ginger George, RE Director, for more information, or to sign up. Call 882-4328 or email uucp-dre@moscow.com.

Children's Religious Educator Needed

North Idaho Unitarian Universalist Church, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; \$30-\$50 per week, depending on experience; commuting expenses reimbursed.

The North Idaho Unitarian Universalist Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho seeks someone to teach children ranging in ages from 5-12 in its religious education program 2-3 times a month. A Unitarian Universalist would be preferred, but is not necessary as long as UU principles are followed in the program. Curriculum materials are available.

For more information, please contact Kelly Masjoan at masjoan@comcast.net or (509) 456-2298, or Justin StormoGipson at justinsg@adelphia.net or (208) 665-2255.

November Birthdays

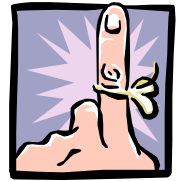


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Dates to Remember



Mondays:

PPQ, 7:30 pm, CB

Wednesdays:

Search Committee, 6:45 pm, YHMain

Thursdays:

Choir, 7 pm, CS

Men's Group, 7:15 pm, YH2. Contact John Pool at 883-8409 for info.

Palouse Harmony, 7:30 pm, YHM

Sunday, October 30 Newcomer's Luncheon, 12:15, Church Basement

Thursday, November 3 Retirees Luncheon, noon, Best Western

November 3-12 *Noodlehead* at the Kenworthy, see p. 5 for details

Saturday, November 5 Pledge Drive Dinner, 5:30 pm, Church Sanctuary

Thursday, November 10 Deadline for submissions for the UUCP Cookbook, contact judyb@uidaho.edu

Sunday, November 13 RE Teachers' Orientation, contact Ginger George for information

Tuesday, November 15 Deadline for submissions for the December Newsletter

Wednesday, November 16 Social Action Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Church Basement

Wednesday, November 30 Feed of Dreams, 6:00 pm, Church Basement

Wednesday, November 30 Book Discussion Group, see article on p. 9 for time & place

Sunday, December 4 Congregational Meeting, promptly at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 4 PPQ Holiday Bazaar, between services and after the second service, Church Basement

Friday January 13-Sunday January 15

UUCP Snow Retreat, Fields Spring State Park

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