



UUUCP News

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse

**March
2007**

PO Box 9342 420 E. 2nd Street, Moscow, ID 83843 Issue Date: March 1, 2007 Volume #58, Issue #3 Issued Monthly

In This Issue

Sunday Services	1
Adult RE—Theological Diversity ..	1
WSU Hillel Passover Seder.....	1
From the Pastor on the Palouse	2
UU GA in Portland.....	2
Living on the Cusp	3
Thank You to the Congregation	3
Walk/Ride Your Bike to Church ...	3
2007 Service Auction.....	4
Chaplain James Yee to Speak	4
Moscow Area Hunger Alliance	4
In the Family	4
Membership News	5
Circle Suppers.....	5
UU Niagara Experience	5
Social Action Committee News	6
Food First!.....	6
Calling All Volunteers!	6
March Calendar	7
Dates to Remember.....	8
UU Retirees Luncheon.....	8
Vespers Going Strong	8
Join Rev. Kayle for Lunch	8
March Birthdays.....	8
UUUCP Staff Information	8
Book Discussion Group	9
RockOn Spring YA con	9
The Heat Is On.....	9
Note from Our Music Director	10
PPQ News.....	10
Passover/Easter Canned Food	10
Greetings from DRE	11
Youth Feed of Dreams	11
Who's Who in RE.....	11
Surprise Pal Tips!.....	11
Exploration/Dialog in Movement	12
Moscow CommUNITY Walk	12
Attention All Artists!.....	12
Celebrant's Workshop.....	12
UUUCP Library News	13
UUSC JustWorks Camp.....	13
New Member Biographies.....	14
Cherry Blossom Festival B&B	15
Web Group News.....	15
Eliot Summer Camps	15
Church/Mailing List Info	16

March 4, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Speaker: Rev. Kayle Rice

When faced with crisis, illness, extreme depression, and definitely in the face of death, "Is this all there is to life?" is a common question for humanity, particularly for UUs who have diverse views of life after death.

Is This All There Is?

Celebrant: Joel Hamilton

March 11, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Speaker: Rev. Fred Toerne

Rev. Toerne will be sharing his ongoing process of believing; not so much with what he believes...but how he is making the journey.

How I Believe

Celebrant: Rev. Kayle Rice

March 18, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Speaker: Rev. Kayle Rice

To think about class in America is to feel ambivalent, angry, confused or defensive. "Class" is the elephant in the room of our schools, our justice system, our county council meetings, our extended families...and yes, "class" is the elephant in the room of Unitarian Universalism.

Classism

Celebrant: Peggy Jenkins

March 25, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry—a musical celebration of life (Music Sunday)

Speakers: Musicians and Friends of UUUCP Celebrant: Fred Toerne

Once again, the talented members and friends of the UUUCP will gather together to celebrate with music and dance. This year our focus is on the things that sustain us in life - food, drink, and humor. Come and join us for what is one of the most joyous Sundays in the church calendar year!

Engaging Our Theological Diversity



A five-week Adult RE course beginning Tuesday, April 3, 7 p.m. (meets in UUUCP basement), this class will be based on the 2005 UUA Commission on Appraisal Report. This in-depth commentary explores the wide variety of UU theological beliefs and the ways in which this diversity is a source of enrichment and conflict.

Together, we'll probe the questions: What is at the center of our faith? What holds us together as a community?

Advanced registration is needed to ensure we have enough books. Please call the office by March 8th to order your book. Books are \$15 and are payable the first night of class.

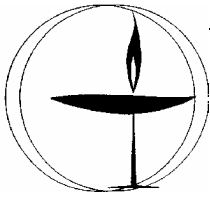
Class dates: April 3, 10, 24 and May 1 & 8.

WSU Hillel Community Passover Seder

You are invited to the WSU Hillel Community Passover Seder Saturday, April 7 at 6 p.m. at the Schweitzer Event Center. Non-Jewish members of the community are encouraged to attend.

For more information, including ticket prices, see Rev. Kayle or contact HillelSeder@gmail.com. Registrations are due Friday, March 8





From the Pastor on the Palouse

Many UU congregations, particularly those who are isolated such as we, tend to be wary of denominational involvement. After all, we are a free religion, a democratic organization, a from-the-bottom-up structure. But it is also good to remember that we are a covenantal religion. Each UU society has agreed to be supportive of one another.

And experiencing the covenant was what took place at our recent Annual General Meeting of the Pacific Northwest District in Boise, ID. Ginger and I left early to attend our respective professional retreats. Donna Holmes Parks and Rebecca Rod followed a few days later, representing our congregation as delegates.

We began with a banner parade and folk dancing with the Basques. We heard a keynote from UUA President Bill Sinkford, who continues to encourage congregations and members to work on areas of oppression particularly in areas of race and class (currently we have 50 ministerial candidates of color in seminary). We broke out into workshops; I attended two: "Adult Religious Education" and "Healthy Congregations." At lunch delegates were given the opportunity to converse with one another on two questions: "What would your community look like if your UU church grew?" and "What would it take to do this?" (I have a feeling I'm paraphrasing the real questions!) Rebecca, Donna and I discussed these questions with two other delegates from north of Seattle; it was interesting to note that their congregation has many of the same challenges as UUCP. After a fine sit-down dinner, we were entertained by the comedy duo "Fool Squad" who poked fun at Unitarian Universalism. Our funny bones were duly tickled but many of us agree

that some of the jokes went too far! There was more dancing following dinner (which your overtired minister did not attend). Plenary sessions were devoted to the business of the district including minor changes in the by-laws. And on Sunday morning we all worshiped together with Rev. Alex Holt from Woodinville preaching.

Next year's AGM will be in Tacoma with the Rev. Rebecca Parker speaking. I've heard her before, love her writings and will definitely plan to attend. It was a joy to connect with district UUs and even made a new friend or two!

So AGM is part business, part fun, part learning, part worship but always about connecting and supporting one another. It's important, I think, to hear the views of our denominational leaders and what is working and what needs tweaking in Unitarian Universalism. As a denomination we've come a long ways...and still have yet a ways to go. May the challenge never end!

On a separate note, I want to say that it has been a joy to work with our DRE Ginger George. Like many of you, I am truly excited about her new opportunity for this unique young adult (along with her partner Mike LeBeau, who "just" happens to be our sexton and our RE assistant...which means 50% of our staff is leaving!) to head out into the big, wide world to further her education and career. Like many of you, I also grieve at her departure. Many of you have "grewed" Ginger, watching her go from precious toddler to a beautiful accomplished adult. I'm grateful that I had this short time with her and Mike. Let us continue to celebrate and support them in the few short months we have left!

With great love and respect,

Kayle

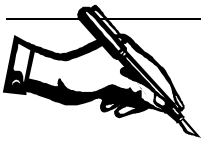
UU General Assembly in Portland, OR, June 20 - 24, 2007, Oregon Convention Center

Registration for the annual UU General Assembly begins March 1. For quick information, please go to <http://www.uua.org/ga/>. Among many featured speakers this year will be Daniel Ellsberg, Amy Goodman, Ben Cohen, Kathleen Norris and Rashid Khalidi. Workshops abound to fit any and all of your passions. Plenaries are being cut by 40% so there will be less business...which of course means more time to shop and browse the many booths that will be available (including our own Rebecca Rod's unique pottery). There will be really cool worship services, including the Thursday night Service of the Living Tradition, where Rev. Kayle will "march" for her Final Fellowship certification (and she is also hosting an apres-service party for delegates and friends of UUCP and her other former congregations to celebrate her happy new status). In short, there's something for everyone.

If you're especially interested in representing our congregation as a delegate, please contact Kayle. The registration fee for adults to attend full-time is \$280 and \$155 for youth (age 14 to 20) to attend full time (see registration schedule at: <http://www.uua.org/ga/reg.html>). Since our operating budget doesn't have funds for attending General Assembly, let's consider a fund raiser to help folks pay their way! There are UUA scholarship applications to attend, plus if you're interested in being a volunteer at GA, the registration fee will be waived.

As a service auction item, Kayle is offering to pay for one adult or youth registration to GA.

Hope you can attend GA right here in our own district...just "down the road" in Portland!



From the President ~ Living on the Cusp

Reflections on Freecell

OK. I admit it. I'm addicted to Freecell. It's not something I'm terribly proud of, playing this game until all hours of the night, neglecting my studies to do "one more game," one part of me watching that precious commodity called time being frittered away in the pursuit of a goal I can't begin to enunciate.

For those of you who haven't the foggiest idea what I'm talking about, let me start by saying that Freecell is a computer card-game puzzle, found on all halfway modern Windows PCs. Kind of like solitaire but more devious in the manner it worms its way into one's psyche. There are, according to the fiends who devised it, 1,000,000 Freecell puzzles waiting to be solved. I'm only up to game 10,956.

A long way to go, unless I can break the vicious cycle.

Once in a while (actually, once in a *great* while, to be truthful) playing the game leads me to thoughts about non Freecell-related matters. Today is one of those rare times.

Like life, Freecell leads me to many a dead end. I start down a path, making choices at each intersection, until I get to a point where I can go no further. In Freecell, I can wipe the board clean and start the puzzle all over, and consciously or not, try to make different decisions about which way to go.

As we all know, life doesn't generally offer us that same option. We can't make time run in reverse. If we make the wrong decisions, and get to a point where we don't want to be, we have to somehow muddle through.

One option that life does offer us is the ability to consult. The opportunity to ask others, get different

perspectives, benefit from different kinds of wisdom. Consultation is certainly no guarantee that one will find the right way, but it often improves the odds.

Among the issues that the UUCP board will struggle with this spring is the possibility of changing the way we govern ourselves. Moving from our current governance model to one called "policy governance." I've only just begin to examine this way of doing things, but already I can see that it represents a significantly different manner of doing things on the part of the board and all the committees that together represent how we regulate our church community.

Here's a place where I'm very grateful for the opportunity to debate and discuss the issue, to consult, with the other eight members of the board. Governance models are a complex subject not subject to easy discernment, yet changing our model may offer significant advantages compared to the status quo.

I'm struck by the fact that very little in UUCP church life is cut and dried. Our governance model may be more complex than many issues, but it is only one among many topics that the board will address at its monthly meeting. The list of possible agenda items grows like Topsy, as it does every month, and sometimes I wonder if we'll ever get caught up and things will settle down, at least for awhile.

We're not there yet.

Namaste

John Pool

P.S. I'm rewarding myself for writing this column by playing ... your guessed it, Freecell game 10,957. Will this madness never end?

Thank You to the Congregation

We have always appreciated the sense of community and fellowship evident in UUCP. It was thus not surprising but still wonderful during our recent medical miasmas that members of the church stepped forward to offer to drive or ride with Roger in his radiation trips to Lewiston, to send cards and emails to Judy as she endured a broken wrist and other maladies, and to provide delicious food to help us through the cold winter evenings. You have all brought sunshine into our lives for your concern and your consideration. We thank you for your good hearts and your good will.

Judy and Roger Wallins

Walk/Ride your Bike to Church

Is it part of your new years' resolution to drive less and reduce your carbon footprint? Or maybe exercise more and reduce your calorie intake?

Don't forget about our Walk/Ride your bike to church program. Simply walk or bike to church for services and other events, fill out a card in the little basket in the foyer and record your progress. When you fill your card, give it to Mary Jo Hamilton for a coupon for a free cookie at the Moscow Food Coop. What a win-win situation!





Tools, Tasks and Toasts - UUCP 2007 Service Auction



The UUCP will hold it's Annual Service Auction on Saturday, March 31. The Silent Auction will begin at 6:30 pm and the live auction happens at 7:30 pm. Here is your chance to use your **Tools** to help others, to find folks to do some of your **Tasks** and to find numerous opportunities to **Toast** with your friends. Please come and enjoy an evening of food, wine and entertainment as well as an opportunity to plan your summer activities by choosing the donated offerings of our friends and congregation.

The success of this event also depends on donations of your services. In the past those offerings have come in many forms, such as a week at a cabin on the lake, art pieces, lessons in knitting and cooking, dinner parties serving your favorite recipes, cocktail parties, babysitting talents, products from your garden, mushroom hunting to your secret spot and even items you are ready to discard. Check out some of the other previous offerings at the UUCP website if you need more ideas. Drop off your form (inserted in this newsletter and available on the website) in the assigned basket at the church, mail it into the church at UUCP, PO Box 9342, Moscow, ID 83843 or send it by e-mail to uuchurch@moscow.com.

If you want to assist with this fun event, please contact Ann Norton at asnorton@uidaho.edu or 882-4851.



Chaplain James Yee to Speak

A "Community Conversation: Islam-Community and Faith" will be held on Saturday, March 31 at the Moscow High School Auditorium from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Two speakers, Dr. S.M Ghazanfar and Chaplain James Yee will speak on Islam as a civilization and a faith respectively. There will be a panel discussion and refreshments. Free to the public. More information via posters and emails will be forthcoming.

Chaplain Yee, author of "For God and Country: Faith and Patriotism Under Fire" is a third-generation Chinese American and West Point graduate who converted to Islam in 1991. He is a former Muslim Chaplain for the U.S. prison camp in Guantanamo Bay. After being officially recognized twice for outstanding performance, Chaplain Yee was arrested and imprisoned in a Navy brig for 76 days in September 2003 while being falsely accused of spying, espionage and aiding the alleged Taliban and Al-Qaeda prisoners. After months of government investigation, all criminal charges were dropped. Chaplain Yee will be on the Uof I and WSU campuses, so the public will have ample opportunity to hear him speak.

Moscow Area Hunger Alliance

The first annual meeting of the Moscow Area Hunger Alliance will be Saturday, March 24 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the University of Idaho Commons Whitewater/Clearwater Rooms. For more information and registration please go to: www.uidaho.edu/warohunger. Rev. Kayle also has information. Become a founding member of what is hoped will be a long-standing tradition of collaboration for the good of our community!

In the Family

We welcome to our UUCP family the following new members: Terry Grieb, Marshall Mitchell and Lori Rowlett, Leanne Parker, Hal Jackson and Clare Lichenfels, Michele Darcy-Evans, and Victor White.

Thank You to all who helped Myradis Tearsong with her recent move; to Joan and Bill Webb for the donation of a beautiful, oh-so-comfortable recliner rocker for the minister's office; and to Melodie Rai and Brian Leekley for driving to Spokane and picking up DeLyle Eastwood (and her niece) upon their return from Boston. Currently DeLyle is recuperating at Aspen Park.

Congratulations to: Ginger George, who has been accepted to graduate school in Chicago; Veronica Lassen on her daughter Zoe's upcoming graduation from Reed College and her daughter Maia's upcoming graduation "to" college; and Wanda Hvezda and Jim Kenyon on their engagement.

Please hold in your thoughts Karen Jennings' nephew, who has significant health concerns; Judy LaLonde's infant grandson, who has undergone several surgeries and faces several more; Joann Muneta's husband, who has injured his back; Tina Hilding's niece, who broke her femur; DeLyle Eastwood, who is back in Moscow and continues to recuperate at Aspen Park; and JD Stevens, whose maternal grandfather recently passed away.

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

Membership News—Getting Connected

Let's all welcome our **newest members!** At the January 28 new member ceremony, the following folks made a commitment to UUCP and signed the membership book. Their biographies will be in the church newsletter as they are completed.

Leanne Parker

Terry Grieb

Hal Jackson and Claire Lichtenfels

Lori Rowlett and Marshall Mitchell

Michele D'arcy-Evans

Victor White

Newcomers Lunch – March 25th. If you are new to the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse, please join the Membership Committee, Rev. Kayle Rice and Ginger George, our religious education director, for lunch on Sunday March 25 at 12:15 in the church basement. Besides a free lunch, you'll get to meet other newcomers and have a chance to ask questions about our UUCP and Unitarian Universalism. There's never any pressure or obligation to join - just information, lunch and conversation to help you decide if you want to become a part of us. Please join us if you haven't yet made it to a luncheon! Just call Joan at 883-3861 or Caitlin at 883-3959 to reserve your spot. Children are welcome.

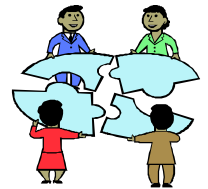
You can pick up a **Newcomer's Handbook** on the guest table which will answer many of your burning

questions. And, there is also an abundance of literature on the foyer display shelf which describes us well.

Is your photo on the board in the church basement? We'd like to have all our members and friends who participate have their picture displayed. You can give us a favorite photo or arrange for a photo to be taken by contacting our photographer Michael Irvin at 882-1431 or putting your name and phone number on the clipboard on the guest table in the foyer. There are columns to request a photograph, nametag, church e-mail, and newsletters. Let us know what you need.

Have you browsed through the big notebook on the foyer shelf called "**Getting to Know UU's**"?

It contains photos and biographies of many of our members. We'd love to have EVERYONE have a page in our book. We'd like to expand to have multiple books! Please feel free to create your own page containing photos/bios – whatever you like to help us get to know you better.



Involvement is the best way to get acquainted and feel included. There are salmon colored **Volunteer forms** awaiting you on the foyer shelf which suggest many ways you can share your talents and interests with any degree of involvement you should choose. This is by far the best way to get to know people, to feel connected and needed.

CIRCLE SUPPERS: Saturday, March 24th

Circle Suppers are a fun way to get better acquainted and to meet new people. They are small shared dinners/potlucks held in homes. We have four or five per year. The next one is Saturday night, March 24. Sign-up begins March 4 and the deadline is March 17. Look for clipboards in the church foyer and downstairs, or call Joan Webb, 883-3861 if you can't make it to church or need more information. We have reserved the church basement that night to allow for a larger shared family dinner, if that is preferable.

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. The hosts will contact the guests and assign what type of dish to bring for the potluck. After that, just show up, eat, and enjoy the evening. We

will try our best to place you with some different folks each time. Please consider taking a turn at hosting sometime. If your space is limited, a casual buffet "hold on you lap" meal is perfectly ok and you can indicate how many guests you'd like to have.



UU Niagara Experience

July 15-18, 2007

If you have ever wanted to visit Niagara Falls or if it is already one of your favorite places, this is a chance to experience the wonder of Niagara Falls including some great educational opportunities while in the company of UUs from around the country.

The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four day UU Niagara Experience which is a lifetime opportunity to encounter the Falls up close from every perspective, even safely riding beneath a tethered balloon. Spend four days with us exploring the rich history and natural wonders around the Falls. For information:

Web site: <http://www.uunex.net/>

Email: info@uunex.net

Telephone: (716) 791-4453

by the Social Action Committee and its Climate Change Subcommittee, have been a great success. Crowds of over one hundred people each night have come to hear speakers Von Walden and J. Michael Scott, and panelist Michael Nelson, Jamie Nelson and Sister Carol Ann Wassmun provide timely, thoughtful and wise insights into the problem. The proceedings were taped, and will probably be rebroadcast on Radio Free Moscow at some point in the spring. You can also check out Von Walden's presentation at www.moscowclimatechange.com.

Our final sessions will be March 1 and 22d (the date of the final session was moved so as not to conflict with Jane Goodall's talk at WSU on March 8th). These presentations will both provide opportunities to learn about local and national efforts to address climate change, and also provide an opportunity for attendees to break out into small groups to make their own plans for moving discussions and action on climate change forward in our community. Check out our web site for more information.

Another topic which has engaged our group is **hunger around the world and on the Palouse**. Mary Barstow, Co-Chair of U of I War on Hunger group, presented information on the War on Hunger group on the U of I campus. The University Group is very engaged and has the support of the University and many student volunteers. They would like to branch out into the community, and on **March 24** they will convene the inaugu-

Area Hunger Alliance." They hope to bring in groups working to deliver food and services to the hungry in our area. We plan to send representatives, and also to help the university group identify and invite others in the community who have an interest in the issue. If you would like additional information, or can help us identify interested individuals or groups, please contact the Social Action Committee.

The Committee is also gearing up for a busy month of April. On **April 1st** we'll be presenting a social action service "**Drumbeat for Darfur**". On **April 15th**, we'll help to present a screening of the documentary **Ayamye**, as a fundraiser for **the Village Bicycle Project** (the subject of the film). On **April 28th** we'll be participating in the **CommUnity walk** with (hopefully) the entire Moscow Community. That weekend we'll also begin preparations for the **Renaissance Fair booth**. Finally, we are hoping to welcome **Dr. Jill Seamon** at our church in late April, and hope she will be available for a presentation and some fundraising.

Our next meeting will be March 13, 7:00 PM, in the church basement.

Don't forget to vote in the Moscow School District supplemental levy March 27. For more information go to http://www.sd281.k12.id.us/Board_of_Trustees/VoterLevyInfo.pdf. If you would like to help with the levy campaign, go to www.supportmoscowschools.org.

Food First! You already know the USDA ranks **Idaho the 8th hungriest state** in 2005. You may not know that **40% of Idaho households receiving food from food banks currently have at least one person working**. About half of those work full-time jobs. Nevertheless, some people must choose between rent and food. You may not know that Idaho renters must earn **at least \$11.20 per hour** to earn enough **for a two-bedroom apartment**. However, Idaho workers earning the \$5.15 per hour minimum-wage must work on average **87 hours per week** to pay the rent. Furthermore, some people in Idaho must choose between health care and food. **20.7% in ID have no health insurance**. Among school age children in ID, **42% (74,433 children per day)** receive free or reduced lunch, and **one in eight (49,570 children)** goes to bed hungry sometime each month.

What can we do to fight hunger now?

We can: **continue to share** our bounty; **increase our support** for our local food banks by donating money and continue bringing non-perishable food to church Sundays to replenish the food stores local families need; **learn more about the issue** of hunger (through SAC forums); **expand that awareness** into our community; **advocate for public policy** and those politicians who support and promote programs and policy that provide for food security; **as a church, join with other churches** and advocacy groups and become participants in interfaith discussion and action addressing hunger in Idaho.

Calling All Volunteers!

Tired of making cookies for every party and wish you could be part of the party planning itself? Giving up your membership at the gym and would like to heave boxes and rake leaves to keep your muscles strong? Decided that your oratory talents would be better suited to the under 13 crowd than during Sunday services? Do you have wonderful hidden talents just begging to be used for good works? Now is the time to update your volunteer form.

Members of the UUCP are asked to contribute their time and talents to the shared ministry of our church. Please take a moment and fill out the enclosed volunteer form. If you have questions regarding any of the positions, feel free to contact the committee chairs or our minister. Forms can be mailed to the church, dropped off at the church office, or placed in the offertory baskets.

March 2007



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 Service 12:15 pm RE Committee Mtg, YHM 6:30 Pagan Soul, CS 6:30 pm Youth Group, YHB</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 pm PPO, CB</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 pm Youth Feed of Dreams, CB</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:45 am Croness Dont Whine, CB 6:30 pm Choir, CS 7:00 Men's Group, YH2 Deadline to order book for Adult RE</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30 pm Vespers, CS</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:30 & 11:00 am Service 12:30 pm RE Committee Mtg, YHM 4:00 pm Exploration/Dialog in Mvmt, CB 6:30 pm Youth Group, YHB Music Sunday signup deadline</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 pm PPO, CB</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 pm Social Action Commit- tee Mtg, CB</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:45 am Croness Dont Whine, CB 6:30 pm Choir, CS 7:00 Men's Group, YH2</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:45 am, Lunch w/Rev. Kayle at Rico's in Pullman 5:30 pm Vespers, CS</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Circle Supper signup deadline</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30 & 11:00 am Service 6:30 pm Youth Group, YHB</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30 pm PPO, CB</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:15 Board Mtg, YHM Registration deadline for RockOn YA Con</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:45 am Croness Dont Whine, CB 6:30 pm Choir, CS 7:00 Men's Group, YH 7:30 pm, Climate Change Disc., 1912 Ctr.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30 pm Vespers, CS</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 am Muisic Sun- day rehearsal, CS Circle Suppers</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30 & 11:00 am Service 12:15 Newcomers' Luncheon, CB Music Sunday</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30 pm PPO, CB</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30 pm Book Discussion Group, Nancy Nelson's home</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:45 am Croness Dont Whine, CB 7:00 pm Choir, CS 7:00 Men's Group, YH</p>	<p>30</p> <p>RockOn YA Con begins</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1:30 Community Con- versation: Islam, MHS Auditorium Service Auction 6:30 Silent Auction 7:30 Live Auction</p>

Dates to Remember



- Mondays:** PPQ, 7:30 pm, CB
- Thursdays:** Women's Group, 11:45 am, Church Basement
Choir, 6:30 pm, CS (7:00 starting March 22)
Men's Group, 7:00 pm, YH2.
Contact John Pool at 883-8409 for info.
- Fridays:** Vespers, 5:30-6:00
- Sundays:** Youth Group, 6:30 pm, CB
-
- Thursday March 1** UU Retirees Luncheon, 12:00 noon at the University Inn Best Western Appaloosa Room
- Thursday March 1** Climate Change discussion, 7:30 at the 1912 Building (p. 9)
- Wednesday March 7** Youth Feed of Dreams fundraiser for Spring Con, 5:30, Church Basement
- Thursday March 8** Deadline to order book for *Engaging Our Theological Diversity* Adult RE class (p. 1)
- Sunday March 11** Deadline for Music Sunday participants to give information to Cheryl Weiss (p. 10)
- Sunday March 11** Exploration/Dialog in Movement, 4:00, CS (p. 12)
- Friday March 16** Join Rev. Kayle for lunch at 11:45 am at Rico's in Pullman (p. 8)
- Saturday March 17** Circle Supper signup deadline (p. 5)
- Tuesday March 13** Social Action Committee Meeting, 7:00, CB (p. 6)
- Tuesday March 20** RockOn YA Con registration deadline (p. 9)
- Thursday March 22** Climate Change discussion, 7:30 at the 1912 Building (p. 9)
- Friday March 23** UUCP Logo Contest submission deadline (p. 12)
- Saturday March 24** Circle Suppers (p. 5)
- Sunday March 25** Music Sunday, 9:30 & 11:00
- Sunday March 25** Newcomers' Lunch, 12:15, CB (p. 5)
- Wednesday March 28** Book Discussion Group meeting, 7:30 pm, Nancy Nelson's home (p. 9)
- Friday March 30** RockOn YA Con beings (p. 11)
- Saturday March 31** 'Community Conversation: Islam-Community and Faith' featuring Chaplain James Yee and Dr. S.M Ghazanfar, 1:30 pm Moscow HS Auditorium, (p. 4)
- Saturday March 31** UUCP Service Auction, 6:30 Silent Auction and 7:30 Live Auction (p. 4)

UU Retirees Luncheon

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



Vespers Going Strong!

Theme for the Month of March: "Becoming"

Provide yourself with some Soul Food! It is easy! Take one half hour off to attend Vespers every Friday at 5:30- 6pm. Come and focus on just you by going within through song, mindful meditation, encouraging short readings, and visual imagery. Learn skills to go within through-out your week and see how your life changes! **ALL ARE WELCOME**. If you need child care, we can see what we can do.

Questions? Call Donna Bradberry at 882-2830

Pullman Folks: Join Rev. Kayle for Lunch!

In order to connect with UUCP folks and friends in Pullman, come have lunch with Kayle at Rico's in Pullman at 11:45 on Friday, March 16. Future dates are April 20 (Tam's Place), and May 18 (Rico's).

March Birthdays



Kate Tinney	Wil Caisley
Kate Bentley	Isabel Huggins
Shay Hatten	Sam Caisley
Tov Armstrong	Meradydd Scott
Rhea Hatten	

UUCP Staff Information

Rev. Kayle Rice, Minister

Home Study: 208-883-3205

Email: minister@palouseuu.org

Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 11:00-3:00

**Ginger George,
Director of Religious Education**

Phone: 208-882-4328

Email: uucp-dre@moscow.com

Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 12:00-4:00

**Summer Stevens
Administrative Secretary**

Phone: 208-882-4328

Email: uuchurch@moscow.com

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:30-2:30

Book Discussion Group

Our book for March is *The Future Eaters* by Tim Flannery. From Publishers Weekly:

Who destroys or "eats" the future? Those who have not shared a past: coevolution is the key to survival of all species, maintains Flannery, a senior research scientist in mammalogy at the Australian Museum in Sydney.

Just as human immunities have failed when confronted with previously isolated viruses, so entire ecosystems have crumbled with the introduction of man. Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia and New Guinea make for an interesting case study: though once conjoined, they later separated, developing disparate climates and soil types. Equally important, they were colonized at different times, with man reaching Australia 45,000 to 60,000 years ago and New Caledonia just 3500 years ago. Flannery posits that these virgin islands, which were replete with unexploited resources, naive, almost "tame," herbivores and no real competition from other predators, allowed man to make "the great leap forward" to become not just one species among many but the species. New virgin territories presented other opportunities for wealth, population growth, leisure and subsequent leaps forward. But the cost is invariably great: human populations soar, then drop as food sources become extinct or soil is exhausted and imported ideas of agriculture, husbandry and hunting slowly give way to environmental



reality--reality that is particularly harsh to Australia's poor soil. With great skill and research, Flannery demonstrates the subtle interaction that makes an ecosystem work, from glaciers to fire, from dung beetles to man. In the process he makes a formidable, sometimes frightening argument for careful cooperation with--rather than domination of--the world.

Nancy Nelson will lead the discussion on this book on Wednesday, March 28, at 7:30 PM at her home, 804 East E Street, Moscow.

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

Teacher Man by Frank McCourt

The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion

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, or if you would like a ride to the discussion, call or email Mary Jo Hamilton at 882-0443; mhamilto@vetmed.wsu.edu.

RockOn – Spring Young Adult Con

March 30-April 1, Camp Huston in Gold Bar, WA

Join us at the beautiful Camp Huston (see www.huston.org) for a weekend of young adult community, fun and music. We will be living in community; loving, laughing, cooking and playing together. We'll take this time to celebrate each other, our faith and ourselves. Our time together will be full of chances to learn, grow, inspire, be inspired, have fun and change our world together.

UUs ages 18-35 who are interested in music, young adult empowerment and growing the community in our district are all invited to come! Events during the weekend include worship, arts, singing, silence, workshops, a talent-optional show, rock star themed dance, outdoor activities, camp fires and other community led activities and discussions. Spring Con is a volunteer conference, affirming and promoting the involvement of participants.

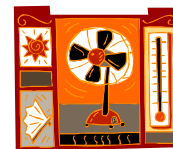
General Registration: \$50. Registration deadline is March 20 - NO onsite registrations accepted!

Registration form: www.pnwd.org/pdfs/YAcon_spr07.pdf
For scholarship information, email RockOnCon07@gmail.com.

The Heat Is On: Community Discussions on Climate Change

The public is invited to a series of community discussions to learn more about the hot topic of climate change at the 1912 Center in Moscow. The discussions will provide the opportunity to learn about the serious and wide-ranging implications of climate change and common misconceptions, understand the ethical and moral implications, and learn how we might make a difference through our own and community actions.

The series continues **March 1 and March 22, at 7:30 pm** in the 1912 Center. For more information on the series, please check out our website at: <http://www.moscowclimatechange.com>





A Note From Our Music Director

Hello to all at the UUCP—I can hardly believe that it's March already. A special thank you goes out to all of our dedicated musicians who shared their talents with us during the month of February. Also, thank you to Martha Schmidt for organizing the choir potluck dinner, which took place on the evening of the 25th, and to all the choir members who attended. We not only enjoyed some wonderful food, but also had some stimulating conversations. All in all, a very productive evening.

On Feb. 16-18, I attended an academic conference in Salt Lake City. Before returning to Pullman, I had the privilege of hearing the Mormon Tabernacle Choir performing live during their internationally broadcast Sunday morning radio concert series. It was truly inspirational to hear AND see this fantastic choral ensemble.

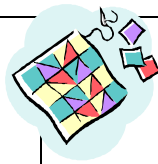
As mentioned last month, Music Sunday is scheduled for March 25th, with a dress rehearsal from 10am until 12 noon on Saturday morning, March 24th. To help those of you who plan to participate, the theme is "Eat, Drink, and Be Merry". Music about three things that sustain us in life - food, drink, and humor - is most appropriate for this service. Please submit the titles, composers, and timings of your selections, the correct spelling of everyone's names, and each participant's instrument and/or voice part **by Sunday morning, March 11th**. You may either email the information to me at clweiss@juno.com, give me a printed or word processed copy after church services, or leave the information in my folder in the file cabinet underneath the coat rack in the church foyer.

Jenna Moline's senior piano recital will be held Thursday, April 12th, 8:00pm, at the Lionel Hampton School of Music Recital Hall. I plan to scurry over after choir rehearsal to enjoy her performance and hope that many of you will join me. Jenna will play some selections from her repertoire on March 18th during the service.

We have an opening for Call to Worship and Meditation music on March 11th. Please contact me if you would like to play or sing at that service. You're welcome to perform then AND on Music Sunday as well.

May you have a restful Spring Break and enjoy this month of blustery winds and early blooming bulbs.

Cheryl Weiss, Music Director



PPQ News

There will not be a PPQ News this month. The weather was bad, people were sick, things were busy, people were traveling. Of course, we still came to PPQ and worked on the two quilts in progress, and progress was made. Several of us have also made hats for Afghans, specifically a children's circus that travels about raising awareness of the Afghan plight. Many of us complained about the gloomy weather and waited for spring.

The highlight of my month was a trip to Seattle and the annual Garden Show.

They didn't sell fabric or yarn, but there was a lot of piecing together of gardens with plants of different colors and textures, much like quilting.

Our PPQ booth at the Committee Fair in January was a success - we added a few names to our e mail list and distributed a lot of brownies.

We were very pleased with our photo in the 2007 UUCP calendar and hope that someone takes on the task of creating one for 2008.

Over the years, I have converted many of our congregational members to sock knitting, and I think it has been a good thing. I recently came across the following passage in my little book, *At Knit's End: Meditations for Women who Knit Too Much*. "The price is what you pay; the value is what you receive." The frugal knitter will quickly develop a taste for fine wool on tiny needles. There are many, many yards in those wee balls, and it takes lots and lots of tiny stitches to make anything. One hundred yards of chunky wool lasts only a few hours, but 100 grams of fingering weight wool takes a good long time to knit up. I will balance my cheap-skate desire to get maximum knitting time for the dollar with my desire to retain my eyesight.

I guess I had some PPQ News after all—here's hoping for an early spring!



Passover/Easter Canned Food Drive

Each year our children hunt for canned goods on Easter Sunday that are then donated to one of many wonderful food banks in our community. By living our UU Principles we can help our children understand the joy of giving! This year Easter falls on April 8th, begin bringing your canned goods on March 4th.

How do geese know when to fly to the sun? Who tells them the seasons? How do we, humans, know when it is time to move on? As with the migrant birds, so surely within us, there is a voice within, if only we would listen to it, that tells us so certainly when to go forth into the unknown.

-Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross may have been speaking of death here, as her work centered on this momentous life transition. Yet it has, for me, taken on a new meaning. I have begun to hear the gentle, persistent calling within me to move into the unknown. As many of you know, this will be my last year serving as Director of Religious Education. This community has been my spiritual home for the whole of my life, but I feel the need to leap out into the wide world. It is thus with great debate within my heart that I have decided to pursue graduate studies at the Erkison Institute in Chicago, Illinois. I will begin this fall on a masters degree in child development with an emphasis on administration of early childhood programs.

RE News



This presents an amazing opportunity for the church to examine our religious education needs and to continue the professionalization of our program. It is time to dream: what does the perfect program look like? What qualities does the perfect director hold? Now is the time to look ahead and work for a better tomorrow!

One wonderful way to prepare for our new Director of Religious Education is to fill the fall teaching slots before summer begins. This will ensure he or she begins with all the support we as a community can give. Please contact me to give your time in this time of change!

I would like to take this opportunity to express the overwhelming gratitude I hold for this congregation. Without the love, joy and compassion I have experienced here I wouldn't be the grounded and centered person I am today. Each of you has touched my life, thank you for sharing a bit of yourself with me.

In our living tradition,

Ginger George

Feed of Dreams — Support Our Youth's Dreams of UU Connection!



What: Youth Group Sponsored Feed of Dreams, wonderful lasagna dinner with all the sides!

When: Wednesday March 7th at 5:30 pm

Where: Church Basement

Why: Fundraiser for our youth group's Spring Youth Conference! Sponsored by the Pacific Northwest District, this event is one of the biggest highlights of the year for our group. Here our youth connect with other UU youth from around the northwest participating in worship, games, workshops and just plain fun!

Who's Who, Religious Education Info:

Ginger George, Director of Religious Education:

Phone: 882-4328

Email: uucp-dre@moscow.com

Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Michael LeBeau, RE Assistant:

Email: lebe6398@yahoo.com

Al Poplawsky, RECommittee Chair

Email: dial@moscow.com

Surprise Pal Tips!

♥ Surprise pals has just begun! Here are some tips to help you along!

♥ **Correspond with your pal each week.** If you are going to be out of town, let your pal know. Or if you want something delivered while you are out of town, let me know and I can do it for you.

♥ Please don't spend money on large gifts for your pal. Homemade items, treats, small tokens of your esteem are appropriate. Large gifts put pressure on other pals, and cause Surprise Pal Envy.

♥ **NO LURKING**— Please clear the area around the folders so that pals may safely deliver their notes without the trouble of costumes. Children and adults who seem to be shamelessly loitering around the folders will be shooed away by the RE staff.

♥ Use the Surprise Pal Tamper Proof Box for extra confidence in your deliveries. The RE staff will place your deliveries into the correct folder – no more worries about your identity being discovered!

♥ If you forget who your pal is, or need any assistance whatever, please contact Ginger or Mike for help.

♥ Parents should monitor their children's correspondence for extra safety.

♥ Have Fun!!

Exploration/Dialog in Movement

The once a month EXPLORATION/DIALOG IN MOVEMENT will be Sunday, March 11th at 4 p.m. in the UUCP Sanctuary.

Come one, come all! Every breathing human is invited! If you are breathing, you are moving, and that is all you need! You are always free to participate as much or as little as you want.

Spring is coming, and this month we will explore change, flow, and letting go. In moving to a new season, we must let go of the old - but this does not mean rejecting it. Come and honor change, the new and the old, and moving and being in new ways.

Structured with freedom, this is Playdough for all ages - learn, choose, play. There will be introductions, some simple warm up exercises, the main exploration, a check-in, and closing. You are always free to pass, do it a little different, etc.

EXPECT:

- * movement
- * silliness
- * looking at things in a new way
- * open ended directions
- * exaggerated body movements
- * each person with our own knowledge and experience, fears and courage
- * free to participate as much or as little as you want
- * supportive
- * a space to learn, or play, or share

For more information contact Melodie Rai at melodie@turbonet.com, or 883-2668 or 208-669-1771.

Moscow CommUNITY Walk

"Walking on Common Ground"

Saturday, April 28 everyone is invited to gather at Friendship Square. Community members will deliver thoughts on community and walking on common ground. At 1:00 the walk will proceed from Friendship Square to East City Park, accompanied by music. Walkers will be greeted at East City Park with music, games, beverages, activities for kids, and a potluck supper. The event will likely end around 4:00 pm.

Questions? Want to lend your support?

Email walkingoncommonground@hotmail.com



Attention, All Artists!

The UUCP Communications Committee needs your help in developing a new, single logo identity for the church. Currently, there are several marks in use; our goal is to come up with just one so that our publications and other communications have a more uniform look.

According to a very informal poll taken by the Communications Committee recently, the majority of our congregation prefers the chalice as a symbol of our church over the drawing of the church building. Now comes the tricky part: we need to incorporate the chalice into a new church logo along with "Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse" or "UUCP" in a way that can be reproduced on letterhead, posters, T-shirts, etc. You choose the font, the colors if any, and the arrangement. Turn your rendering in to the Office by March 23. The person who turns in the winning entry will receive a \$25 gift certificate to The Bookpeople or the Moscow Food Co-op!

For more information, contact Kathy Barnard La Pointe, communications committee chair, 882-8430, kbarnard@wsu.edu.



CELEBRANT'S WORKSHOP

At long last, your dream to become one of our Celebrated Celebrants will actually come true! But feeling a bit wary about getting up in front of the congregation? Want some pointers about the "how-to's"? Need to know what your special responsibilities are and how to go about fulfilling them? Been a celebrant before but want to connect with other "CCs" and share your expertise?

Then come to the Celebrants' Workshop!

Mary Jo Hamilton, Judy LaLonde, Rod Sprague, Linda Wilson, and Rev. Kayle Rice, all members of the Sunday Services Committee, are pleased to present a Celebrant's Workshop on Sunday, April 1st (no foolin'!) immediately after the second service, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The Workshop will include a joyous journey through the fun and phantasms of serving as Celebrant for our fine services. You will learn a theology of worship, take a walk through the Celebrant's Guide, be able to ask questions...and maybe even get to practice! Even if you have served as Celebrant in the past, come join us in finding further ways of conducting meaningful and uplifting services.

Because food is involved and to ensure an adequate supply of handouts, please call the office at 882-4328 to sign up. No person shall leave the workshop hungry, for food for body OR for food for thought.

Please mark April 1 on your calendar for this exciting event!!



UUCP Library News

The UUCP library was originally set up in 2004 by Donna Bradberry and Lynn Cantrell. Ever since, Donna has maintained the system.

It has been a big job. She not only maintained the library, but she also donated many books from her own personal library. We want to thank her for her hard work and generosity. She has recently passed on the responsibility to Marti Ford and Lynn Cantrell.

If you've never used the UUCP library, here's all you need to know: it is located on the first floor of the Yellow House, and books can be checked out for a month. Books are arranged by theme: religion (all types), philosophy, inspiration/meditation/poetry, politics and culture, self-help, and so forth. An indexed catalog is located to the right of the bookcases, along with the checkout book. Children's books are on the bottom shelf, and they have their own catalog and checkout book.

Here is a sampling of some of the recent books that have been added to the library: *God Laughs and Plays – Churchless Sermons in Response to the Preachments of the Fundamentalist Right*, by David James Duncan; *Life's Boundless Doubts*, Poems by Willis Bungay Merriam, Ph.D.; *Don't Think of An Elephant: Know Your Values and Frame the Debate*, by George Lakoff; *Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals* by John A. Buehrens; *Sustainable Planet: Solutions for the Twenty-first Century*, edited by Juliet V. Schor and Betsy Taylor

Since we are updating the library catalog now, this would be a good time to see if you have any books waiting to be returned. Here's a list of books that are in our catalog but not in the library or recently checked out. If you have one of these books, please

drop it back on the return shelf next to the library book case on the first floor of the Yellow House. Thanks for your help.

Missing Books

The Church Across the Street by Reginald Manwell
The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions and Answers by Stanley S. Harakas
Islam in Focus, by Hammudah 'Abd al 'Ati
The Saying of Confucius, translated by James R. Ware
Manual of Zen Buddhism, by D. T. Suzuki
The Battle For God, by Karen Armstrong
Gods & Myths of Northern Europe, by H. Fr. Ellis Davidson
One Hundred Years of the first Unitarian Church of San Francisco
Universalism in America, Edited by Ernest Cassara
Reflective Light, by Alma L. Howard
The Faith of an Unrepentant Liberal, by Powell Davies
If I Were to Build A Church: Selected Sermons of Benjamin B. Hersey, D.D. (2 copies)
Unitarian Universalism: a narrative history, by David E. Bumbaugh
Three Prophets of Religious Liberalism: Channing, Emerson, & Parker
The Chosen Faith, by John A. Buehrens & Forrest Church
Humanism As the Next Step, by Lloyd and Mary Morain
Morality and Religion, by Henri Bergson
Creative Visualization, by Shakti Gawain
Meditations for Women Who Do Too Much, by Anne Wilson Schaeff
A Return to Love, by Marianne Williamson
Communion With God, by Neale Donald Walsch
Man from a Far Country, by Mary Craig
The Memoirs of Dr. Joseph Priestley, by Himself

March 18-24, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee JustWorks Camp, Clinton OK

Join 15 adults (18 and older) for a work camp at the first burial site being completed for "unidentified" Native American ancestral remains in Clinton, OK. This project is part of a national effort by "Return to the Earth" to repatriate (return) and honorably bury those remains from museum and other institutions that have no records that identify them by tribe or location.

Participants at camp will be planting native plants, painting fences and buildings, building trails, and doing data entry. There is a strong educational component to this week with presentations by tribal leaders on the history and culture of the Cheyenne people, and the repatriation efforts of tribes nationally. It will include field trips and evening sessions with artists and native plant specialists. Go to www.uusc.org for application forms. Bellingham, WA Unitarian Fellowship initiated this work camp. For a weekly schedule, contact Beth Brownfield at bethbrownf@aol.com.

New Member Biographies

Marshall Mitchell was born August 4, 1952, to working class parents in central Alabama. His father was a mechanic and his mother was a homemaker and seamstress who made clothes in her home for people and worked in a garment factory that made children's clothes. He was raised Southern Baptist in a conservative home. After finishing a degree in psychology at University of Montevallo, he went to Baptist seminary, earning a Master's of Divinity degree, which he hoped would allow him to become a chaplain in a rehabilitation facility. He was unable to find a job at this and eventually found work setting up accommodations for students with disabilities at Amarillo Community College, after a move to Texas. He worked in that job for 10 years before relocating to Pullman to do similar work at Washington State University. Marshall is now a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Speech and Hearing and the coordinator of disability studies for WSU. His interest in disability accommodations stems partly from the fact that he uses a wheelchair to get around due to a cervical spinal injury at the age of 15.

Marshall's journey to Unitarian Universalism was somewhat circuitous. After finishing his divinity degree, he no longer felt at home in the Baptist Church and began to attend the Disciples of Christ. On moving here, there was no Disciples of Christ Church and so he joined the Presbyterian Church. A year and a half ago he met Lori Rowlett at a conference and she brought him to the Unitarian Church in which she had been active for several years. He and Lori were married about a year ago and live in Pullman. Marshall has two 21 year old daughters who live on the Palouse who are identical twins.

Lori Rowlett grew up in Dallas, Texas, the daughter of a railroad man. Her mother helped support the family working in a store. Lori was the first person in her family to go to college. She attended the University of Texas in Austin, receiving her degree in German Literature. She went on to get a Masters of Divinity degree from Southern Methodist University. She then moved to England to do further studies at Cambridge University and received her PhD in Hebrew Bible there. She now teaches at Washington State University as an adjunct professor in Philosophy and Religious Studies, as well as Women's Studies.

Lori has had Rheumatoid Arthritis since child-

hood and now deals with chronic pain and joints that won't support her, so she gets around with the help of a wheelchair. She met Marshall Mitchell at a conference on disability issues and they were married a year ago.

Lori finished divinity school a Presbyterian, but through her studies in feminism and exposure to Goddess mythology became a neo-pagan. Support for her religious beliefs at the Unitarian Universalist Church has led her to become a member.

◆.....◆
Claire Lichtenfels and **Hal Jackson** recently celebrated their "kissing anniversary". What is that? I wondered. Claire was happy to inform me that it's been twenty-five years since their first kiss! They married not long after. Twenty and twenty-one, they met at a mountaineering leadership school and they've spent the years since traveling the ups and downs of life as a couple.

Claire grew up in Rhode Island but spent the summers in Germany with her parents. Hal grew up in Richmond, Virginia and always dreamed of the open spaces and relaxed atmosphere of the west.

The couple came from Vashon Island in Washington last August for Hal to begin a position in the College of Education at WSU. He has a PhD in behavior disorders from the University of Washington. Previously Claire worked as a counselor with Vashon Youth and Family Services. She is now interning at WSU in the Community Support Agriculture program. Her passion is teaching self-sufficiency and sustainability through gardening and she would love to have her own farm.

They both enjoy reading, hiking, skiing and skating on the pond in front of their house. Claire has hiked 120 miles alone along the Pacific Crest Trail. She coaches youth sports and Hal loves poetry. They both love music and Hal can play almost any instrument by ear. Music fills their home and dancing occurs spontaneously with their four children.

Their oldest child, Hannah, is finishing her senior year in high school with her classmates at Vashon Island. She will attend Notre Dame next year on a rowing scholarship. Their second child, Dennis, 14, is currently an exchange student in New Zealand. Simon, 11, loves the outdoors and Petra, 8, is thrilled to be in Idaho because she has her very own pony.

New Member Biographies, continued

In addition to Pearl the pony, they have a large furry Newfoundland dog named Shep and five chickens. They hope to add bunnies and goats to the menagerie.

When they arrived on the Palouse they headed for the UUCP. Claire was raised in the Catholic faith and attended Catholic schools and Hal attended the Episcopal Church growing up. Married in a UU Church, they were part of a UU fellowship on Vashon Island for fourteen years. Claire taught in the youth program there just as she is doing here. They are both enthusiastic workers for social justice and feel it's very important to teach their children those values. While at Vashon they heard of the vibrant UU community here in Moscow, especially the work in non-violent communication by Veronica Lassen and others. They were eager to join this congregation as we trudge up and down the mountains and the mole hills of life together working toward a better world.

◆.....◆
Terry Grieb says he's not really new at all since he and his wife Debbie have been attending the UUCP for over four years. He has taught in the RE program and now serves on the Committee on Ministry. He suddenly realized he needed to "officially" join in order to vote recently.

He and Debbie arrived here about ten years ago from Ohio in order for him to accept a position at U of I in the College of Business. He grew up in Iowa and has spent time in Colorado.

He says his main "hobby" other than work is chasing after their two very active boys, Ryan, 9, and Jered, 7. They also share their home with Debbie's cats.

He and Debbie attended the N. Hills UU congregation in Cincinnati, Ohio when they lived there. They relate to the Unitarian philosophy and enjoy the community.

Cherry Blossom Festival B&B Experience

A B&B experience will be hosted by Cedar Lane UU Church on the Washington DC beltway during the National Cherry Blossom Festival (night of April 13-thru afternoon of April 15). Transportation to and from the airport, the Metro subway entrance, and church service on Sunday is included. A brief city tour (or Metro pass), reserved seats at the Annual Cherry Blossom Parade and a dinner at church Saturday evening are also all part of the festival package. (Participants will receive a package of tour materials and recommendations, including Metro maps, designed to make any spontaneous touring on your own easy.) Cost: \$250/single; \$500/couple. Registration form must be received by March 19, 2007, accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of 50% of the total cost. A flier with registration form is posted at www.cedarlane.org/cbfestival.pdf.

Web Group News

The UUCP Web Group is all those volunteers helping to maintain the www.palouseuu.org website. Last month Petr Kuzmic stepped down as Webmaster because of his heavy work load. The Web Group is carrying on until that position is filled. We're grateful for all the work he has done on the web.

At present the Web Group consists of Jill Maxwell, Brian Leekley, and, as technical consultant, Petr Kuzmic. Steve Dodgen plans to join the Web Group in June 2007, as Webmaster/Editor-In-Chief, if no one else volunteers in the meantime for that position.

The Web Group needs and welcomes more volunteers. Especially needed are "committee reporters" from the various standing and ad hoc committees, to regularly provide the Web Group with timely information with which to keep current each committee's web page and blog.

The mission of the UUCP Web Group is to achieve each day the ideal of a website that provides both UUCP members and curious persons outside of the congregation - especially locally in the Latah County, Idaho, and Whitman County, Washington, area but also around the world - accurate, up-to-date, and useful information about the UUCP, while making a favorable impression of the UUCP.

If you would like to help in any way, even a little bit once in a while, or if you have helpful suggestions and constructive criticisms regarding the palouseuu.org website, please contact Brian Leekley via Rev. Kayle Rice at minister@palouseuu.org

Brian Leekley

Eliot Summer Camps

What if there were a summer camp where children gathered under a tree to hear volunteers read aloud? Where live music around a campfire was a nightly activity? Where the afternoon choices included the beach, games and art for all ages, or simply relaxing in the sun? Where the children are engaged in fun morning programs while the adults discuss the speaker's themes?

Well... there is! Visit EliotInstitute.org or call 206-374-2497 to learn more about these UU camps on Hood Canal (WA) and Lake Okanagan (BC).

UUCP

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse
PO Box 9342
Moscow, ID 83843

NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
MOSCOW, IDAHO
PERMIT #343

Return Service Requested

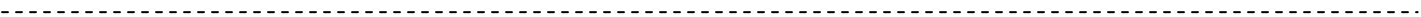
Mail Pledge Payments to:
Louise Ashmun, collections treasurer
PO Box 9342
Moscow, ID 83843

General Church Information
UUCP Phone: 208-882-4328
Office email: uuchurch@moscow.com
Rev. Kayle L. Rice, Minister: 208-882-4328
Beth Miller, Treasurer: 208-882-6345
Ginger George, RE Director: 208-883-0150

<http://www.palouseuu.org>

REFUSED

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please check the box above and return.
We pay the postage. Thank you



Would you like to receive email updates from the UUCP?

Yes! Sign me up!
My current email address is: _____
(please print clearly)

I have a new email address
My new email address is: _____
(please print clearly)

My old email address is: _____
(please print clearly)

Please print clearly.
Place in drop box into church office, email uuchurch@moscow.com,
OR mail to UUCP, PO Box 9342, Moscow ID 83843.