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June 4, 9:30 & 11:00 am *Stone Soup Sunday, Bridging, and Goodbyes*

Speaker: Rev. Patti Pomerantz **Celebrant:** Sherry Caisley

This is the last day of our 2-service year and as is our tradition, we will tell the story of the stone soup. Please bring an ingredient to add to soup, and plan to share in its bounty after the second service. The rest is magic. This will also be the last time I will speak to you from the pulpit and I will reflect on endings and goodbyes.

June 11, 10:00 am *Personal Ecology*

Speaker: Eric Wegner **Celebrant:** Betty Smith

We recycle, buy green, and walk when we can. What more will it take to get to a sustainable society? (Topic supplied by Von Walden and Tina Hilding in a "buy a sermon this summer" offering at the service auction.)

June 18, 10:00 am *Poetry Sunday*

Speakers: Members of the Congregation **Celebrant:** TBA

Join us in celebration of the literary art where you don't have to write to the margins. Bring a reading from your favorite poet, or a work of your own.

June 25, 10:00 am *Midsummer*

Celebrants: Various UU neopagans will welcome the green time.

Paganism and the values that enrich traditional Unitarian Universalist roots.

July 2, 10:00 am *Ben Franklin and the Virtuous Life*

Speaker: Donna Bradberry **Celebrant:** TBA

Franklin's famous experiment in living the classic virtues may be a useful guide as we try to implement our liberal values today.

July 9, 10:00 am *The Human/Animal Bond*

Speaker: Janice Willard **Celebrant:** Judy LaLonde

The emotional bond between our species and our animals is as real as between family members. What are the implications of this fact when we consider life-saving decisions in times of disaster, such as the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina?

July 16, 10:00 am *Gospel Music Sunday*

Celebrants: Jim Weddel and Tami Moore

Come join in the spirit at our traditional revival meeting. Chicken dinner and potluck afterwards.

July 23, 10:00 am *Development and the Democratic Process*

Speaker: Art Bettge **Celebrant:** Forrest Stevens

Art is a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission who will speak on the upcoming proposed zoning changes in Moscow, and how the public can participate in the decision making process.

July 30, 10:00 am *Discernment*

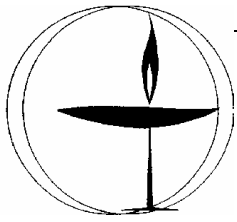
Speaker: Karen Faunce **Celebrant:** Krista Kramer

How do you choose your path? By what means do you hear your calling? Do you want soup or salad with that? As UUs, we believe many paths lead to the truth. What do we do when we reach a crossroad? Karen Faunce explores some means by which we can hear the "still, small voice" inside us, and by what values we choose to live.

Congratulatory Hugs

Thanks to Judy Brown and Audrey Cardell for providing a variety of hors d'oeuvres, to Roger Johnson for providing the wine, and to everyone who donated the deserts that made the party for Rev. Kayle Rice on April 28 such a success.





From Our Interim Minister—May the Circle be Unbroken

If it's not one thing, it's another. Here it is past time for my final newsletter column in the Palouse – and I feel so unprepared! Even with my best intentions, I have let other parts of life get in the way. I sit here in my study in Portland and wonder what to say to tie this year together, to reflect the enormous love I feel for you and from you, to thank you for all you have taught me and for the trust you have offered me. This ending just isn't happening the way I thought it would. I thought Janis would be dreaming about the freedom of retirement and we would be busily preparing to move to the place of a new ministry. No, this is definitely not what we had planned! Nevertheless, I am given this opportunity to reflect on disappointment and the unexpected—and so I shall.

Do you remember this winter when I preached a sermon about darkness and couldn't end it without your help? You reminded me that it is my job to always look for the hope. That is pretty challenging for me these days. I am not the only one who in our community facing grief or crisis—I have listened to many of you and walked with some of you through your traumas. But I experience them more deeply now, with greater understanding. And I am learning from you to always remember to look for the hope; even though it is often hidden under a rock or behind a tree. The lesson for me is that sometimes hope comes unbidden, from unexpected places. And in your generosity to my family as we go through our own medical nightmare – I have found hope I wasn't expecting.

Yet, here we are at the end of the church year and I find it is you who offer me practical support and spiritual comfort. Your support is a

gift and it brings me hope. And I need it – on both counts. I could not have made it through the past month without taking leave time to be in Portland with Janis! I could not make it through the rest of the year without the incredible support of my Committee on Ministry—Donna Holmes, Rachel Caudill, and Cathy Perillo. Thank you so much for taking up the slack so graciously and generously. And they are not the only ones—Summer and Ginger, committee chairs and the Board continue to hold things steady. And the words and prayers and good wishes bring as much practical energy as they do spiritual comfort! We—you and I—have become so close in this short time—and what could be more hopeful than that very example of how people who begin as strangers can work together and deepen connections in whatever time is available to us.

Today Janis said she is going to beat the Parkinson's and I told her if she wanted to do that she had to have awfully strong faith. I have no doubt she will be able to keep that vision of healing in her head. But can I? When we first heard the diagnosis less than a month ago, my world stopped. I shared my struggle with you from the pulpit; I couldn't imagine how to minister to you in my own pain. Now it is a few weeks later. We still don't know where we're headed next year, literally and figuratively. And I cannot stop ministering while I wait for the answers. Not so much for you, I'm afraid, as for me.

That is my lesson. All I can do, all I can hope for is the strength to stay present and engaged with all of my life—and that includes my ministry with you. I don't know that I feel particularly confident about my attentiveness, or my perspective. I don't know how good a listener I can be. I don't know how creative I can be. But all of these unknowns are completely dwarfed by the known—that the foundation of our relationship is the commitment to stay in that relationship, to be present to each other—no matter what.

I hope I have been a good minister to you—and now I am learning to let you minister to me. It ain't easy. But it completes the circle—and getting to see that happening is a precious gift. I will always be a part of your community, just as you will always be a part of my ministry. What a gift! Thank you all from the very depths of my soul—it has been my privilege to get to know you and to serve you. And I know that you will continue to grow in size, and also in the depth of your work. I pray that you grow ever truer to our principles, ever more confident of your own voice, ever thankful for the many gifts of this congregation, and ever more loving of the world. I will carry you in my heart; I will use the lessons you have taught me well; I will try to be true to the minister you have shown me to be.

In love and in faith, with blessings and joy, and some sadness, too,
patti

Welcome New 2006 UUCP Members

A warm welcome to DeLyle Eastwood, Marcie Gilliland & Richard King, Tim Hatten & Jill Maxwell, Wanda Hvezda, Susan Nies, Sheila O'Brien, Jan Rauk, Genevra Sloane, J.D. Stevens, Tina Von Moltke, Marsha Witten, and Derrick Belanger & Abby Gosselin, who have all signed the UUCP's Membership Book in 2006. Short biographies will appear in future newsletters as they are completed.





From the President's Pen

Summer is almost here. Memorial Day is fast approaching and like always, we have a lot of outdoor projects planned. Tear out one raised bed, build a couple more someplace else, put in a retaining wall, prepare one garden bed, weed the other garden and so the list goes. I was contemplating all of these things recently and was shocked at the realization that I don't even like yard work!

Now I know some people live for the warmth of Spring and Summer. They can't wait to dig their fingers into the soil dreaming of flowers and vegetables and the bounty of the earth. Spending hours working in the garden is the thing that energizes them and feeds their souls. They have yards that people ooh and aah over. Me, I'm realizing I would be okay if it could just look respectable.

So in thinking over my list of yard work I've decided to adjust things. First, we'll farm some of it out to young people who have plenty of energy and the desire to earn some extra cash. We will also pare back some of our goals a bit

and then we may get to a more manageable list for ourselves. Now, I might actually be able to enjoy my 3 day weekend doing some of the things I find energizing and the yard will simply have to remain "passable".

You may be wondering what this could possibly have to do with church and the answer is plenty. As a member of the board, I have on several occasions found myself in the position of asking people for assistance with different types of church work. This activity is fraught with various kinds of pitfalls not the least of which I think it is a learned activity that I have yet to master. So in my several attempts at asking for assistance the answer has invariably been "No". And not usually even a "thanks for asking but I'd rather not" kind of expression but a short and snappy, "Not on your life" kind of answer. I've been surprised by this.

And yet, it makes perfect sense. I do not know what people do or do not want to do until I ask. I can't know everyone in the congregation, know what they enjoy doing and what energizes them, and then

ask them if they would do the one thing that they will say "yes" to. We are on the verge of having too many members for any one person to keep track of them all and yet, there are many jobs to be done. In some cases a very few do the big jobs over and over again. It's a little like my Memorial Day, get out the shovel and start digging syndrome that I am really going to change this year.

So for those of you who have yet to step up and volunteer your time and for those of you who go above and beyond the call of duty more often than not, I hope you will all take time this summer to consider and re-consider the things that you feel passionate about and that energize you. I hope you will make a commitment to yourself to contribute to the church in ways that uplift and energize you emotionally and spiritually. Finally, I hope you all have a great summer whether you will be here in Moscow or traveling afar, and thank-you to everyone who gives so much to our community.

Cathy Green

Celebrant's Guide Online

Thanks to Judy LaLonde and Petr Kuzmic, the Celebrant's guide and script are now available on the Sunday Services blog.



From the UUCP home page click "Blogs" in the right column; then Click "Sunday Services Committee" in the right column. All blogs will show that have to do with Sunday Services, the most recent first. The Celebrant's guide happens to be the most recent as of the writing of this paragraph.

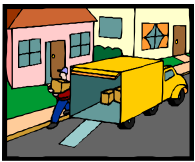
In the Family

Congratulations to Marshall Mitchell and Lori Rowlett, who were married on April 29; and to Jon and Tina Anderson, who welcomed baby Maia Grace on May 16.

A round of applause for Emily Nelson, who performed with the Idaho Falls Symphony.

Please hold in your thoughts Janice Boughton's step-mother Ellie, who may have pancreatic cancer; Tina Hilding's sister, who is having a hard time; Dave Huggins' father, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer; Jan Rauk's daughter, who is ill in South Africa; Marta Robinson, who was injured in a fall but is home from the hospital now; Linda Wilson, who is having health issues; & Sarah Weems, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer.

Note: Please notify the Office, uuchurch@moscow.com or 882-4328, of any family news to be included in this section.



Notes to Moscow.....

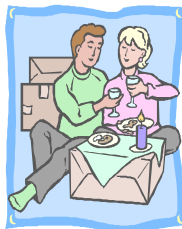
Dear Friends,

The warmth of our recent candidating week still lingers in my spirit and I am truly looking forward to joining you. Again I extend my grateful thanks to all who made our visit a memorable one. As our remaining time in Marquette draws to a close and the reality of our move to Moscow draws near, I've been "ruminating"; reviewing the years of ministry in Marquette and preparing for ministry to the UUCP and its communities.

Our last day in Marquette is July 9 and we will spend a couple of weeks visiting family and friends as we traverse from "here to there." At present we will be able to move into our new apartment (319 E. Sixth Street, #5) on August 1st...which is also my official start date with UUCP.

I wish for you a wonderful summer...one that affords each of you opportunities to enjoy the preciousness of your lives.

Kayle



Dear members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse,

I am the husband of Kayle Rice, whom you have called as your minister, starting August 1. To help you to start getting acquainted with me, here are the links to my web site and my blog:

<http://brianleekley.bravehost.com/>

<http://brianleekley.blogspot.com/>

Like Kayle, I am looking forward to our move there. We liked Moscow, Pullman, and the Palouse area a lot during our recent visits.

I am an unskilled talker. When with any of you I am at a loss how to start or to continue a conversation, please feel free and encouraged to take the initiative. Also I think I am getting hard of hearing. I'll get that checked when I get on Medicare next year. I'll be an active member of UUCP within the limits of my abilities.

Sincerely,

Brian Leekley

Yellow House Summer Traveling with all of UU!

The yellow house adventures this summer are going to be a blast! We have had a huge response to the chosen curriculum, **UU World**

Travelers, which utilizes all of you who have traveled the world and wish to share this with our kids, and boy there are so many of you!

Thanks to everyone who responded so quickly and to the RE Committee who has supported the program so well. This program will be open to all elementary aged children. The nursery will be available throughout the summer for those little guys, and those of you who are older can enjoy the wonderful summer services.



An Appreciation

Thanks to all who contributed time, energy, or stuff or bought things at the rummage sale sponsored by the Social Action Committee and the Compassionate Communication Network of the Palouse. Our goal was to raise \$1000 to help six Iraqi citizens attend a Non-violent Communication in May--we made \$1800!!! That plus private donations of \$1545, plus \$300 donated by the Social Action Committee meant we contributed \$3665 to support peace in Iraq!

And thanks to those who donated baked goods, we will now be able to offer some help to those families who wish to attend NVC Family Camp this summer.

For updates on either project, see www.palousecc.org.

Thanks again,

Veronica Lassen for CCNP

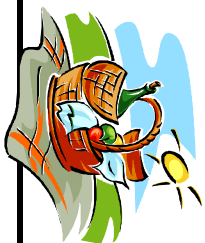


UUCP Staff—Summer Office Hours

Ginger George, the DRE, will be out of the office from June 8 through August 13. During this time, please contact Al Poplawski (882-3959) or Nancy Nelson (882-3760) regarding RE. Ginger will be available by phone and email starting August 14, and will have new office hours starting in September.

Summer Stevens, the Secretary, will have office hours on Wednesdays from 10:30-4:30 starting the week of June 5. Mail, email, and phone messages will also be checked on Mondays and Fridays.

June 2006



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
<p>4</p> <p>9:30 & 11:00 am Services Bridging, & Stone Soup Sunday Teacher Appreciation Dinner, 6:00 pm at the Hamiltons' home, childcare provided in the Yellow House</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 pm PPQ, CB</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>RE Teacher Training, 7:00 pm, YHM</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12:00 Retirees Luncheon, Best Western 7:00 pm Choir, CS 7:00 pm Men's Group, YH2</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>10:00 am Service Poetry Sunday 12:30 pm Coffee & Conversation, CB Fathers' Day</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30 pm PPQ, CB</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:15 pm Board Mtg, YHM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Sunday Services Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm, CB</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Group, YH2 First Day of Summer</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>10:00 am Service 12:30 pm Coffee & Conversation, CB</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30 pm PPQ, CB</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Group, YH2 Grande Ronde Raft Trip begins</p>	<p>30</p>	

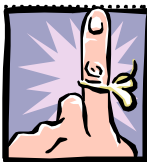
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Dates to Remember



Mondays:

PPQ, 7:30 pm, CB

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

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

Sunday June 4 *Bridging Ceremony*

Sunday June 4 *RE Teacher Appreciation Dinner*, 6:00 pm at the Hamiltons' home, childcare provided in the Yellow House

Wednesday June 7 *RE Teacher Training*, 7:00 pm, YHM

Sunday June 11 *First 10:00 Summer Service*

Wednesday June 14 *Social Action Potluck*, 7:00 pm in the Church Basement

Tuesday June 20 *Board Meeting*, 7:15 pm, YHM

Wednesday June 21 *Sunday Services Committee Mtg*, 7:30, Church Basement

Thursday June 29—Sunday July 2 Grande Ronde Raft trip, for more information contact David Nelson at 882-3760 or dnelson@moscow.com

Saturday July 1 Out Beyond Ideas Benefit Concert, 7:00 pm, in the Sanctuary

Sunday July 2 *RE Committee Meeting*, 12:15 YHM

Tuesday July 18 *Board Meeting*, 7:15 pm, YHM

UUCP Staff Information

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Weds. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ginger George, Director of Religious Education

Ginger will be out of the office for the summer.

Please contact Al Poplawski, 882-3959, or Nancy Nelson, 882-3760 regarding RE.

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Summer Office Hours: Wednesdays 10:30-4:30

Phone messages, email, and mail will also be checked on Mondays and Fridays.

UU Retirees Luncheon

The retirees will meet for lunch in the Appaloosa Room at the Best Western at 12:00 noon on **June 1**, and again on **July 6**. *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.

Social Action Potluck June 14, 7:00 pm



We'll discuss ideas for Social Action projects for 2006-2007. If you have ideas for local projects in Pullman and Moscow, or state, national or global issues we should have on our radar, please join us to discuss them.

If you would like to help, or if you're just curious about the Social Action Committee, please join us.

Look for the pot luck sign up in the Church Foyer.



Birthdays June



Kenna Gardes
Mattie Schmidt
James Huggins
Forrest Ellsworth
Margot-Fitz Axen
Malea Saul
Joe Tinney

Amelia Stordahl-Williams
Audrey Faunce
Coyote Palmer
Landon Dahl
Claire Stordahl-Whitney
Lydia Livingston
Kai Werner
Kaia Goldsworth

July

Karina Kramer
Linnea Sheneman
Jill Peery
Sarah Peery
Danielle Locke

Chole Barnes
Molly Jennings
Martyn Dahl
Adelaide Willis
Rachel Willis



Book Discussion Group



We will not be meeting in June because of too many schedule conflicts.

Our book for July is *The Mysterious Flame of Queen Loana* by Umberto Eco, and Ken Marcy will lead the discussion. We will meet on July 26, 7:30 PM at the church.

From Amazon.com: The premise of Umberto Eco's *The Mysterious Flame of Queen Loana* may strike some readers as laughably unpromising, and others as breathtakingly rich. A sixty-ish Milanese antiquarian bookseller nicknamed Yambo suffers a stroke and loses his memory of everything but the words he has read: poems, scenes from novels, miscellaneous quotations. His wife Paola fills in the bare essentials of his family history, but in order to trigger original memories, Yambo retreats alone to his ancestral home at Solara, a large country house with an improbably intact collection of family papers, books, gramophone records, and photographs. The house is a museum of Yambo's childhood, conveniently empty of people, except of course for one old family servant with a long memory--an apt metaphor for the mind. Yambo submerges himself in these artifacts, rereading almost everything he read as a school boy, blazing a meandering, sometimes misguided, often enchanting trail of words. Flares of recognition do come, like "mysterious flames," but these only signal that Yambo remembers something; they do not return that memory to him. It is like being handed a wrapped package, the contents of which he can only guess.

Within the limitations of Yambo's handicap and quest, Eco creates wondrous variety, wringing surprise and delight from such shamelessly hackneyed plot twists as the discovery of a hidden room. Illustrated with the cartoons, sheet music covers, and book jackets that Yambo uncovers in his search, *The Mysterious Flame of Queen Loana* can be read as a love letter to literature, a layered excavation of an Italian boyhood of the 1940s, and a sly meditation on human consciousness. Both playful and reverent, it stands with *The Name of the Rose* and *The Island of the Day Before* as among Eco's most successful novels.

In August we will read *Don't Let's Go To The Dogs Tonight* by Alexandra Fuller; Judy LaLonde will lead the discussion. The August meeting will be at Judy's home, 2105 Lexington Avenue, Moscow, at 7:30 PM on August 30.

From Amazon.com: A classic is born in this tender, intensely moving and even delightful journey through a white African girl's childhood. Born in England and now living in Wyoming, Fuller was conceived and bred on African soil during the Rhodesian civil war (1971-1979), a world where children over five "learn[ed] how to load an FN rifle magazine, strip and clean all the guns in the house, and ultimately, shoot-to-kill." With a unique and subtle

sensitivity to racial issues, Fuller describes her parents' racism and the wartime relationships between blacks and whites through a child's watchful eyes. Curfews and war, mosquitoes, land mines, ambushes and "an abundance of leopards" are the stuff of this childhood. "Dad has to go out into the bush... and find terrorists and fight them"; Mum saves the family from an Egyptian spitting cobra; they both fight "to keep one country in Africa white-run." The "A" schools ("with the best teachers and facilities") are for white children; "B" schools serve "children who are neither black nor white"; and "C" schools are for black children. Fuller's world is marked by sudden, drastic changes: the farm is taken away for "land redistribution"; one term at school, five white students are "left in the boarding house...among two hundred African students"; three of her four siblings die in infancy; the family constantly sets up house in hostile, desolate environments as they move from Rhodesia to Zambia to Malawi and back to Zambia. But Fuller's remarkable affection for her parents (who are racists) and her homeland (brutal under white and black rule) shines through. This affection, in spite of its subjects' prominent flaws, reveals their humanity and allows the reader direct entry into her world. Fuller's book has the promise of being widely read and remaining of interest for years to come.

Like Anne Frank's diary, this work captures the tone of a very young person caught up in her own small world as she witnesses a far larger historical event. It will appeal to those looking for a good story as well as anyone seeking firsthand reportage of white southern Africa. The quirky title and jacket will propel curious shoppers to pick it up.

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 mhamilto@vetmed.wsu.edu or call 882-0443. If you would like a ride to the discussion, call or email as above.



PPQ News

There will not be a PPQ news this month. Really, there will not. We tend to be somewhat scattered in the summer, what with the garden, vacations, visiting relatives and all.

We do plan to have a PPQ pot luck sometime this summer, a chance for us to get together with our families for some socializing.

There will be some unfinished business to take care of, specifically giving of baby quilts. We know Marisa Perdue's baby is due soon, and we suspect there are others. We will continue to give out baby quilts as appropriate.

Our main project is our raffle quilt, which is being hand quilted.

Of course, we will continue to meet every Monday, 7:30 PM in the church basement, & we would love to have you join us.

BOISE HOSTS 2007 AGM



“Knowledge-Compassion-Commitment“ is the theme for the 2007 Annual General Meeting of the Pacific NW District of the UUA, to be held at the Grove Hotel in historic downtown Boise.

The keynote speaker will be UUA President Bill Sinkford! Mark your calendars now with February 16-18 and plan to attend for a full program of workshops, inspiring speakers and special events--plus a chance to explore Idaho's capital city.

If you'd like to propose a workshop for the conference, please visit www.pnwd.org/pages/agm.php for more information.

New Fall Elementary Religious Education: Compassionate Communication at the Yellow House

Compassionate Communication (aka Nonviolent Communication) is both a "consciousness of our compassionate nature, and a process for interacting". Debbie Grieb and Veronica Lassen, who have both taught CC classes, are writing the curriculum that will be presented to the Pre-K through 6th grade RE classes in the fall. They have found CC to be "a practical and powerful way of integrating the intelligence of the mind with the intelligence of the heart". Children and teachers will be provided background understanding and a full range of activities to support them in bringing "more lively learning and compassion into the classroom". (Quotes from *The Compassionate Classroom*.)

There will be several open house sessions in the fall for those parents wanting more information about the curriculum. Debbie (882-3460) and Veronica (882-2562) welcome calls. For more information see *Nonviolent Communication* by Marshall Rosenberg, *The Compassionate Classroom* by Sura Hart and Victoria Kindle Hodson, or visit www.palousecc.org or www.cnvc.org.



The Triumphant Return of Ed and Kim



Ed Clark and Kim Bouchard are visiting Moscow for the first time in a decade. Because they were such great members of our community, the Moscow Food Co-op is sponsoring a public potluck party to welcome them back. Everyone is welcome--spread the word.

The party will begin on Monday, July 3, at 4:30pm with a potluck dinner at the covered picnic shelter at East City Park. The Co-op will supply a cake. Please bring food and beverages to share. Also, please bring your own plates, utensils, bowls and cups (and maybe a few extra for those who forget).

In addition, bring your drum or

guitar or whatever to participate in a musical jam.

Do you remember Ed and Kim? They arrived in Moscow in 1989 when Kim was accepted into the graduate program in theatre at the UI. They came with their kids, Paco, 6 and Bida, 3.

They immediately joined the Co-op, which had just opened at the old KFC building on Third Street opposite Subway. With the help of Kris Siess and George Mancini, Ed started the Co-op bakery. Ed eventually moved from the bakery to become outreach manager at the Co-op responsible for advertising, events and P.R.

They also joined the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse.

In 1995, Kim was hired in the Dance and Drama Department at the State University of New York at Potsdam. Kim is now chair of the Drama Section and recently received a Kennedy Center Gold Medallion from the American College Theatre Festival.

Ed and Kim have been active members of the Potsdam Food Co-op since their arrival. Ed served as volunteer outreach coordinator and then on the Board of Directors for 6 years, two of those as President. He continues to write a regular column for their co-op newsletter.

Hot Summer Greetings!

This first week in June, Stone Soup Sunday, serves as a bridging Sunday for our congregation. First, we will welcome 5 of our graduating seniors into young adulthood through our annual Bridging Ceremony. **Mattie Schmidt, Sander Kohler, Shinai Grzebielski, Aaron Gardes and Tirtza Dibble** will be entering a new phase in their lives in our community and the world they will soon take on. Please join us at the 11:00 service to be apart of this heartfelt celebration! Stone Soup also helps us to bridge into the church's summer services which are always inspiring thanks to the hard work of many, many members including Betty Smith and Eric Wegner.

Speaking of summer, the Yellow House will be offering a trip around the world to our elementary aged children using the curriculum UU World Travelers. Kids will have their "passports" stamped as they explore various countries through song, dance, food, games, activities and pictures. We already have some exciting places lined up such as India, Japan, England and

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Antarctica (OK, we know this isn't a country per se, but how many people can say they have been to Antarctica?!). If you would like to be apart of this adventure we have some space left, so come along for the ride!

After this exciting whirlwind trip around the world the fall offers some exciting changes! First, our volunteer teachers will experience a more flexible arrangement. By using 4 teachers per class rather than 3 we will allow teachers to commit to ½ of the Sundays per month, and only lead once every 4 weeks! This will allow for more flexibility when it comes to vacations, bike rides and lazy Sunday mornings. We will be offering two themes per year rather than three, which means a few more weeks per teaching time commitment, but the overall num-

ber of weeks is about the same with more flexibility built in.

Another change this next year will be the curriculum offered in the yellow house. We will be offering a curriculum written by Veronica Lassen and Debbie Grieb based on the way of being that is Compassionate Communication. There will be several open houses and informational gathering for parents to attend this fall so we can help everyone on this journey. This will last until the turn of the year when we will welcome yet another new curriculum created by Steve Dodgen based on the history of the universe and our place within it. Using hands on activities we will explore our place in time here and in the great beyond. And of course we will incorporate UU identity, UU history and world religion themes in order to keep our religious education, well, religious!

Thank you all for a wonderful year! I will be out of the office until August when Rev. Kayle and I will greet you for another year of growth, joy and fun!

-Ginger George



Best Western Pantry Receipts

Thank you for saving your Best Western Pantry receipts and please continue to do so.

Since August of 2002 we have received \$980 of free money. This is better than \$30 a month!

Remember it is the cash register receipt we need - not a credit card copy. These can be put in the Sunday offering, turned in at the office, or mailed to Sue Allard.



Unique Eliot opportunities

There is still room at several camps!

The August Eliot at Sebeck experience is an intergenerational UU community filled with music, comedy, laughter and fun, in addition to all the other regular Eliot features like excellent programs for children, youth and adults as well as afternoons and evenings of interesting activities such as swimming, boating, tie-dye, dancing, games, and singing. Bring musical instruments and all your ham-it-up talent to share. There's lots of need for audience as well.

If you can't come in August, please consider the early July Naramata camp or think about Winter Eliot in late December. There's no better way to bring in the New Year.

Registration information at www.eliotinstitute.org or call 206-374-2497.



Out Beyond Ideas David Wilcox/Nance Pettit Benefit Concert

Come experience music written to sacred poetry and lend your support to a “songs for peace project.” David Wilcox and Nance Pettit take the words of mystical poets, weave them together with stunning harmonies, and create a truly unique musical gift to the world in their *Out Beyond Ideas* CD.

They will bring this gift to our area on July 1, when they perform at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse, 420 East Second, in Moscow. The concert is sponsored by the Palouse Folklore Society and the Compassionate Communication Network of the Palouse.

Singer-songwriters Wilcox and Pettit “heard a common voice” when reciting poems from Sufi, Christian, Jewish, Hindu and other faith traditions. “In a world where there is so much pain and hatred between these religious groups, these poems spoke of a shared experience of a love bigger than all that.”

Wilcox and Pettit donate CD proceeds to Partners in Conflict and Partners in Peacebuilding, an organiza-

tion based at the University of Maryland which predicts violence. Members identify global hot spots and mediate peace agreements using citizens’ diplomacy and addressing human needs. They currently have projects in Africa and the Middle East, among others.

Locally, the Compassionate Communication Network of the Palouse is using concert proceeds to help sponsor teachers attending a Nonviolent Communication Educators Institute (based on the work of Marshall Rosenberg). We envision schools and classrooms where mutual respect and cooperation thrive, conflicts are reduced, and empowered kids have fun learning.

As Rumi says, “Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field; I’ll meet you there.”

Join us as we create a musical space of peace and connection the evening of July 1. Tickets are \$12; doors open at 6:30; concert at 7:00 p.m.

For more info see: www.outbeyondideas.org;
www.davidwilcox.com; www.palousecc.org;
www.cnvc.org



A Note from our Music Director

Dear UUCP members:

The church calendar year is just about through...it really has flown by!! Working with Rev. Patti Pomerantz has been one of the most enjoyable collaborations in which I have ever participated. We will all miss her, but I look forward to maintaining our friendship over the coming years. Kayle and I have been in touch and I am truly excited about our impending collaboration this fall.

Jenna Moline, our pianist, is now in Alaska working two summer jobs!! We are fortunate she will be playing for us again when she returns for her senior year at U of Idaho's Lionel Hampton School of Music. Her effervescent presence and her musical abilities have been wonderful assets to our UUCP musical family.

In addition to completing most of my Ph.D. course work this summer, I will be attending a conductor's

workshop at the University of Puget Sound in late July. I will also be ordering new choir music for the coming season and taking some hard-earned "r & r" time with my husband John. A third eye surgery may also have to be performed in August, but - HOPEFULLY - it will be the last one for me for a long, long time. I want to thank all of you who have been so kind and helpful to me over the course of this medical malaise.

I cannot thank my Music Committee co-chairs enough for their support. Andrea Chavez and Martha Schmidt—I am grateful for all your assistance and suggestions. Sunday Services Committee chair Roger Wallins, you, too, have helped me immeasurably this year. Summer Stevens, a special thanks to you for keeping me aware of deadlines, word processing the sometimes-cumbersome music information in the bulletins, and doing a fabulous job creating and fastening the name-

plates into our new hymnal supplements. You do so much for all the members of the UUCP.

I must express my deepest appreciation to all the UUCP Choir members, who cheerfully dedicate so many Thursday nights and Sunday mornings to the music program throughout the year. Duane De Temple and the Recorder Ensemble must also be acknowledged for their commitment and dedication. Jack Keller has made sure our pianist, the music vendors and the guest artists are paid—a very important, but often overlooked aspect of the music program. Lastly, thanks to all of you congregation members who volunteer your time and talents throughout the year. Not many churches have the depth and breadth of musical ability that is part of the UUCP.

Have a terrific summer! I look forward to seeing you in late August.

Cheryl Weiss, Music Director

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