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May 7, 9:30 & 11:00 am

The Meaning of Membership, And New Member Recognition

Speaker: Rev. Patti Pomerantz

Celebrant: Derrick Belanger

We have been wrestling with this question during adult religious education classes. I will share some of our answers, but mostly more questions, about what it means to be a part of this congregation. We will also covenant with new members at each service, and share a brief celebration between services.

May 14, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Picturing Her: Images of the Great Mother in Art (Art and Soul Sunday)

Speaker: Rebecca Rod

Celebrant: Donna Holmes Parks

Pictures and other representations of Her can be found everywhere from ancient caves to modern museums. Over thousands of years, Her image has been created and recreated in every medium imaginable -- limestone, clay, ivory, gold, illuminated manuscripts, paint, paper mache, stone, and probably even cement. For Mother's Day Sunday, which is also our Art and Soul Sunday this year, we will explore and reflect on the Great Mother and her many earthly manifestations. You are encouraged to bring pictures of your own mothers to add to the display and discussion.

May 21, 9:30 & 11:00 am *We Dedicate Ourselves And Child Dedication*

Speaker: Rev. Patti Pomerantz

Celebrant: Kathy Dawes

As we dedicate the children both newly born and newly entering our congregation, I will reflect on what it means to dedicate ourselves to and in a religious community. Come share the joy of our children's presence and celebrate their special beauty in our midst.

May 28, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Our Common Spiritual Ground

Speaker: Scott Cardell

Celebrant: Duane DeTemple

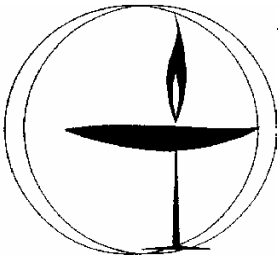
Some Unitarian-Universalists believe that our denomination has a wide gulf between the "intellectuals" and the "spiritualists." Inspired by my experience here at the UUUCP and by my memories of my father's UU ministry, I identify a range of spiritual topics that can be appreciated by both camps. To the extent of my limited skills, I both discuss this topic and present an example in the form of a sermon.



Spring Registration

Please **Register your children and youth** for the 2006 church year!!! A current registration is needed for ALL UUUCP 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.



The Meaning of Membership

May will be a month of recognition and covenant. The May 7 service will be a time to recognize our new members – all those who have joined our congregation since last spring, or who may be joining at the service. And on May 21st we'll celebrate in ritual the children who have come into the life of this congregation since the fall. It is a time to celebrate our growth, to welcome our new friends, but more important, it is a time to covenant together – to name our mutual commitment to support the mission and vision of UUCP. As we celebrate the arrival of spring, I invite you to take some time to reaffirm together why we are in this religious community, and to acknowledge what your participation in our congregation means to you. It is a simple request, and it won't take much time. Yet, the simple act of speaking our intentions together will strengthen connections with each other.

Thinking ahead to these special times seems particularly

From Our Interim Minister

poignant as I write this during your candidate week with the Reverend Kayle Rice – your candidate for settled ministry. I don't know how you will vote at the end of her visit, but I imagine you will welcome her into your midst. And doing that also begins the process of saying goodbye to me – and me to you. I honestly don't know where I'll be for the next church year, but I know I'll have you with me. I will be better prepared to serve because of my time here with you. You are good teachers, even with the hard lessons. We are all changed by our time together.

And while I've said before that I'm not very good at goodbyes – a proper leave-taking will make a clear and welcoming path for your new settled minister. So let's carve out some time together – to reflect, to celebrate, to laugh and to cry a bit, to affirm the connections we've made during the year. I imagine there are places where I'll rest in your history – for instance as the minister who not only fell into your laps last summer, but down your stairs in the fall. You may remember a particular sermon, or meeting we experienced together – or watching me shiver in the winter as I ventured outside my heated office to visit the very un-heated lavato-

ries two floors down. You'll remember times that I'd just as soon forget when I became particularly flustered, or said something I wish I hadn't. Perhaps you'll remember a time I challenged you to be more than you think you are, or a hard time when I helped you see more of who you are. All of those times are part of the fabric of this congregation and my ministry and root us deeply in each other's lives.

What I know is that all our memories will be colored by the knowledge and satisfaction that our time together mattered. I learned more from you than I will ever be able to articulate in words. You let me into your lives this year and I will carry each relationship with me. You will always remind me that the heart always has room for more love. As well, my love of Unitarian Universalist ministry strengthened and matured during our time together.

So as we enjoy the surprises of our remaining church year, let's do so with a wink of recognition, however brief, that all life is change. And we are being gifted with knowing what one of those changes will be. I can't think of a better reason to have a party! Can you?

-patti

New Member Recognition & Child Dedication

If you have recently joined the church, or are thinking about joining and would like to participate in our **New Member Recognition Service**, please contact Patti or Summer as soon as possible.

If you have a child you would like to participate in our **Children's Dedication Service**, please contact Patti or Ginger as soon as possible.



UUCP Library News

We have a good resource library in the yellow house but historically there are a number of books that go missing and never returned. If you checked out a book in this last year and haven't returned it, please do so by May 1st. I will then take inventory and make telephone calls and try to capture missing books before people move away.

If you have book donations or if you look over the UU Bookstore list and see a book that you would like in our library, then please contact Donna Bradberry at 882-2830 or donnabradberry@yahoo.com.



From the President's Pen

Yesterday I was checking my email and I saw a message from Elizabeth Green, who is our district's UUA trustee. As it turns out, the bylaws of the UUA require a periodic review of its Principles and Purposes. There is an appointed commission assigned to the task of creating a process for maximizing input from Unitarian Universalists everywhere. Some part of the process will take place at the Annual General Meeting this summer. For other opportunities and news about this process we will need to stay tuned to "various electronic and print resources of the UUA". After reading the email I was a little embarrassed that I had no idea this was afoot!

Then I got to thinking about all the mail and email I receive from various UU sources just begging for attention and all I can do is think "how can I keep up with the things in our own congregation much less all of this other stuff from the outside?" Still, it seemed to me that there might be just the resource to answer any need – even those that I didn't know I or the board, or the church had yet. In the spirit of being better prepared to meet any opportunity with our best foot forward, I decided I should investigate. Here is what I found:

At the PNWD you can find workshops for everything from being a Youth advisor to Planned giving to leadership development for commit-

tee chairs. I found a resource for email etiquette, a handbook for the Elliot institute, brochures, newsletters and various other publications. One may borrow books from the PNWD's library, find information on lay leadership, and learn how to participate in the "Chalice Lighter Program" which provides grants to congregations who need assistance with implementing their "growth plan".

The UUA also has its share of resources and information. In fact, I don't even know where to begin! There is an entire section of their web site devoted to UU grant programs where the "mission is to promote the influence of Unitarian Universalist principles through grant-making."

From there, you may move on to resources for Religious Education, Social Justice, Small Group Ministry, fundraising, specialized ministries and more. When I looked today, there was a wide range of information about Earth Day including "Ways to observe Earth day", "Resources to support stewardship of the earth all year long", information about the "Seventh Principle Project", the UUA's draft Statement of Conscience entitled "Threat of Global Warming", how the UUA is "Greening" its 2006 annual General Assembly and again, much more.

All in all, there is a wildly rich and diverse world of resources and information just begging to be

explored and used by the UUCP. Some of it may not be so exciting in and of itself (i.e. who really wants to go to a workshop on how to be a good committee chair?). But what if that enables you to create a better UU church on the Palouse?! What if learning some of those leadership skills allows you to have a positive impact on our Sunday services or UUCP membership? What if, in the process of discovering some of these resources you find that 1), we aren't alone and 2), we don't need to re-invent the wheel every time we want to do something new or different?

Finally, what if we had someone in our church community who volunteered to find out about these resources on a regular basis, and keep us informed about what's available to meet our needs at any given time?

How's that standard offertory go: "for the continuing work of this congregation, we will now take the morning offering"? In that spirit, I invite you to check out the breadth and depth of the resources available to us from both PNWD, and the UUA. And, if you are interested in helping us to maintain this connection in a way that feeds the continuing work of this congregation, please get in touch with me. Denominational Affairs needs you!

Cathy Green

 * **In the Family** *
 * Congratulations to Marshall Mitchell and his fiancée Laurie who plan to be married on April 29. *
 * May the circles of support encompass Colette DePhelps, Forest & Raven, and the community of *
 * people who are grieving Toby Brown's death. Toby touched the lives of many, especially children, *
 * and he will be deeply missed. *
 * Please hold in your thoughts Debbie Landon's mother, who is having serious health issues; Al Konen's father, who is *
 * ill and moving into a nursing home; and Sasha Bentley & Kate McKnight's grandmother, who is going into hospice. *
 * And our ongoing thoughts are with Liz Hall and her family during her illness. *
 * Note: Please notify the Office, uuchurch@moscow.com or 882-4328, of any family news to be included in this section. *
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Compassionate Communication Network of the Palouse Supports Peace in Iraq

Rummage Sale: The Compassionate Communication Network of the Palouse (CCNP) has committed \$1000 to help send six Iraqi peace activists to be trained in Non-violent Communication! Help us raise the money by donating to and buying from our HUGE Rummage Sale Saturday, May 13th, 8am to 2pm at UUCP.

The six Iraqi citizens from Baghdad are deeply committed to peace and in learning any communication skills that would aid in their pursuit of non-violent solutions to their predicament in Iraq. They are pillars of their communities and they will bring much hope and teaching back to their country. Right now the Iraqi people are suffering unrelenting threat of injury or death. The cost of attending the Nonviolent Communication workshop with Marshall Rosenberg in Scotland, and a few weeks of respite in London, will cost approximately \$20,000.

Donations can be brought to UUCP basement Friday, May 12th from 2:00-7:00 pm, or call for pick up of large items. Call Veronica Lassen (882-2562) or Nancy Hampel (835-3313) for more information about the project, for pick-ups, or to donate money. Volunteers needed! See www.palousecc.org for more information. Thank you for your time and consideration. We are grateful and excited to be contributing to peace in a region that is in such great need.



Service Auction Round-Up

We've now accounted for all but three Service Auction offerings! If you signed up for:

1.) **60's Fondue Party** – please contact Mary Jo Hamilton, mhamilto@vetmed.wsu.edu, or Carol Casavant, ccasavant@vetmed.wsu.edu **and add it to the bill you received from Archie.**

2.) **Chocolate Tasting Party** – please contact Bill and Joan Webb, wwebbj@moscow.com, **and add it to the bill you received from Archie.**

If you won the silent auction bid on:

3.) **Massage for Two** – please contact Sonja Lewis, sal.e.forth@turbonet.com **and add it to the bill you received from Archie.**

Thanks again to everyone who made this year's auction such a success!!

—The Spring Into Service Auction Committee



A Note from our Music Director

It's May already. Let's be grateful for longer, warmer days!

Many thanks again to all of you who purchased our Singing the Journey hymnal supplements. I hope you're enjoying the newest additions to our congregational music worship. As we get closer to the end of this church year, I want to express my appreciation to all of our talented and dedicated choir members for their commitment to rehearsing and singing for the church. Jenna's contribution to our services also should be commended. I am pleased to announce that she will be with us again next year, which is a tremendous asset to our program.

If anyone has suggestions or ideas for musical selections, please email them to me. I will be picking out new repertoire throughout the summer and would enjoy having congregational input. Also, if there are choir anthems that you have enjoyed in the past, please let me know and I'll try to program them again in the future.

Best -

Cheryl Weiss, Music Director

UUCP Grande Ronde Rafting Trip



The **Annual UUCP Grande Ronde Rafting Trip** is coming up.

Here are some details:

When: June 29th to July 2nd

Where: We leave the store in Minam, Oregon (about 150 miles from Moscow) about noon on Thursday, June 29th. We get off the river at either Troy, Oregon or Bogans, Oregon on Sunday the 2nd. Usually we raft on three of the days, and spend a layover day on a beach.

How Much: I have reserved 4 rafts from Jim at the Minam Store. If you want one, please contact me soon! The rafts were \$75/day last year and I expect a similar price this year. If you have your own equipment or want to rent from the U of I, that's great. Jim also does car shuttles for about \$100.

For more info or to reserve one of the rafts, contact David Nelson at 882-3760 or dnelson@moscow.com

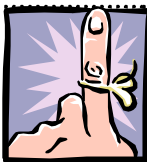


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YHM Yellow House, Main Floor
 YHB — Yellow House, Basement
 YH2 — Yellow House, Second Floor
 CS — Church Sanctuary
 CB — Church Basement

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 9:30 & 11:00 am Services New Member Recognition 12:15 pm RE Committee Mtg, YHB 6:30 pm Youth Group, YHB	1 7:30 pm PPQ, CB	2 7:00 pm Adult RE, YHM	3 7:30 pm Book Dis- cussion Group, CB	4 7:00 pm Choir, CS 7:00 pm Men's Group, YH2	5 2:00-7:00 pm Drop off donations for CCNP Rummage Sale, CB	6 8:00-2:00 CCNP Rum- mage Sale, CB 12:00 noon Mother's Day Peace Rally, Friendship Square: Pre- rally at 10:00 am
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Dates to Remember



Mondays:

PPQ, 7:30 pm, CB

Tuesdays

Adult Religious Education, 7:00 pm, YHM
or YH2

Thursdays:

Choir, 7 pm, CS
Men's Group, 7:00 pm, YH2. Contact John Pool at
883-8409 for info.

Sundays:

Youth Group, 6:30 pm, CB

Wednesday May 3 *Book Discussion Group*, 7:30 pm,
in the Church Basement

Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7 *Renaissance Fair* in
East City Park

Sunday May 7 *New Member Recognition Service*

Friday May 12 *Drop off donations* for Rummage Sale,
2:00-7:00 pm, the Church Basement

Saturday, May 13 *CCNP Rummage Sale* for peace in
Iraq, 8:00 am—2:00 pm, Church Basement, see article
on page 4.

Saturday, May 13 *Mother's Day Peace Rally* in
friendship square, see article on this page.

Sunday May 14 *Art & Soul Sunday*

Sunday May 14 *Mother's Day Plant Exchange*,
Church Basement between services

Sunday May 21 *Child Dedication Service*

Wednesday May 31 *Book Discussion Group*, 7:30
pm, see article on page 7.

Thursday June 1 *Retirees Luncheon*, 12:00 noon at
the Best Western

Sunday June 4 *Bridging Ceremony*

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Renaissance Fair May 6 and 7th

If you are available to help make or sell the famous UUCP pizza or brownie deserts, sign up in the foyer or contact Mary Jo Hamilton at 882-443. Remember, the funds we raise are used to benefit local, national and international causes supported by the UUCP.

Mother's Day Peace Rally May 13

Join in the Second Annual Mother's Day for Peace Rally on May 13, 2006, in the Friendship Square Fountain Area.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon: Pre-rally activity making Peace "flags" (signs) – from old sheets, dish towels, diapers, to hang on a clothesline strung from the trees around the Friendship Square Fountain. **Materials provided.**

NOON: Program/rally begins (including a dramatic reading of Julia Ward Howe's "Declaration")

Anyone who would like to help with this rally, please contact Rebecca Rod at rpotter@turbonet.com or 882-8168. We'll need help with gathering materials for making the signs, setting up tables, helping people with sign-painting on the site, planning the program, reading the Declaration, music, etc.

UU Retirees Luncheon

The retirees will meet for lunch in the Appaloosa Room at the Best Western at 12:00 noon on **June 1**.
All are welcome!



Bridging Ceremony

On June 4th, our annual Stone Soup Sunday, we will be having our bridging ceremony for all of those who are graduating from high school. Please let Ginger George know if you or your youth would like to participate! uucp-dre@moscow.com, 882-4328.

May Birthdays

Jamie Gordon
Miri Taylor
Ryan Grieb
Willa Cohen
Hazel Opie
Jane Walden
Jasper LaFortune
Lilly Tarabulski
Devin Wegner
Chris Campbell
Ethan Nilsson



Emerald LaFortune
Rachel Frenzel
Mia Lassen-Purser
Cooper Gross
James Shook
Bryce Poplawsky
Alajandro Salinas
Anna Willis
Tavi Kohn
Ella Sowards
Michael LeBeau



Book Discussion Group



If you wanted to come to the discussion of US Poet Laureate Ted Kooser's work, but missed it, you have another chance. We will be discussing his book *Delights and Shadows* on Wednesday, May 3, 7:30 PM in the church basement. Clif Anderson will lead the discussion.

Our book for May is *Lost in Translation* by Nicole Mones. From Amazon.com:

Every once and a while you pick up a book or are introduced to a book with a theme around a culture and a series of personae that you find so incredibly foreign to your own existence that you are grateful for such a gift. This book, while a well-written novel about a bit of a mystery, was a magnificent albeit fictional view through the author's window into the modern-day Chinese culture. A culture so foreign and seemingly xenophobic that rare glimpses through, even a westerner's eye, are a treasure. Alice Mannegan, whose father is a (fictional) US senator, and a bigoted and egotistical one at that, is a young woman who has done her best to melt unnoticed into the billions of the Chinese demographic landscape. She works as a translator when she needs the work, and maintains a secret parallel life in the smoky bars of Beijing. One day she is contracted to work as a translator for a young American archeologist named Adam Spencer who is in China tracking the potential whereabouts of the remains of the "Peking Man" (an archeological treasure) through the letters and writings of an 18th century French priest and his love. This enchanting book is at once a political thriller, an adventure, a love story, and a novel about coming to terms with one's family, one's life, and the decisions one makes in an effort to take the right paths toward happiness. A must read.

The discussion for this book will be on Wednesday, May 31, 7:30 PM at Mary Jo Hamilton's home, 1102 Orchard Avenue, Moscow.

We decided to take the month of June off this summer - many people had travel plans for that last week.

Our book for July is *The Mysterious Flame of Queen Loana* by Umberto Eco, and Ken Marcy will lead the discussion. In August we will read *Don't Let's Go To The Dogs Tonight* by Alexandra Fuller; Judy LaLonde will lead the discussion. Reviews of these books will appear later.

Other upcoming books:

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
Mountains beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder
Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson
Teacher Man by Frank McCourt
The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion
Gilead by Marilynne Robinson
Empire Falls by Richard Russo
Our Endangered Values by Jimmy Carter
Our Mutual Friend by Charles Dickens

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



UU World Travelers – Coming to the UU Church near you, Summer 2006

Have you ever been anywhere fun, amazing, exotic, interesting or just plain far away? Have you ever found new joy in visiting somewhere close by? One of the best ways to share your experiences is to explore them again with our children!

This summer in the Yellow House we are featuring all of you adults who have ever been anywhere! With the help of a curriculum entitled *UU World Travelers* and our talented RE Director you can share your adventures with the eager ears of our elementary aged children on any Sunday morning you are in town. Contact Ginger George to sign up today!! uucpre@moscow.com 882-4328

Mother's Day Plant Exchange

Do you have too many zinnia seedlings? Are you pining for a lilac? Did you just divide your Echinacea? Need a few more tomatoes, or some ground cover?

Bring your extras to the Annual Mother's Day Plant Exchange and Sale, and check out what everyone else brings. Joel will have his usual selection of heirloom tomatoes, up to 45 varieties this year. Plants will be for sale during the time between the services on Mother's Day, May 14. Pay what you think the plants are worth; all proceeds go to the church's landscaping fund. Our eventual goal is to pave the patio area. Questions? Call Joel and Mary Jo Hamilton 882-0443, or email mhamilton@vetmed.wsu.edu.



PPQ News

We have lots to talk about this month - new news, and also some old news that never got reported.

People have asked me what we did with our money this year, since we had proceeds from both the quilt raffle and the Holiday Bazaar. We gave money to the Red Cross for hurricane relief, and to the Latah county fair. At Christmas, we bought for two families for Christmas for Kids. We gave money to partially subsidize the excellent Love Your Planet party put on by the Climate Change subcommittee of the Social Action group.

At our Annual Meeting, we chose as our beneficiaries the Palouse Ice Rink Association, the Village Bicycle Project, Friends of San Cristobal, Planned Parenthood International, the Sudan Tuberculosis Project, Heifer Project International (by now, we have probably purchased a whole herd of water buffalo), the Troy Food Bank, and Sojourner's Alliance.

Later this spring, we donated to the Empty Bowls Studio Potters' Guild anti-hunger project. And, of course, we pledge to the church.

There is something inherently satisfying about giving away our money. In fact, I feel like we wring every iota of enjoyment out of the money that passes through the PPQ.

First, the quilts and other items we make are truly labors of love, and the support and friendship that PPQ provides is priceless. Second, we have the joy of having someone purchase something we have created, and we vicariously feel the pleasure they get when they use or wear the item. Then the cycle starts over as we start the discussions of how to spend our money. Sort of

financial multitasking.

We gave away two quilts in April. The first went to Raven, daughter of Toby Brown and Colette DePhelps. We were shocked and saddened by the family's loss of Toby, and our sympathies go out to them.

The second was presented to Eric Nilsson. He was the lucky winner of the drawing held by the Ministerial Search Committee, who offered a chance on a PPQ quilted wall hanging as an incentive to fill out the congregational questionnaire. Eric's mother, Shirley Nilsson, is a skillful quilter herself. The quilt was made by Marguerite Thoreson and had a wildlife theme.

The PPQ retreat finally happened on Easter weekend. We retreated to the Magnuson's cabin on Windy Bay - a place that somewhat stretches the definition of a cabin. Several bedrooms, two full baths, fully equipped kitchen, nice wood stove, and fabulous views out over the lake. Despite a little rain and snow, we had several nice walks along the lake, spotting the first trilliums, glacier lilies and yellow wood violets in bloom.

We chatted, knitted, played Mah Jongg and scrabble, ate very well, and even did a little quilting. It was difficult to tell exactly when the sunsets were, but we spent some time drinking wine and eating Cheetos every day anyway. In honor of the season, we had a great ham dinner on Saturday. We all returned refreshed and relaxed.

We were honored to be chosen as one of the groups ministerial candidate Kayle Rice will visit in our natural setting on a Monday evening. We will be working on the quilt top donated by Nancy Nelson to be our next raffle quilt.

I have found out that the

quilt top was given to Nancy's grandmother by her mother, who purchased it at a farm auction during the depression. Sort of a sad story, but it will have a happy ending when the quilt is completed and is gracing someone's bed. Anyway, we plan to have some nice brownies on hand, and maybe other treats as well when Kayle visits. We also plan to ask probing questions such as, "What is your favorite color?" and "Do you knit?"

The Renaissance Fair is planning to sponsor its first ever knitting circle, where people can come and work for a while on an ongoing project that will then be donated to a Good Cause - a project designed to warm the cockles of a PPQ's heart. We are suggesting that strips be knit, and the PPQ will turn them into Afghans for Afghans. Several of us plan to volunteer to help with this project.

Another quilting project that the PPQ would like to endorse is a quilt made by several young ladies who plan to raffle it and donate the money to the Leonhardy family to help defray expenses of adopting a blind girl from Ethiopia.

Lilly Tarabulski and Robin Nilsson, friends of Paige Leonhardy, plan to sell chances on this quilt at church and also at the Renaissance Fair at the UUCPizza booth. This is a fine project on many levels, and I hope you can support them in their endeavors.

Everyone has gifts to share!

Come share your unique gifts with our wonderful Yellow House children. There is a place for everyone, from serving on the RE Committee, being a fall teacher, Yellow House volunteer or snack and supply support! *Fall Teachers are needed now!* Contact Ginger George for more information.

Summer (almost) Greetings!

The high school youth are awesome. They just plain rock. For those of you lucky enough to have seen their service in April or to know them personally, you know this already.

The April service was an open forum for adults to ask our youth the burning questions we all have for teens: What is your life like? What are your struggles? How to do you live as a UU? Our teens proved themselves articulate, thoughtful and overall honest in their answers. Oh yeah, and there was also rock band.

So if you were inspired by their service or would like to get involved, talk to Donal Wilkinson or me and get to know our amazing teens. If you need a conversation starter they are traveling to the Pacific Northwest District Youth Conference the last weekend in April

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where they will be spending three days with other UU youth from Oregon, Washington and Idaho. So ask them how it went, what other youth groups are like and if they even slept a wink. And let them know how much we value them in our community, for they deserve it.

Our other children are pretty cool as well. They never cease to astound me with their insights, questions and sometimes by their sheer numbers.

If anyone has had any doubts that our church is growing come spend a Sunday in the Yellow House. This is a happening place to be! The classes are busy and full, children and adults alike are exploring and

learning.

The month of April saw an average of 35 children each Sunday in the Yellow House alone. If we count the nursery and high school kids this number easily tops 40. Granted, April contained the Surprise Pals Potluck, Easter, and two amazing sermons by Rev. Kayle Rice, but how marvelous it is to see so many young and eager UUs come through our doors on Sunday mornings.

So if it has been a while, or never, since you have spent some time with our kids, let me know. There is a perfect place for you that will fit your style, needs and time constraints. From helping just one Sunday with a busy class, bringing in snacks for those inevitably hungry mouths, to sharing a travel experience through our summer programming, UU World Travelers, you too can find the joy that I experience each week in the yellow house.

-Ginger George



Thank You RE Teachers & Volunteers!

To all of the teachers this year, a big **THANK YOU** for sharing your gifts with our children! **Jenny Sheneman, Tena Old, Sherry Caisley, Diane Prorak, Michael LeBeau, Nick Gier, Marguerite Thoreson, Michael Tarabulski, Donal Wilkinson, Laurie Schneider, Mary**

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There were also several others who helped as substitutes, yellow house helpers and on special occasions, including **Michael Irvin, Louise Ashmun, Mary George, Summer Stevens, Forrest Stevens, Susan Daniels, Paul Spencer, Mary Beard, David Sappington, Cassie Nichols and Mark Mumford.**

Thank you also to:

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Laura Gust who supplied the little house to our new playground!
Ken Faunce who arranged for the new carpet in the nursery!

Please Help Keep Our Church Clean

With many groups using the many spaces available at the UUCP, things get dirty/dusty very quickly! The Sexton has very limited hours in which to clean both the Church (Sanctuary, Basement, Foyer, and Offices) and the Yellow House (three floors!) and take care of any minor repairs as they become necessary.

In order to keep everything looking nice, as you're getting ready to leave please take a few minutes to look around and make sure the space you used is as clean and tidy as it was when you arrived.

Thanks!!



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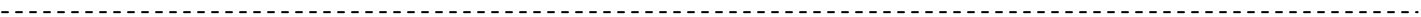
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