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September 3, 9:30 & 11:00 am *On the Elevation of the Laboring Classes*

Speaker: Rev. Kayle L. Rice **Celebrant:** Donna Holmes Parks

William Ellery Channing, a key figure in American Unitarianism, conceived spiritual awakening to be required for economic development in the circumstances of a free labor market. Is this happening today and if not, how can UUs help to make it happen?

September 10, 9:30 & 11:00 am *Paradise Now!*

Speaker: Rachel Caudill **Celebrant:** Debbie Landon

You can turn the tide away from "Apocalypse Now!" Peace is possible in our lifetimes. Even in the face of September 11, the conflicts in the Middle East, and all the other roiling examples of human suffering. On this poignant Sunday, come Celebrate(!) our common humanity and the dignity and worth of every person. And learn some powerful, life-affirming stories and strategies to fuel Real Peace at home and in the world.

September 17, 9:30 & 11:00 am *Tent of Abraham*

Speaker: Rev. Kayle L. Rice **Celebrant:** Nancy Nelson

Shalom, Salaam, Peace! In the fall of 2006, several sacred seasons of the Abrahamic faiths will come together. At a moment of history when religious conflict and violence have reemerged bearing lethal dangers for each other and our planet, these spiritual and religious traditions bear an unusual gift of sacred time.

September 24, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Unitarian Universalism—an Interfaith Faith

Speaker: Rebecca Rod

Following up on a Sunday service idea she had some time ago, long-time UUCP member Rebecca Rod (who is not a theologian) will explore some of what we as UUs have in common with other denominations and religions. Please be prepared to share your ideas on the subject!

Combat Climate Change—Help Fund a UUCP Bike Rack!

Concerned about global warming? Glaciers disappearing? Sea level rising? Killer heat waves? Other really scary things that keep you up at night?

Don't feel hopeless and depressed. Now YOU can Make A Difference!! Since the cars that drive to the UUCP each week for church emit 22 pounds of C02 per gallon of gas (yes, that's 11,000 pounds of C02 if your 20 mpg car drives 10,000 miles/year), the UUCP Social Action Committee is officially urging you to come to church by foot, by bike, or by carpool. And, because bicycling is one way for YOU to combat climate change, we need a bike rack -- hopefully a big one that can fit lots and lots of bikes. Look for the bike rack donation basket in the front foyer, and please make a generous donation.

From the Pastor on the Palouse

As this newsletter goes to press, I'll have been here nearly a month! In the last year I've experienced so many changes. First there was the decision to seek out a new congregation. Then I threw my Marquette congregation into the throes of change by telling them about this decision (most ministers don't announce seeking in advance, but in my case I had to; long story).

In the midst of this our house taxes jumped up and we could no longer afford to live in our house at the salary I was being paid, so we sold our house and moved to an apartment for the final six months of our lives in Marquette. Talk about change there: to go from a four bedroom house to a one bedroom apartment...and then camping among unopened boxes!

Pre-candidating at four congregations around the country...suddenly we became seasoned travelers. Offered the candidacy to ministry at UUCP; that was a decision I rested upon for a couple of days prior to accepting. A change that had great impact was impatiently waiting 60 days before leaving Marquette and then having to say goodbye to those good folks. Traveling three weeks across the country, visiting families and friends, yet feeling totally unsettled; truly we were "homeless."

Settling into a new community with new digs and finally able to open all those boxes and re-discovering what we owned...and really didn't miss ("We own four of these? What was I thinking??"). Getting to know new names and faces, and discovering a community where cars stop for pedestrians, dogs can go into businesses with their owners, and teenage clerks in stores actually smile and acknowledge our shopping presence. These images of change bring to my mind that of a salad dressing jar with oil and vinegar and having to be shaken in order to truly bring good flavor in my life. Whew! A whole 'lot of shaking going on.

UUCP has also gone through many changes as well in the past year and a half; a long term and beloved minister departs, an interim year takes place, and suddenly there's a new person among you as your minister.

For some, change is exciting; for others, unnerving. We get used to our lives...yea, even take comfort in it. The Beatles sang: Thoughts meander like a restless wind inside a letterbox/They tumble blindly as they make their way across the universe/Nothing's gonna change my world/Nothing's gonna change my world…

Ah, but there's the rub. Of course everything is gonna change the world. That's a more realistic mantra. Everything is gonna change the world. How can we become more comfortable with change if it is indeed our nature? Sounds difficult but then life is a challenging proposition...still it beats the alternative. We are made for part of an ongoing cycle of creation and change, creation and change: it is life. In fact, the alternative is death, by which I mean those things which are unalterable in time aren't living. Things, people, places, beliefs, ideas...these things change.

So how do we manage this? How do we make peace with change? Easier said than done but I think that the key to living with change is becoming like a windmill: finding your ground, knowing it, standing firm upon it and knowing that the wind will blow away the inessentials -- letting the wind, i.e. change...become an ally.

Too often we cling to things which we have really outgrown such as habits which used to work and do not work any more. Perhaps a more healthy response to change is more like a sail boat that keeps a good internal balance and moves with the pressure of the wind partnered with the wisdom of the compass. Free, lively, risk taking, balanced, directed. The trick is to know your best direction....to know what it is that you really value and why. To find the center, the compass point and those things which are changeable. To know the direction in which life grows.

So may it be for our new ministry. The new kid on the block is the change, empowers change, is moved by change and thereby is changed herself. Like our UU hymn sings: Seek the essence, hold the essence, let the essence carry me. Let me flower, help me flower, watch me flower, carry me. In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power.... I will find true harmony. (*Singing the Living Tradition* #352)

Watch us flower! May it be so!

With great love and respect,
Kayle

Celebrating the Pagan Soul

'Twill be the season of the veil come October 29. For those interested in exploring ritual and meaning in earth-based spirituality, mark this date circa 6:30 p.m. More information forthcoming in the next newsletter. Talk to Kayle if you're interested in the UU pagan path

From the President's Pen

Here it is, September again and the beginning of yet another church year. How can I tell? Once again the alarm clock goes off at 4:50 a.m.!! At first I thought it was our favorite car alarm from the Gritman Hospital parking lot sounding off but soon the realization hit: Tami's alarm clock has alerted us to Fall Semester. And so it is in our congregation, new beginnings, new joys, perhaps lingering sorrows but also excitement and hope for another year.

In last Month's column I touched on some of the challenges we face as a congregation, and I was pleased with the response. It seems that a number of people are aware of and thinking about some of these issues as well. This month, I would like to talk briefly about some of the things being done right now in light of these challenges.

Last Fall, the Board created a "Communications Committee". The purpose of this committee is to support and strengthen both internal and external communications that support the work of the UUCP. The committee is involved in oversight of the newsletter, the web site, public relations notices, advertising and in finding ways to strengthen communication within our congregation. As always, this kind of work takes time but this fledgling committee is taking great strides in developing its mission and goals.

With some help from Kayle our Small Group Ministry (SGM) will receive some needed attention and we expect to have a sign-up for new groups soon. For those of you who may not be familiar with SGM, this is a program where you can sign up for a discussion group of not more than 10 people. We meet in homes around the Palouse at various days and times and each group has a facilitator to help guide the process. It's a great way to meet people, get to know each other better and have a great time. There may even be some surprises in store so stay tuned.

The R.E. Committee has been working on a new "Safe Congregation Policy". The UUCP already has a policy designed to keep children, youth and vulnerable adults safe from sexual abuse in our midst, but the R.E. committee is working on a more comprehensive policy that will address not only prevention but congregational education about sexual abuse and appropriate responses.

For those of you who may not have visited the UUCP web site recently there are some things you may wish check out. Petr Kuzmic, our webmaster, has started some church blogs, which are a great way to stay up to date on what is going on in the congregation. Social Action and Sunday Services each have a blog and more may be on the horizon. Also within this special section of our web site you will find a sermon archive. If you've missed a Sunday and would like to check out a sermon this is a treasure chest of good stuff.

Also coming up this year will be an evaluation of our move to two services. It is time to step back, take a long look and decide how the two services are going. The process for this evaluation has not yet been determined but our goal is clear: to ensure that our two services continue to thrive and do well. In addition, the board will be appointing an ad hoc committee to look into integrating the summer services into the regular church year. If you have an interest in working on either of these issues please talk to a board member and let them know.

And before I close here's to the most fun part of the Fall season: seeing familiar faces and welcoming all of our newcomers to our community and our lives. So welcome and stay tuned for our first big social event of the season, a street dance and party, featuring Citizen, to be held on October 14.

Cathy Green

The FIRST ANNUAL UUCP Calendar is beginning to take form. Twelve of our esteemed UUCP groups purchased their '30 days of fame' during the service auction and will be featured on a 2007, 12-month picture calendar. Know one thing for certain … you will see your fellow congregants as you haven't before in these photos! Calendars will be on sale to the congregation in early December (all profits going to the church). **What can you do now?** If you know of an important UUCP date, a holiday or festival date, or day commemorating an important event (current or historical, social or spiritual, civic or personal), please send that date to Jamie Nekich (nekich@uidaho.edu) so it can be added to the calendar pages. A drop box for dates will also be available in the foyer (bright pink, white dots). I'll add anything I have room for -- if you want it, I'll put it there. We're a sharing community, right?

CIRCLE SUPPERS ARE BACK AGAIN
Saturday September 23

Please sign up no later than Sept. 17, on clipboards in the foyer and in the church basement.

What are they?

Circle Suppers are shared dinners of 6-10 people in an informal home setting. Since this is one of our best chances to make new friends (and visit with old acquaintances), let's all try to get to know everyone at our dinner better.

How do I participate?

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the church foyer and downstairs on September 9 and 17, or call Joan Webb, 883-3861 if you can't make it to church.

If you are able to host a dinner in your home, indicate this on the sign-up sheet, or you may check "guest". The hosts will receive a list of the guests attending their dinner. We will try our best to place you with some different folks each time. The hosts will contact the guests and assign what type of dish to bring for the potluck. After that, just show up, eat, and have fun.

You have the option of an adult circle or a family circle where children are welcome. Be aware, if you attend a family dinner, there will be fewer adults and you will need to supply more food for the group.

In summary, when signing up you need to give all the following information:

1. Preference: adult or family circle (a separate clipboard is provided for each)
2. Names of people attending and ages of children, if applicable
3. Preference: host or guest (for this dinner). If hosting, how many guests can you accommodate?
4. Your phone number.
5. If you need or can provide handicap accessibility please indicate this in the last column. Also indicate if you have other special needs (transportation?) and we will try to help you. Call Joan Webb at 883-3861 with any questions.

Social Action Committee News

The Social Action Committee met for a pot luck and fall planning meeting on August 16, 2006. Rev. Kayle Rice and Brian Leekley shared their enthusiasm for what promises to be a busy social action fall for our church.

A UUCP/Muslim community picnic has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 17 after church. All are invited. UUCP will supply the food, so it will be a pot luck for us. No pork dishes, please. For more information, contact Jill Maxwell (maxwell_jill@hotmail.com).

We are starting a collection for a bike rack for the church, to make it easier for you to ride your bike to church. This is part of the Global Warming/Climate Change group who will be bringing you suggestions of ways to decrease your use of carbon based fuels—ways that are good for you and for the planet, too. The GW/CC group is also looking into offering a curriculum on climate change as adult education later in the year.

The concept of a Palouse giant earthworm sanctuary on church property was discussed. Check the October newsletter for more information.

The committee agreed to combine forces with the Latah County Human Rights Task Force in the Idaho Votes No on HJR 2 campaign, opposing the upcoming referendum banning civil unions, domestic partnerships and same-sex unions. Social Action Sunday will be on October 8 this fall, with Dr. Elizabeth Brandt of the U of I Law School speaking on the Defense of Marriage issue.

Watch the SAC blog for notices of upcoming events.

There will be a fence staining work party on Saturday, September 23 at 1:00 PM at Sojourner's Alliance. See related article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Fall highway cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, October 1 after church. Bring water, clothes appropriate for the weather, and a lunch snack if desired. All supplies will be provided. For more information, contact Margaret Dibble (mdibble@uidaho.edu).

Our regular meeting time will be the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. The next meeting will be on September 12. If you would like to be on the SAC email list to receive notices and minutes of meetings, and social action alerts, contact Mary Jo Hamilton (mhamilto@vetmed.wsu.edu).

A Note From Our Music Director

Hello to all the UUCP congregation -

Classes have started at WSU and U of I - another fall semester is underway. Where did summer go? I know - some of you will reply, "Why don't you look in the office?"

I'd like to thank Greg Smith for volunteering to provide Summer Services music. He gave the services continuity and was a great help to Betty Smith and Eric Wegner.

Rev. Kayle and I have had a couple of meetings already. Working with her on choosing service music has been so enjoyable. Her enthusiasm and commitment to quality will be great assets for the entire church, as well as our program.

Welcome back to Jenna Moline, our choir accompanist and service pianist. She spent the summer working in Alaska and visiting family in Wyoming. Jenna is busy finishing her music degree requirements and preparing two senior recitals - voice in the Fall Semester and piano in the Spring Semester. Look for the dates in future newsletters.

The choir will again be singing twice a month this year - a schedule used by many UU churches around the country. All of our singers have busy schedules and I deeply appreciate their commitment to the rehearsals and services. We will be having a potluck later this month, where choir members can enjoy a night of camaraderie and renew our covenant.

As always, anyone who wants to provide Call to Worship/ Meditation music on non-choir Sundays is most welcome to sing/play. Contacting me by email is best: clweiss@juno.com . I also want to expand the roster of guest student artists from the U of I and WSU music departments, which will lend added diversity and breadth to the program. However, congregants wanting to participate will always have first priority.

Have a wonderful month.

Yours in song,

Cheryl Weiss, Music Director

Monthly UU Hymn Practice

I will be hosting a monthly practice for UU hymns. Starting on September 10, meet at my house the 2nd Sunday of each month from 1-2 pm.

Everyone is welcome, no matter your experience or music reading ability. I have 1 copy of the hymnal and will be getting 1 copy of the supplement. I also have an electronic keyboard and a pitch pipe.

Melodie Rai's house is located at 514 S. Polk # 3 (3 blocks from the church) From the church, go to 3rd Street, turn left on 3rd, go one block on 3rd, turn right onto Polk, and go 1 block on Polk. I am on the left, in the red apartment building one house from the corner of 6th and Polk. My apartment is in the corner of the apartment building, with a yellow 'penguin crossing' sign. Parking is on the street. Carpooling and walking are encouraged. Wheelchair accessible. Melodie Rai, 883-2668

Compassionate Communication Classes

Free Introduction to Compassionate Communication (AKA Nonviolent Communication), Saturday, September 9, 7-9:30 pm in the UU Church Sanctuary; all are welcome and no pre-registration is necessary.

Compassionate Communication is a powerful process, proven in daily life around the globe, of inspiring compassionate connection by focusing on feelings and universal human needs. It empowers people to resolve conflicts and live more fully by providing a framework which fosters deep understanding, empathy and respect. "Be the change you wish to see in the world." (Gandhi) Come learn this wonderful skill and increase your ability to contribute to peace in your home and in your world.

12-week CC Classes

Beginning:

- Tuesdays Sept. 12, 7-9pm, UUCP, Moscow; or
- Thursdays Sept. 14, 7-9pm, UCC, Pullman

In a class setting where the practice of new skills and understandings is encouraged and supported, Compassionate Communication comes alive. Come learn the value of your feelings, how to identify your needs, how to translate any message from another into an opportunity for deep connection no matter how it is delivered, and learn a powerful way to express your anger that actually fosters compassion. Learn how powerful you can be as you make peace with yourself, your family and your co-workers.

Veronica Lassen has been teaching CC for six years, and has attended numerous CC workshops around the country. Please call or email her to sign up for the class: 882-2562 or veronica@veronicalassen.com.

A donation of $150 is asked for the class, with no one being turned away for lack of funds. See the money policy on our website www.palousecc.org for more information.

Compassionate Communication is based on *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of the Heart* by Marshall Rosenberg. The class uses that text plus *Nonviolent Communication Companion Workbook* by Lucy Leu. Both can be purchased from Debbie Grieb, 882-3460, or at your local bookstore. For more information on NVC see www.cnvc.org or www.nonviolentcommunication.com.

Small Group Ministry

Do you want to get to know more about your fellow UUCPers? Do you long for conversations deeper than "Hi - are you new here?" or "Do you work at one of the universities?"?

If you'd like to engage in discussions and sharing on topics such as, "How do you carry your religion or spirituality into your everyday life?" or "Does EVERYONE really have inherent worth and dignity?" or "Is UUism a 'country club' religion?" or "What role does money play in your spirituality and your life?" or other topics of concern to you, consider joining the UUCP Small Group Ministry program.

SGM is an opportunity for us to get to know each other, share our lives and our stories, and minister to each other in small groups. SGM consists of covenanted groups that agree to support each other and the UUCP community by meeting on a regular basis, with a facilitator, often in someone's home, to discuss topics selected by the group.

We started this concept two years ago and are hoping to reinvigorate and rearrange the groups this fall. We'll start up new groups as dictated by schedules of those interested, and recruit and train new facilitators and assistants.

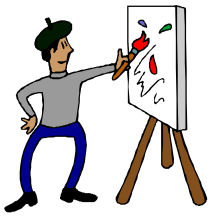
If you're interested or want more information on Small Group Ministry, contact Laurie Gardes at 883-3017 or gardes@adelphia.net, or Rev. Kayle in the church office.

Call to Artists!

I'm pleased to serve as the UUCP Art Coordinator for the upcoming year. If anybody is an artist (young, old, or in-between) or knows somebody whose creations would be appropriate for display at the front of the sanctuary, please let me know.

We're looking for paintings, watercolors, sculptures, tapestries, ceramics, or anything that might be interesting, beautiful, thought-provoking, or eye-catching. Don't be shy. You don't have to be a professional to be able to make something worth sharing.

If you have any ideas about how we can make art part of our weekly services, or if you'd like to help out, I'd love to hear from you.



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Help Support Peace Education at the UUCP

Dear UUCP Members and Friends,

We (Veronica Lassen and Debbie Grieb) are currently writing a Compassionate Communication curriculum for the children of our church that will be used for Pre-K through the 6th grades this fall. It is based on the work of Marshall Rosenberg and Nonviolent Communication (see www.cnvc.org for more information about this process and how it is contributing to peace globally). We are doing this because we are passionate about individual and world peace, understanding, acceptance, safety and the empowerment of children. We are so excited to nurture a "power with" consciousness in our kids--to empower them to know what is important to them, to listen to what is important to others, to understand feelings and universal human needs, and how to work out conflicts so that everyone's needs can be met. We believe this is one powerful way to peace.

We are writing to request support for our efforts. Knowing there is abundant support for peace work, we are specifically asking for people to help us find grants that support the writing of the curriculum. We would also like to receive technical support from people who are eager to write the grants. (We're pretty busy with writing the curriculum.) We would welcome donations to cover the many hours we are spending writing and revising, and the hours we will spend supporting the teachers in the Yellow House this fall. Tax-deductible contributions can be made through the UUCP (write “CC curriculum support” in the memo line).

Our vision is to make this curriculum available to UU Churches all across the country. We plan to attend the UU General Assembly in 2007 to promote it. We also plan to write a curriculum for Junior High and High School and may reach a wider audience by making these curricula available to other churches. Please call us if you would like more information about our dream.

May you see ever increasing Abundance in your life.

In peace,
Veronica, (882-2562) or veronica@veronicalassen.com
Debbie, (882-3460) or griebd@msn.com

Please visit www.palousecc.org, the website of our local group (the Compassionate Communication Network of the Palouse), for information on fall classes for adults, local activities, and celebrations of past peace contributions.

September 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
					1	**2** UUCP Youth Raft Trip (all weekend)
3 **9:30 & 11:00 am Service** 12:30 pm RE Committee Mtg, YHB 6:30 pm Youth Group, YHB	**4** 7:30 pm PPQ, CB *Labor Day*	**5**	**6**	**7** 12:00 UU Retirees' Lunch-eon, Best Western 7:00 pm Choir, CS 7:00 Men's Group, YH2	**8**	**9** 7:00 pm Introduction to Compassionate Communication, CS
10 **9:30 & 11:00 am Service** 8:45 am Coffee Making Workshop, CB 12:30 pm OWL Parent Orientation, YH 1:00 pm UU Hymn Practice, Melodie Rai's house 6:00 pm UUCP/UI Student mtg, One World Cafe 6:30 pm Youth Group, YHB 7:00 pm Bridge Group, CB	**11** 7:30 pm PPQ, CB	**12** 7:00 pm Social Action Committee Mtg. YH	**13** 7:30 pm Sunday Services Committee Mtg, CB	**14** 7:00 pm Choir, CS 7:00 Men's Group, YH2	**15**	**16** 1:00 pm First OWL Class 6:00 Steptoe Concert (Service Auction), CS
17 **9:30 &11:00 am Service** 6:30 pm Youth Group, YHB 12:30 UUCP/Muslim community picnic (tentative) *Circle Supper Signup Deadline*	**18** 7:30 pm PPQ, CB	**19** 7:15 Board Mtg. YHM	**20** 7:00 RE Parent Mtg, YHM 7:30 Articulating Your UU Faith, CB	**21** 7:00 pm Choir, CS 7:00 Men's Group, YH2	**22**	**23** 1:00 Fence Painting Work Party, So-journer's Alliance *Circle Suppers*
24 **9:30 &11:00 am Service** 12:30 pm Newcomer's Lunch, CB 6:30 pm Youth Group, YHB	**25** 7:30 pm PPQ, CB	**26**	**27** 7:00 pm Book Group Mtg, Lynne McCreight's home 7:30 Articulating Your UU Faith, CB	**28** 7:00 pm Choir, CS 7:00 Men's Group, YH2	**29**	**30**

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

September 2-4 *UUCP Youth Raft Trip*, see p. 11

Sunday September 3 12:30 *RE Committee Mtg*, YHM

Thursday September 7 *Retirees' Luncheon*, 12:00 in the Appaloosa Room at the Best Western.

Sunday September 10 8:45 am *Coffee Making Workshop*, Church Basement

Sunday September 10 12:30 *OWL Parent Orientation*, YH

Sunday September 10 1:00 *UU Hymn Practice*, see p. 5

Sunday September 10 6:00 *UI Students meet UUCPers* at One World Cafe

Tuesday September 12 *Social Action Committee Meeting*, 7:00 pm, CB

Wednesday September 13 7:30 *Sunday Services Committee Meeting*, CB

Saturday September 16 1:00 *First OWL class*, YH

Saturday September 16 6:00 *Steptoe Concert*, CS

Sunday September 17 *Circle Supper signup deadline*

Sunday September 17 *UUCP/Muslim Community Picnic*, after church (tentative)

Tuesday September 19 7:15 *Board Meeting*, YHM

Wednesday September 20 7:30 *Articulating Your UU Faith* class, CB. Class continues Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 & 18.

Wednesday September 20 7:00 *RE Parent Mtg*, YHM

Saturday September 23 1:00 pm *Fence Painting Work Party* at Sojourner's Alliance, see p. 13

Saturday September 23 *Circle Suppers*, see p. 4

Sunday September 24 12:30 *Newcomers' Lunch*, CB

Wednesday September 27 7:00 *Book Discussion Group Meeting*, see p. 9

Sunday, October 1 *Fall Highway Cleanup*, see p. 4

Sunday October 8 *Social Action Sunday*

Saturday October 14 *Welcome Party & Street Dance* with Citizen, more information soon!

October 13-15 *PNWD Fall Youth Con*, see p. 11

Sunday October 29 *Celebrating the Pagan Soul*, see p. 2

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UU Retirees Luncheon

The retirees will meet for lunch in the Appaloosa Room at the Best Western at 12:00 noon on Thursday, **September 7.**
All are welcome!

Welcome Party & Street Dance

On October 14 the UUCP will hold a "Welcome Rev. Kayle" party and street dance featuring Citizen. Check the October newsletter for more information.

September Birthdays

Laura Hannon
Ben McMurtry
Patrick Old
Mikaela Hannon
Elizenda Salinas
Lisa LaPaglia
Abbey Gilliland-King
Katie Barnes
Alden Wegner
Lara Roche
Katie Roche

Book Discussion Group

Our book for September is *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder.

From Amazon.com:

Tracy Kidder is a winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the author of the bestsellers *The Soul of a New Machine*, *House*, *Among Schoolchildren*, and *Home Town*. He has been described by the Baltimore Sun as the "master of the non-fiction narrative." This powerful and inspiring new book shows how one person can make a difference, as Kidder tells the true story of a gifted man who is in love with the world and has set out to do all he can to cure it.

At the center of *Mountains Beyond Mountains* stands Paul Farmer. Doctor, Harvard professor, renowned infectious-disease specialist, anthropologist, the recipient of a MacArthur "genius" grant, world-class Robin Hood, Farmer was brought up in a bus and on a boat, and in medical school found his life's calling: to diagnose and cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most. This magnificent book shows how radical change can be fostered in situations that seem insurmountable, and it also shows how a meaningful life can be created, as Farmer--brilliant, charismatic, charming, both a leader in international health and a doctor who finds time to make house calls in Boston and the mountains of Haiti--blasts through convention to get results.

Mountains Beyond Mountains takes us from Harvard to Haiti, Peru, Cuba, and Russia as Farmer changes minds and practices through his dedication to the philosophy that "the only real nation is humanity" - a philosophy that is embodied in the small public charity he founded, Partners In Health. He enlists the help of the Gates Foundation, George Soros, the U.N.'s World Health Organization, and others in his quest to cure the world. At the heart of this book is the example of a life based on hope, and on an understanding of the truth of the Haitian proverb "Beyond mountains there are mountains": as you solve one problem, another problem presents itself, and so you go on and try to solve that one too.

"*Mountains Beyond Mountains* unfolds with the force of a gathering revelation," says Annie Dillard, and Jonathan Harr says, "[Farmer] wants to change the world. Certainly this luminous and powerful book will change the way you see it."

The discussion will be Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 PM at the home of Lynne McCreight, 317 S. Lincoln, Moscow. Call 882-4181 for more information or directions.

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
- *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 Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan

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 Mary Jo Hamilton (882-0443; mhamilto@vetmed.wsu.edu).

Grounds for Change

I'm sure you coffee drinkers have noticed that the coffee has been especially fine this last year. We are purchasing Fair Trade organic coffee from Grounds for Change, a Puget Sound-based company. They are a member of One Percent for the Planet and donate 1% of their total sales to support environmental causes such as Save our Wild Salmon and environmental education, as well as programs in coffee-growing communities. We subsidize buying this fine coffee by selling 12 oz bags of coffee to the congregation.

We offer ground and whole beans, decaffeinated and full strength, in a variety of different blends and beans from around the world. Cost is only $8. Look for it during coffee hour. What a great idea! Supporting the church 's coffee habit, saving the environment, and ensuring a week's worth of great coffee at home, all with one easy purchase. Please help to make this program a success by buying your coffee at church.

Welcome New UUCP Members!!

We welcome our newest members to UUCP! Joining us are:

- ◊ Lisa and Tom Salisbury
- ◊ Phyllis Solomon
- ◊ Carey and Ami Scott
- ◊ Kayle Rice and Brian Leekley

We will honor them at a future welcoming ceremony.

PPQ News

The PPQ is ready for the fall, rested from summer travels and eager to dive into projects. We know we have a couple of baby quilts coming up, so we need to replenish our stocks. The Regelin T shirt quilt still has some hand quilting waiting to be done, and we are only about halfway done with the beautiful raffle quilt, so there is plenty to be done. Some of us came up with some great bazaar items over the summer, so are thinking ahead for the holidays.

Some of us haven't quite finished our summer projects yet. Some take their projects with them to the far parts of the world, and some places closer, but wilder. Marguerite accomplished a lot of quilting in her time visiting her daughters, a couple of them for her new great grand daughter. I finished off a couple of pairs of socks in the mountains of Mexico.

We feel quite honored that Rev. Kayle has dropped in on the PPQ several times and has been quilting on our current projects. We hope that she can continue to fit us into her busy schedule once in a while. We have had a couple of other new quilters over the summer, and we hope to keep seeing them as well. Tina Bredeson has just joined us this fall.

Judy LaLonde is back quilting after a couple of months absence when she tended her brother Brad as he recuperated from a broken foot. Fortunately, Brad is on the mend, and Judy can take a Monday off for PPQ. Nancy Wright is back in town and back at PPQ, although she is more of a knitter. We are glad to have both of these long-time PPQ people back.

Congratulations to Michael O'Neil, who won a basket of quilting supplies in this summer's Quilt Shop Hop. He had to visit a series of quilting shops from Lewiston to Spokane to Sandpoint to qualify, all in two days.

Thanks to all you knitting social activists who made strips for Afghans for Afghans. We will be sorting through them soon and transforming them into afghans for the next shipment. This is an ongoing project, so strips are always welcome. Any width, 63" long, wool or wool blend yarn. We also can use hats, mittens, socks and handmade children's clothing. Garments must be new. What a great feeling to know someone in Afghanistan is warmer this winter because of your efforts.

Ideas are being bandied about for our PPQ photo for the upcoming PPQ calendar - we are the collective Ms. November. It's a big decision.

Jenny Sheneman lent the PPQ a couple of books of short stories centered on knitting, called Knit Lit. One story I liked quite a bit decried the disappearance of the comforting click of knitting needles, a sound right up there with a crackling fire and the creak of a rocking chair. The advent of plastic needles, and even my favorites, bamboo needles, make this sound increasingly rare. Maybe we are detracting from the ambience of our worship services in our efforts to be silent knitters. Any thoughts?

Coffee Making Workshop

Sunday Sept. 10, 8:45 am in the church basement. This workshop will teach you all you need to know in order to sign up with confidence for Sunday Hospitality!

After this workshop you will know:

- How to turn on the dishwasher.
- Where the coffee and sugar are kept
- What do when the coffee pot doesn't gurgle.
- How to deal with tea drinkers
- The secrets of stacking cups
- And much, much more.

In addition you will join a support network of fellow Sunday hospitality people, form lasting friendships, and become a pillar of strength in the UUCP.

Donuts will be provided.

RSVP (nice, but not essential) to Margaret Dibble, mdibble@uidaho.edu or 882-4749

In the Family

Congratulations to Linda Wilson, who became an American Citizen on June 20; and to Rita Styer who in June 2006 received the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Achievement Award for the costume design for the WSU production of the play *Dragon Wings* by Lawrence Yep.

Please hold in your thoughts Mac Cantrell's mother, who has been ill with pneumonia; Gayle Newman, who has had a second surgery for breast cancer; and the friends & family of Kay Adams, who has died.

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

RE News

Greetings!

As I settle into my school year routine I welcome the beginnings of a new year at the UUCP. I am overjoyed to have the Rev. Kayle as our new minister and welcome back Michael LeBeau as the RE assistant. This year is shaping up to be a remarkable and busy one for all children and adults in the Yellow House.

Compassionate Communication has begun in our elementary age classes using the curriculum written by Debbie Grieb and Veronica Lassen. The jr. high aged children are beginning their endeavors into OWL or Neighboring faiths after the annual raft trip down the Snake. The nursery has sadly said goodbye to Shinai Grzebielski and Katie Vaughn who have spread their wings to take on the world. Both of these girls have served our children and our congregation with unwavering love, kindness and dependability.

The high school youth group will also begin this month after the rafting fun. Archie George and I are attending "Youth Advisor Boot Camp" training the last weekend in August to learn how to create balanced programming while empowering youth who are connecting to the congregation and to Unitarian Universalism. We hope to bring back inspiration and ideas on how to improve our growing youth group.

Ginger George

OWL When and Where

Our Whole Lives for **grades 8-9** will meet in the basement of the Yellow House at the 11:00 service on Sundays and will run until 12:30 pm.

DATE CHANGE: The first class will be held on ***Saturday***, **September 16th,** from 1- 7 pm. This will allow the class to bond over several lessons, dinner and some games. A schedule of classes and holidays will be provided at the first meeting.

A Parent Orientation will be held on **Sunday September 10th at 12:30 pm**, in the Yellow House**.** Here we will discuss the program in further detail, review the curriculum, meet the facilitators and answer any and all questions. You may choose at this time to enroll your child in the program. **Parent attendance is required in order for their youth to participate.**

I encourage all parents of youth in grades 8-9 to attend the orientation, even if they are unsure of their or their youth's interest in the course. This is a good opportunity to find out what the course is really about.

Raft Trip: Calling All Jr. High and Sr. High Schoolers!

The annual UUCP Youth Raft trip is scheduled for Labor Day weekend this September! Come along for a weekend of camping, eating, playing and of course rafting! Contact David Nelson, 882-3760 for more information!

PNWD Fall Con

The PNWD Fall Con for high school youth will be October 13-15 in Lincoln City, OR, at Camp B'nai Brith. The UUCP plans to have sponsors and drivers available for high school youth to attend this con. See www.pnwd.org for more information.

Religious Education Volunteers Needed!!

Everyone has a gift to share with our most precious resource: our children. No matter how much or how little time you have there is a place for you! From teaching this fall session to volunteering to make a snack, provide a snack, be a guest speaker, or just be present, there are countless ways to give to our children. **I give you the support, you bring your heart and spirit!** Contact Ginger George for more information: uucp-dre@moscow.com, (208) 882-4328.

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New Member Biographies

Susan Nies became a member of our church in April of this year. Susan moved with her husband Raymond Lee a year ago to Moscow from Pullman after having lived there for 7 years. Susan comes from Burlington, Vermont where she attended a UU church, so she is not new to UUism. Imagine Susan's joy in moving right next door to our very own UU, Sandy Hathaway, who immediately invited her to check out our congregation.

Susan enjoys quilting and reading, and recently has taken a job but still wants to be a part of a Small Group. Susan and her husband like living in Moscow.

We welcome **Jan Rauk,** who has attended this congregation in the past and is back. Jan, along with husband David and daughter Tracy, have lived in Moscow since 1989, coming from Denver and before that Illinois.

Jan was Human Resource Director at the U of I for number of years, Director of Benefits at WSU after that, and now is enjoying teaching Human Resources in the U of I College of Business as a full time faculty member.

Jan and David like to travel and recently returned from South Africa, where they visited their daughter Tracy in Capetown, and saw some wonderful places in Africa. Tracy is continuing her studies at Pacific Lutheran University where she plays volleyball, and mother Jan is very proud

Jan especially likes our service auctions and has been a long time supporter.

Speaking of South Africa, **Tina Von Moltke** comes to us originally from Johannesburg South Africa, but has lived in this country for 12 years. Tina and her daughter Nikita, now three years old, moved here from California two years ago seeking a simpler life. Tina is a child psychologist and in the last two years has built and established a successful private practice. A friend, Jamie Nekich, invited her to come to our church, and she likes the openness of the people, and our percepts. She enjoys the safety and freedoms that the United States offers and hopes to establish roots in our community, but misses her family and friends in South Africa.

Tina loves hiking and the outdoors wilderness experience and describes herself as being a seeker and struggler.

Donna Bradberry

We are happy to welcome into our congregation **J.D. (John David) Stevens**. He was born in Mesa, AZ, July 12, 1979. He now works in Moscow with a disabled person, and they have become good friends.

J.D. has lived in Moscow about 4 ½ years, coming here from Idaho Falls. A friend told him that Moscow was a friendly town, welcoming and accepting of homosexuals.

He learned about the UUCP 1-½ years ago through attending meetings of the Welcoming Congregation group which was led by Joan Montagnes, our minister at that time. He felt truly at home with Joan and the others in the group. He says they showed him another side to church membership that he had never before realized: true acceptance.

His interest in the church deepened last spring when he worked with our interim minister, Patti Pomerantz, in helping her to organize the UU adult religious education program for the year. Since he's especially interested in church history and philosophy, he would like to continue working in RE in the future.

J.D. says he's happy to have found us – he's not used to a church being so accepting, so loving to everyone.

Marg Raunio

When **Wanda Hvezda** attended the UUCP pledge dinner about a year ago she didn't know she would end up making a pledge herself! She met Jim Kenyon there, and they've been a team ever since. We always knew those dinners were bubbling over with possibilities.

Wanda has lived in Pullman since 1997 and teaches English to International students at WSU. Norwegian was the native language in her family while she was growing up in Minnesota, and two or three of her uncles made sure it was kept alive through the years.

She enjoys aerobics, bicycling, hiking and golf. In fact she's a member of the Once a Week Ladies Golf League which meets at the U of I. There are no pets presently in her life but she looks forward to a "future dog" when she has a house and a yard. When pressed for her favorite breed, she specifies "well behaved".

Confirmed in the Lutheran church, she had been inactive for years when her friends Karen Jennings and Kimberly Green suggested she attend the Non-Violent Communication Class. She really enjoyed it and began attending services. She also participated in the small group ministry last year and enjoyed it very much.

Pat Cary Peek

Articulating Your UU Faith

Say you're on an elevator, and someone asks you to articulate your UU faith in the time it takes to get to the next floor. Just what will you say? It can be tricky, but in the UU world, there is ongoing encouragement to find your UU "elevator speech."

To facilitate that search, Rev. Kayle will be leading a four-session adult religious education course entitled "Articulating Your UU Faith". The class starts Wednesday, September 20 and continues September 27 and October 4 and 18, 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the UUCP Church Basement. Written and designed by UU co-ministers Barbara Wells and Jaco ten Hove, "Articulating Your UU Faith" is a means of helping people jump over the hurdles that might keep them from expressing their UU faith to others.

Articulating Your UU Faith is designed to deepen our grasp of UUism so that we can articulate the meaning of UUism to others. It will explore the Seven Principles or Pillars of the faith, the meaning of words like "religion," "belief" and "faith," and how UUism understands itself alongside other faith traditions. There will be discussions, readings and personal assignments each week.

No cost but registration requested. Please let Kayle know at minister@palouseuu.org or by calling the church office. Appropriate for senior high age and all the way up!

New Email List for Non-UUCP Events

The UUCP office receives a large number of notices about "good causes" that are not UUCP-sponsored & thus shouldn't be sent out over the UUCP email list. To keep the UUCP email list strictly UUCP, and still help get the word out about events within the UU principles and purposes, a new email list for these notices has been created.

Notices sent out will primarily be for events in the Moscow-Pullman area, but may sometimes be for state or national events.

To be added to this new email list, just email uuchurch@moscow.com and ask to be added to the “non-UUCP email list”.

If you would like to be added to the UUCP email list, which receives notices for UUCP related/ sponsored events and activities, just email uuchurch@moscow.com and ask to be added to the “UUCP email list”. Emails to both lists are not regularly scheduled but rather sent out as needed.

Calling All U of I Students!

Tired of the evangelical right speaking for you in your schools? Maybe feeling a little lonely because the views predominantly expressed do not at all reflect your own?

We are looking for religious liberals who wish to show the Palouse that people can be religious and still be accepting of other's beliefs, cultural background, and differing sexual orientations. We do not have to be quiet because our openness to new ideas sets us apart from many others – Christian and Non-Christian.

Our face and our voice should have a place on the U of I campus, and people should know different choices are available when it comes to religious expression. Together we can build a more loving community.

Join us for a debut meeting on Sunday, September 10 at 6 p.m. at the One World Cafe.

For more information contact JD Stevens at jdswildcircus@yahoo.com, or Kayle Rice at minister@palouseuu.org

Does a UU Get a Chance to Paint a Fence Every Day?

(with apologies to Mark Twain)

We are looking for volunteers to paint a fence at the Sojourner Alliance Facility on the afternoon of September 23rd. This is your chance to help Sojourners, which provides housing assistance and other support to Latah County's low income families and individuals.

For more information, contact Peggy Jenkins at peggy@jenkinsresearch.com or 882-5857.

Are You Interested in Socially Responsible Investing?

The UUA Committee on Socially Responsible Investing has put together five free learning sessions for members of UU churches who are interested in using money as a tool for social justice. The sessions will be accessible by teleconference, each Saturday morning from October 7 through November 4. The topics include Community Investing and Shareholder Activism. If you would like to participate in one or more of the sessions, or if you would like more information, contact Peggy Jenkins at 882-5857 or-peggy@jenkinsresearch.com.

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