



# UUUCP News

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**May 6, 9:30 & 11:00 am**

**Speaker: Rev. Kayle Rice**

*A May Day Extravaganza*

**Celebrant: Brian Leekley**

Flower communion, child dedication and new members will all be celebrated in one service. Each spring we celebrate flower communion, which had its beginnings with our Unitarian brothers and sisters in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Please bring a flower to share.

**May 13, 9:30 & 11:00 am**

**Speaker: Diane Walker**

*Dancing...And a Bit of Randomness*

**Celebrant: Joann Muneta**

Process and product - and perceptions. Dance in my life, with a few side excursions, or how I recently ended up choreographing for five dancers and two remote control cars.

**May 20, 9:30 & 11:00 am**

**Speaker: Rebecca Rod**

*Your Life, a Light*

**Celebrant: Theresa Beaver**

“‘Make of yourself a light,’ said the Buddha.” This is the opening line of a poem by Mary Oliver. On this Sunday that we celebrate the installation of our new minister, Rev. Kayle, it seems appropriate to explore the topic of ministry in its many forms, using the metaphor of light to lead the way. What light shines from you? From the UUUCP? From UUism?

**May 27, 9:30 & 11:00 am**

**Speaker: Rev. Kayle Rice**

*Reflections on Ministry*

**Celebrant: Carey Scott**

Rev. Kayle's 23rd anniversary of her ordination, along with conversations with the Committee on Ministry, has given her pause for thoughts about ministry. What has experience shown her and what are her visions for the future of UUUCP?

## Looking Ahead—Summer Services

As we approach this summer and start thinking about organizing summer services again, the summer services committee (Betty and Eric) are hoping to get some input and help.

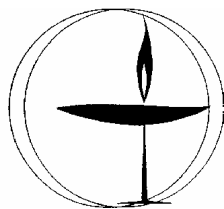
Eric has fallen into year-round employment, and will also be taking summer classes. Betty is going to be busy doing "sandwich generation" stuff. So if you have a great idea for a summer service topic, or a speaker you would like to invite, or a part you would like play, we would be really grateful for any ideas or assistance.

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## From the Pastor on the Palouse



In the days following my recent retreat with other district UU ministers and the days coming up to the installation service, and thinking about my 23rd anniversary of my ordination (which also falls on May 20), like leaves swirling in the wind, so are my thoughts about our congregational life and community. On May 27 I will address some of these thoughts in "Reflections on Ministry" and will also talk about our time together so far. It's been an exciting year! I have grown and stretched so much. I hope you have too.

Here are some jottings from a recent email when I was seeking some support for a lagging spirit: *"The congregation and the two counties have lots of creative, competent people, so that your job at times is merely to be a beamer of good vibrations, creating an atmosphere in which others feel welcomed and encouraged to take the initiative putting their creative energies to use. I myself am one of many examples of your leadership by, "yes, do it," vibes. The talents and enthusiasms of others are your raw materials in shaping and growing the congregation. This is a "happening" congregation, and it continues to be so, more than ever. The number of committees and interest groups that have been born or revitalized in the past year is proof of that."*

So my good friends, I happily declare us a church alive with potential and promise. Recently I came

across this poem which I shared with our Committee on Ministry and so I share it with you. It is by the Rev. Steve Crump, UU minister in Louisiana.

Living churches have problems;  
Dying churches don't.

Living churches make lots of noise;  
Dying churches are peaceful as a tomb.

Living churches often outspend their income;  
Dying churches would not dream of giving or spending more than they did ten years ago.

Living churches are full of unfamiliar faces;  
In dying churches, everyone has known everyone for years.

Living churches say, "We'll find a way;"  
Dying churches say, "We can't do that."

Living churches talk about money, life, death, love, birth, anger, and the weather.

Dying churches talk about the weather.

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May we continue to live and grow and breathe  
this congregation to its highest and best.

With great love and respect,

Kayle

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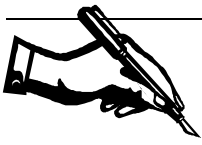
## A May Day Extravaganza!

At our services on Sunday, May 6 we will celebrate spring's newness with fresh beginnings! We will host a triple-dip extravaganza: Flower Communion, Child Dedication and New Member Recognition.

**Flower Communion**, unique to Unitarian Universalism, was created by Norbert Capek (1870-1942), who founded the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia. He had felt the need for some symbolic ritual that would bind people more closely together. The format had to be one that would not alienate any who had forsaken other religious traditions. We honor Capek and celebrate this unique tradition by bringing a flower to the service. At the service's end, all will be invited to take home a different flower. By exchanging flowers, we show our willingness to walk together in our Search for truth, disregarding all that might divide us, thus symbolizing our shared celebration in community. This communion of sharing is essential to a free people of a free religion.

**Child Dedication:** Unitarian Universalists believe that every child brings new life and hope into the world. We set aside a special time for the community to bless the child and celebrate the blessing of this gift of life. When we dedicate a child we acknowledge the truth that each child's life is sacred and hold that truth in the light of our faith. If you have young children, age 5 or under, and would like them be dedicated, please let Rev. Kayle or the church office know by April 30th.

**New Member Recognition:** If you've been considering becoming a formal member of the congregation by signing the book, come to this wonderful little ceremony to honor your commitment! Again, please let Rev. Kayle or the church office know by April 30th.



## From the President ~ Living on the Cusp

### The Devil Made Me Do It

While I was doing my noontime run today part of my mind (the part not occupied with carrying on a conversation with my running partner, or occupied with the thought that becoming a couch potato held a lot of attraction at that particular point in my life) wrestled with “The Devil” as a religious and cultural construct. I think the expression “The Devil made me do it” is probably widely understood, but does it have any real meaning in a church where many find the idea of both “Heaven” and “Hell” to be patently absurd?

I started thinking about “The Devil” when I was pondering why it is that I rarely can think of really appropriate rejoinders in a timely manner. Which makes me a dreadful conversationalist; how much fun can it be to talk with/reason with/remonstrate with someone who has to think about what you are saying and comes up with a witty or thoughtful response 62 hours and 37 minutes after you have parted company?

If I didn’t suffer from lack-of-timely-rejoinderitis, I could, with a straight face, have said that “The Devil made me do it” at our UUCP Board meeting last Tuesday night. I was being taken to task by a Board member who felt that my handling of the process of establishing support for a ministerial internship at the UUCP had been poorly thought out and a discredit to other church members.

Being afflicted with lack-of-timely-rejoinderitis, I had to sit there and take my lumps silently. And with part of my brain (the part that wasn’t mentally calculating how many more months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds before my term was finished and I could slink off into the sunset) I was thinking that I’d sure be glad when my term as President of the Board was over and I could slink off into the sunset.

The good news in all this is that we expect to play host, starting sometime in August, to a half-time ministe-

rial-student intern for the church years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.

The intern is Tracy Springberry. Tracy is a single mother of three (two teen and one pre-teen) boys who lives in Spokane and works part-time at Eastern Washington University in Cheney. Tracy is in a distance-education cohort at Meadville-Lombard Seminary in Chicago. One of her graduation requirements is that she be a full-time intern for one year (or half-time for two years) at a UU church with a full-time minister. The internship cannot be at her home church, meaning that she cannot be an intern in Spokane.

UU churches meeting those internship-hosting requirements are not real thick on the ground in this region. If we were not able to host her internship, she was faced with the prospect of having to drive or fly to the wet side of Washington every week, a monumental commitment of time away from her family, and a significant drain on the family’s coffers.

But we are in a position to host her internship, in small part because “The Devil” drove me to actions which some consider, at best, ill-advised.

Tracy will be supervised by Kayle and report to an internship committee, which will work with Tracy to set the parameters of her internship, meet with her to discuss progress, and evaluate her performance the summer of 2009. That internship committee has been gathered together by Kayle, approved by the Board, and will meet soon to elect a chair, establish a covenant and arrange for an initial interview with Tracy.

As for me, I’m contemplating the error of my ways, muttering “mea culpa” every 59 seconds, and wondering why it is that “The Devil” picked me to do his dirty work.

Namaste,

John Pool

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### Exploration/Dialog in Movement

The once a month Exploration/Dialog in Movement will be Sunday, May 13th at 4:00 p.m. in the UUCP Sanctuary.

Come one, come all! 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.

This month we will continue to explore change with introductions, some simple warm up exercises, the main exploration, a quick check-in, and closing. You are always free to pass, do it a little different, etc.

#### EXPECT:

- \* movement
- \* sharing ideas without talking
- \* exaggerated body movements
- \* everyone with our own knowledge and experience, fears and courage
- \* free to participate as much or as little as we want
- \* supportive
- \* the freedom to see, feel, and move differently

For more information contact Melodie Rai at 883-2668, 208-669-1771, or [melodie@turbonet.com](mailto:melodie@turbonet.com)

## Annual UUCP Grande Rhonde Rafting Trip—Date Changed

We had a snafu with scheduling the rafts and we have to back the trip up one day this year. Here are the new details for the trip:

**WHEN: July 1 (Sunday) to July 4 (Wednesday)**  
**DATE CHANGED!!**

The Grande Rhonde rafting trip is on for another year! I have reserved 5 rafts from Jim at the Minum store. These rafts hold up a family or maybe 2 couples and their gear. They are equipped with a rowing frame, coolers, all tie down equipment, lines dry bags and life jackets. All you have to bring is your camping gear and food. The rafts cost about \$75/day and a car shuttle from the beginning of the trip to the end is \$75 as well.

Please let me know if you want to reserve a raft. I do need to know by mid-May so I can release any rafts we do not need. You are also responsible for paying (or finding someone else to take) the raft if there are last minute cancellations.

Email David Nelson at [dnelson@moscow.com](mailto:dnelson@moscow.com) with any questions or if you would like to reserve a raft.



## In the Family

Congratulations to: Michael & Susan Irvin, who have a new daughter-in-law; Roger & Judy Wallins, who celebrated their 40th anniversary at the end of March; Kathy Barnard LaPointe, who has been promoted at U of I; Cheryl Weiss, who has signed a book contract; Leeann Parker, who has a new job; Marla Chassels, who is finishing her Masters'; and Donal Wilkinson & Sherry Caisley, who were married April 21.

Hold in your thoughts: Kathy Barnard LaPointe's mother-in-law, who is facing knee surgery; Donna Bradberry's sister-in-law, who is responding to chemotherapy; Sarah Weems, who is facing a third surgery for her brain tumor; Jane Walden, who is having problems with her hip; Sarah Foster's grandmother, who is having a surgery; Barb Anderson, who is still recovering from foot surgery; Coyote Palmer, who was in the hospital due to unexplained seizures; Beth Marshall's father, who had a heart attack; Scott Cardell, who is recovering from a partially detached retina; Leeann Parker's uncle, who is having a 3rd bout with cancer; and John Dahl, on the 12th anniversary of his father's death.

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

## Sitka Symposium

Everyone is invited to attend the 23rd Sitka Symposium, hosted by The Island Institute June 21-26 in Sitka, Alaska. The Sitka Symposium has established itself as a unique opportunity for anyone interested in ideas and writing to consider their life work in the broader context of social and cultural issues of both local and global concern.

This year's theme, theme "On the Edge: The Necessity of Beauty" will explore diverse arenas of beauty in language and literature, music, science, art, architecture, and the natural world as a means to constructively help people through the tensions and anxieties posed by the social injustice, environmental degradation, terrorist threats, and sectarian violence that imperil our world. Our guest faculty are poet, essayist, and sculptor **Tom Jay**; award-winning poet and publisher **Barbara Ras**; award-winning essayist **Scott Russell Sanders**; and Santa Clara Pueblo artist and architect **Rina Swentzell**.

In addition to this remarkable line-up, writers **John Keeble** and **Kathleen Dean Moore** will be on hand to lead discussion groups and teach a workshop. And Alaska State Writer Laureate **John Straley** will be the featured guest on the Symposium Solstice Dinner cruise.

For full information, including faculty bios, a description of our theme and Symposium activities, and a downloadable registration form, please see our web site: <http://www.islandinstitutealaska.org>. Some scholarship assistance is available.

I hope you'll consider attending and appreciate your help in spreading the word to others. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks much,

Carolyn Servid

Co-Director, The Island Institute, Sitka, Alaska  
907-747-3794, <http://www.islandinstitutealaska.org>



On March 24<sup>th</sup> at the University of Idaho, Caitlin

Cole and Ellen Thiem represented the UUCP Social Action Committee at first community meeting of the Moscow Area Hunger Alliance (MAHA). This group was formed by the UI student group, UI Academic War on Hunger, to work collaboratively with community members to address local hunger. UI students, community members, and local church representatives gathered to learn more about local needs, find ways to expand emergency food stores in local food banks, and better address local need and access for emergency food.

Chuck Whitman, Director of the North Idaho Service of the Idaho Food Bank in Lewiston, provided the keynote. He addressed state and local hunger from the extensive national study conducted by America's 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest, "Hunger in America—2006". According to this study particularly vulnerable community members are the isolated elderly (who locally could be provided Meals on Wheels), and local school age children, who in Lewiston on Fridays are provided backpacks with nutritious, non-perishable snacks for weekends, when otherwise food may not be available at home.

Maintaining a sustainable stock of emergency non-perishable food in local food banks is an ongoing challenge. Supplementing food bank stores in summer with fresh produce from abundant and surplus backyard and community garden harvests is needed and desirable. This effort would require identifying local growers with surplus to share, and the pick up and distribution to local food banks.

## Food First!

Other concerns include nutrition education and food "recovery". Nutrition

education handouts about healthy food choices and easy, quick recipes are needed at local food banks. Handouts could include information about healthy, low cost, readily available local foods unfamiliar to many, such as lentils, peas, and other legumes.

Another source for food banks is "recovered" food from grocery stores. "Recovered" food is edible, safe-to-eat, but dated food, that otherwise would be discarded. Special laws permit grocers to provide this food to food banks, but many grocers are unaware of this provision in the law. MAHA would like to address this potential source for emergency food.

Additional food to recover for food banks is the potential waste of non-perishable packaged food left behind by students at local apartment buildings, and at UI student dorms during the end of the semester student exodus. UUCP Social Action Committee member Caitlin Cole will be working with MAHA to contact apartment managers to set out collection boxes to gather this food before students leave in May.

As the UUCP and others in Moscow join together for the CommUNITY Walk on April 28, we can likewise join with UI students and others in our community to support the work of the Moscow Area Hunger Alliance (MAHA) to address the challenges of local hunger. As the work of MAHA becomes more defined, there will be many opportunities for the UUCP to participate.

Finally, thanks to everyone for bringing food to church on Sundays for the continuing support of our local food bank!

## Velveteen Rabbit Has Strong UUCP Connections

On May 4 (7:30 pm) and May 5 (2 pm and 7:30 pm), Moscow Community Theatre will present a dramatized version of the beloved children's story, "The Velveteen Rabbit," on the stage of the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.

Director Roger Wallins's goal is to engage youth between ten and eighteen years old as all of the actors and as most of the assistant technical directors. Many of UUCP's young adults are active in the production. Katie Barnes, Rhea Hatten, Celeste Hufford, and Ethan Nilsson are serving as different assistant technical directors; and Chloe Barnes, Katja Drake-Weiss, Kate Nelson, Ethan Nilsson, Robin Nilsson, Bryn Ohlgren, and Lilly Tarabulski all have on-stage roles. Several UUCP parents have also been actively participating, including (so far) Kimberly Green, Nancy Nelson, and Janice Willard. Tickets are \$3 each, and are available at Bookpeople in advance, and at the box office half an hour before each performance.

## Acting DRE Opening

Are you excited about working with children and sharing UU values? The RE program may be looking for you! Ginger George, our current RE Director, will be leaving us to attend graduate school in the fall.

We are now looking for an acting (one year) DRE to start in August, 2007. If you might be this person, send a letter of interest, resume and 3 references to UUCP by May 15. For more details about the position, see the UUCP web site at: <http://www.palouseuu.org/index.html> and follow the links to the job description.

## Social Action Committee News

Our Social Action committee has had a busy Spring, and we are looking forward to two May events: Renaissance Fair and the Mothers Day Peace Rally.

The UUCP Renaissance Faire Pizza/Burrito Booth will be open as usual at this year's Ren Faire on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The money we earn will be donated to a number of worthy social groups serving our region and the world. We are still looking for volunteers – sign up on the Poster in the Church foyer, or contact Mary Jo Hamilton.

2007 will be the third year for the Mother's Day Peace Rally at Friendship Square. The event is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>, and includes painting, singing, speeches, reading, and reflection. If you'd like to get more involved, please contact Rebecca Rod.

Our committee is already planning for events in the fall. We plan to join with other area groups to sponsor an Iran film festival. We will continue to work with other groups in the community to better serve the hungry in the Palouse. We would also like to brainstorm about events that could benefit the Pullman community (since our focus has been a bit Moscow-centric of late). If you have ideas or energy you would like to contribute, please come to our next meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.



The Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse  
Moscow, Idaho

invites you to celebrate the installation of

The Rev. Kayle Louise Rice

Sunday, May 20, 2007  
7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Owen-Towle, Minister Emerita  
First Unitarian Universalist Church San Diego  
Reception to follow

420 East Second Street, Moscow, ID

Clergy will gather to robe at 6:30 p.m.  
in the church basement.

Members of the Moscow Interfaith Association  
are also invited to process.

If you plan to attend, please respond by May 10, 2007  
uuchurch@moscow.com or 208-882-4328

Out of town guests: if you need a UU Homestay, please let us know by May 10. Out of town guests will also be served dinner prior to the ceremony. More details will follow after R.S.V.P.

## Socrates Cafe

Moscow Socrates Cafe was founded on December 13, 2006, by several members and friends of UUCP. The group has continued to meet regularly and to grow and evolve in its diversity of membership. Any and all persons in the Palouse area and beyond are welcome to participate. To become a member, a) phone or email Brian Leekley at (208) 883-3205 or bleekley@gmail.com and ask to be added to the email list (or mail list) to receive meeting reminders and b) attend meetings as often as you feel the impulse and your busy life allows.

Each meeting begins with those present suggesting nagging questions to discuss. The group votes to choose one question, and the facets of that question are civilly discussed Socratically for between 1.5 and 2 hours, from the varying perspectives of those pre-

sent. Such civil discourse is a foundation pillar of democracy. The concept is based on the book *Socrates Cafe* by Christopher Phillips. See <http://www.philosopher.org/>.

Here is a small sampling of questions we've discussed so far: Are adult humans innately curious? Why is there evil in the world? What is the responsibility of the artist to society? Should the concept of freedom of speech include tolerating a radio disk jockey making on air racist jokes or cracks? What would an ideal school be like?

This month Moscow Socrates Cafe meets in the meeting room at the Moscow Jack In The Box restaurant at 7:00 p.m. May 9 and May 23.

Bring friends and questions.

Brian Leekley

# May 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
			1 7:00 pm Engaging Our Theo. Diversity (Adult RE), YHM	2 6:00 Feed of Dreams (RE Committee), CB	3 12:00 Retirees Luncheon, University Inn Best Western Appaloosa Room 7:00 pm Choir, CS	4 7:00 The Great Turning presentation/workshop, CS	5 Renaissance Fair, East City Park
6 9:30 & 11:00 am Service—Flower Communion, Child Dedication, & New Member Recognition 12:15 pm RE Committee Mtg, YHM 6:30 pm Pagan Soul, CS 6:30 pm Youth Group, YHB Renaissance Fair, East City Park	7 7:30 pm PPO, CB	8 7:00 pm Engaging Our Theo. Diversity (Adult RE), YHM	9 7:00 pm Social Action Comm. Mtg, YHM 7:00 Socrates Café Mtg, Moscow Jack in the Box	10 7:00 pm Choir, CS	11 7:00 The Great Turning presentation/workshop, CS Mother's Day Peace Rally, Friendship Square	12	
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## Dates to Remember

- Mondays:** PPQ, 7:30 pm, CB  
**Thursdays:** Choir, 7:00 pm, CS  
**Sundays:** YoYouth, 11:00 am, YHB  
Youth Group, 6:30 pm, CB



- Tuesday May 1** Engaging Our Theological Diversity  
Adult RE Class, 7:00 pm, YHM  
**Wednesday May 2** RE Committee Feed of Dreams,  
6:00, CB (p. 11)  
**Thursday May 3** UU Retirees Luncheon, 12:00 noon at  
the University Inn Best Western Appaloosa Room  
**Saturday & Sunday May 5-6** Enjoy UUCPizza at  
Moscow Renaissance Fair, East City Park (p. 6)  
**Sunday May 6** Flower Communion, Child Dedications,  
and New Member Recognition  
**Sunday May 6** RE Committee Mtg, 12:15, YHM  
**Sunday May 6** Pagan Soul, 6:30 pm, CS  
**Tuesday May 8** Engaging Our Theological Diversity  
Adult RE Class, 7:00 pm, YHM  
**Wednesday May 9** Social Action Committee meeting,  
7:00 pm, YHM (p. 6)  
**Wednesday May 9** Socrates Café meeting, 7:00 pm,  
Moscow Jack in the Box (p. 6)  
**Friday May 11** Mother's Day Peace Rally, Friendship  
Square (p. 6)  
**Friday May 11** The Great Turning presentation and  
workshop, 7:00, CS (p. 13)  
**Sunday May 13** Exploration/Dialog in Movement, 4:00  
pm, CS (p. 3)  
**Tuesday May 15** Application deadline for the Acting  
DRE position (p. 5)  
**Tuesday May 15** Board Meeting, 7:15 pm, YHM  
**Wednesday May 16** Deadline to reserve a raft for the  
UUCP Grande Rhonde trip (p. 4)  
**Friday May 18** Join Rev. Kayle for lunch in Pullman,  
11:45 am at Pullman Bar & Grill (p. 8)  
**Friday May 18** Vibrant Relationships workshop, 7:00  
pm at United Church of Moscow (p. 10)  
**Saturday May 19** Vibrant Relationships presentations,  
9:00 am & 1:00 pm, United Church of Moscow (p. 10)  
**Sunday May 20** Rev. Kayle's Installation Ceremony,  
7:00 pm CS (p. 6)  
**Wednesday May 23** Socrates Café meeting, 7:00 pm,  
Moscow Jack in the Box (p. 6)  
**Wednesday May 30** Book Discussion Group meeting,  
7:00 pm, Hamiltons' home (p. 9)  
**Saturday June 2** Farewell event for Ginger George &  
Michael LeBeau (p. 9)



## UU Retirees Luncheon

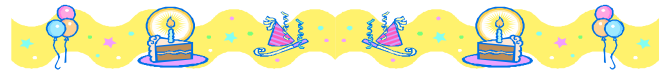
The retirees will meet for lunch  
in the Appaloosa Room at the  
Best Western at 12:00 noon on  
**Thursday, May 3.**

*All are welcome!*

## Pullman Folks— Join Rev. Kayle for Lunch!

In order to connect with UUCP folks and  
friends in Pullman, come have lunch with Kayle  
at Pullman Bar & Grill on Grand Avenue in Pull-  
man at 11:45 on Friday, May 18.

## May Birthdays



Jamie Gordon

Anna Willis

Miri Taylor

Ryan Grieb

Willa Cohen

Hazel Opie

Jane Walden

Jasper LaFortune

Lilly Tarabulski

Devin Wegner

Chris Campbell

Ethan Nilsson

Celeste Hufford

Emerald LaFortune

Rachel Frenzel

Maia Lassen-Purser

Cooper Gross

James Shook

Bryce Poplawsky

Anna Willis

Ella Sowards

Michael LeBeau

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Administrative Secretary**

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## Book Discussion Group

Our book for May is *The Sex Lives of Cannibals* by J. Maarten Troost. From Amazon.com:

At 26, Troost followed his wife to Kiribati, a tiny island nation in the South Pacific. Virtually ignored by the rest of humanity (its erstwhile colonial owners, the Brits, left in 1979), Kiribati is the kind of place where dolphins frolic in lagoons, days end with glorious sunsets and airplanes might have to circle overhead because pigs occupy the island's sole runway. Troost's wife was working for an international nonprofit; the author himself planned to hang out and maybe write a literary masterpiece. But Kiribati wasn't quite paradise. It was polluted, overpopulated and scorchingly sunny (Troost could almost feel his freckles mutating into something "interesting and tumorous"). The villages overflowed with scavengers and recently introduced, non-biodegradable trash. And the Kiribati people seemed excessively hedonistic. Yet after two years, Troost and his wife felt so comfortable, they were reluctant to return home. Troost is a sharp, funny writer, richly evoking the strange, day-by-day wonder that became his life in the islands. One night, he's doing his best funky chicken with dancing Kiribati; the next morning, he's on the high seas contemplating a

toilet extending off the boat's stern (when the ocean was rough, he learns, it was like using a bidet). Troost's chronicle of his sojourn in a forgotten world is a comic masterwork of travel writing and a revealing look at a culture clash.

The discussion of this book will be on Wednesday, May 30 at 7 PM at Mary Jo Hamilton's home, 1102 Orchard Avenue, Moscow. Call 882-0443 for more information.

### 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, email [mhamilto@vetmed.wsu.edu](mailto:mhamilto@vetmed.wsu.edu) or call 882-0443.

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

May 1st is the deadline for lower registration costs. For quick information, please go to <http://www.uua.org/ga/>. If you're especially interested in representing our congregation as a delegate, please contact Kayle. The registration fee to attend full time is \$280 for adults and \$155 for youth age 14 to 20 (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. Hope you can attend GA right here in our own district...just "down the road" in Portland!

### Maintenance Request Box

You may have noticed a new black box on top of the file cabinet in the foyer. This is our new Maintenance Request box, to enable everyone to communicate easily with the Sexton.

If you notice anything around the church, Yellow House, or grounds that needs attention, please complete one of the orange forms in the pocket on the front of the box, detailing what needs attention where, and drop it into the box. The Sexton will be checking the box regularly. Maintenance requests that are not part of the Sexton's responsibility will be passed on to the office and taken care of as quickly as possible.



### Saying Farewell to Ginger George

On Saturday, June 2, our congregation will formally say farewell and thank you to our Director of Religious Education Ginger George, as well as to her partner Mike LeBeau, who has served as Religious Education Assistant and the church sexton. The event will be hosted by the Religious Education Committee; details will be made known as the plans come into fruition. Ginger's last Sunday with the congregation is June 3rd. She and Mike will be moving to Chicago this summer where she will attend graduate school at the Erickson Institute.

## A Note From Our Music Director



Greetings to all of you UUCP music lovers,

May is already upon us. I cannot believe that final exams are starting so early and that graduation ceremonies are about to take place. So many changes are happening. We'll miss Ginger George, who has done so much for the RE program, and hope she has a wonderful experience attending grad school in Chicago.

We'll also be saying farewell to Jenna; she's moving to New York City after spending the summer as a tour guide in Alaska. Jenna has brought so much talent and positive energy to our music program these past two years. The choir members and I wish her well in her new and exciting adventures in the "Big Apple"!!

The Sundays open for Call to Worship this month are the 20th and 27th. Let me know if any of you want to take part in this aspect of the service.

Also, circle the evening of May 20th, which is Kayle's installation. I am working with her to tailor the music to her special service. The choir is really looking forward to singing for her, and I hope there'll be a huge turnout at the ceremony.

Our last choir rehearsal will be the first Thursday in June. Look for the start-up date in July's newsletter.

Thanks to all of you for your support of our music program.

Cheryl Weiss, Music Director

## Wine Country Excursions

**Want to get away? Want to relax and rejuvenate? We can help with a Wine Country Excursion!** An hour north of San Francisco are the lush vineyards, world class wineries and picturesque small towns of the Napa and Sonoma Valleys. We invite all UUs and friends to share the beauty of our "home" through the UU Fellowship of North Bay's "Wine Country Excursions."

We offer small customized two day tours of our valleys which can include wine tastings, art galleries, museums, scenic trails and much more. We provide private rooms with bath in the homes of our members and experienced guides to conduct tours in their cars.

Napa itself is alive and vibrant with, galleries, boutique shops, world-class restaurants, wine tasting rooms and entertainment. Sites of special interest include COPIA (The American Center for Food, Wine and the Arts); Jack London's home (now a state park); the Culinary Institute of America; and the diRosa Art and Nature Preserve.

Tours are offered from mid-May through mid-October. Plan for two days of touring and a two or three night stay with all local transportation provided. Home hospitality without tours is also available. Our fees are below market rates for similar services. All proceeds to help our Fellowship grow and purchase property in this expensive real estate market. We have limited openings, so contact us now for details. Iris Barrie, 707.265.6926 or [barrie001@comcast.net](mailto:barrie001@comcast.net)

*"Napa was as delightful as I had expected. What was equally important and somewhat unexpected was the profound connections I felt with my hosts and hostesses."*  
Carol Lim, Los Angeles

## One Night Can Change Your Life

Are you ready to create the relationships and the life you deeply desire? Are you called to be the change you want to see in the world? A FREE workshop on Vibrant Relationships is coming to the Palouse on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

\* Imagine relationships based on honesty and empathy where everyone's needs are values.

\* Imagine enjoying vibrant relationships with your family and with members of your community based on respect and understanding.

\* Imagine holding your own dreams with such compassion and appreciation that you are empowered to create the life you want

The workshop will be May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 pm at the United Church of Moscow, 123 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Kath-

leen MacFerran, Certified Trainer with the Center for Nonviolent Communication ([www.cnvc.org](http://www.cnvc.org)), will introduce you to tools that can change your life.

For even more tools and support, come Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, to the same location for presentations on *Vibrant Relationships at Home* (9 am – 12 pm) and *Vibrant Relationships in the World* (1-4 pm). Suggested donation for each workshop is \$30-50, with no one turned away for lack of ability to pay the requested amount.

Childcare will be provided, for a modest price, with prior registration. Call Caitlin Cole 883-3959. For more information visit [www.palousecc.org](http://www.palousecc.org) or call Veronica Lassen 882-2562.

Greetings!

As summer nears, we are gaining momentum for a new Director of Religious Education. A search committee is in place, job descriptions have been updated and ads have been placed.

But what can **YOU** do to help ease the transition? **Volunteer!** The RE Committee and I are actively seeking summer, fall and spring 2008 class leaders. What a wonderful gift for our incoming director: full teaching teams. This support would help ensure the success of our new staff and the thriving RE program.

You only need one Sunday free this summer to

## RE News



lead our **kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade *Dr. Seuss Changed My Life*** lesson or our **3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade *World Travelers*** program. This fall you can get to know our delightful and brilliant children and youth while learning about the worlds great religions, leading our **Jr. Highers** in their search for faith through *Neighboring Faiths* and *Pop-corn Theology*, or hang out with our amazing youth as **a High School youth advisor**.

Next spring we will be exploring the Environment theme with our elementary aged children. I know I can find the perfect place for you as well as provide the support you need!

### What's Ahead for RE?

Summer is drawing closer, and thoughts have turned to the warm. What will we be exploring next in religious education, you ask? Here are some answers (and if anything looks really appealing, you can come too! Just volunteer to help lead a class or two!)

#### **Kindergarten-Second grade: *Dr. Suess Changed My Life***

What wonderful lessons can be learned from Dr. Suess! From the Sneetches teaching us to look past our outward differences or Horton listening to even the smallest voices, Dr. Suess speaks to all of our UU Principles. This interactive curriculum is fun for all ages!

#### **Third-Sixth grade: UU World Travelers:**

Have you ever been anywhere fun, amazing, exotic, interesting or just plain far away? Have you ever found new joy in visiting somewhere close by? One of the best ways to share your experiences is to explore them again with our children! This summer we are featuring all of you adults who have ever been anywhere! With the help of a curriculum entitled *UU World Travelers* and our talented Summer RE Coordinator you can share your adventures with the eager ears of children on any Sunday morning you are in town.

**Seventh graders and up** are encouraged to attend services with their parents or find a way to volunteer. Please contact Ginger George for more information.

### Religious Education Supplies

The Yellow House needs your donations. Can't give your time? This is a great way to support the religious education program. *Thanks!!*

#### Craft Supplies:

- Construction Paper
- Glue
- Tape
- Markers or colored pencils
- Tissue paper
- Pipecleaners

#### Snacks:

- Frozen cans of juice (we go through about 3 each week!)
- Snack crackers

#### Special Items:

- Polaroid camera film (type 600)
- Balloons
- Ink pads

### **Who's Who, Religious Education Info:**

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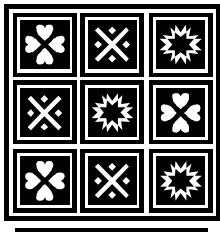
#### **Al Poplawsky, RECommittee Chair**

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### Feed of Dreams May 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Religious Education Committee is sponsoring a Feed of Dreams May 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 in the Church Basement! Come one, Come all for a great meal, good friends and a worthy cause. The earnings will go to help offset the cost of Our Whole Lives trainings for our compassionate and committed volunteers! This date is coming right up, so don't delay getting it on your calendar!





## PPQ News

April has been quite the month for the PPQ. April 14, in particular, was very busy. PPQ member Louise Ashmun was in charge of the city of Moscow's Step It Up program, designed to send a message to congress that we expect them to step up their efforts to pass legislation to address climate change. The event in Moscow consisted of a bike ride from East City Park through downtown Moscow to the 1912 Building, where a group photograph was taken. Many Unitarians and PPQ members supported this event.

Then we went on to the DVD signing at Book People for the *Zen of Socks* DVD, put out by yours truly. Again, this event was patronized by many members of UUCP and PPQ, and was a big success. On to the next event, which was a pot luck lunch at the church sponsored by the PPQ, where Michael O'Neill honored us by bringing his mother, Mary. The pot luck was followed by a site visit to the Palouse Patchers quilt show at the Latah County Fair Grounds. A good time was had by all.

Sunday, April 15 was the date of the PPQ sponsored showing of the movie *Ayamye* as a fundraiser for the Village Bicycle Project. We have supported the VBP in the past with a donation of \$150 to sponsor a bike repair clinic in Ghana. This year, we decided to leverage our money and see what more we could do. With \$150, lots of time and a little help from our friends, we were able to raise over \$2350 for VBP. Thanks to everyone who worked on this, especially the Sesitshaya Marimba Band, who contributed their infectious cheerful music to the event. Good

job, PPQ!

On Sunday April 15, the PPQ got to do one of its favorite things, which is to give a baby quilt to a new member of our congregation. This time, it went to Klarissa, daughter of Kama White. Klarissa was born a little before her time in Spokane, but is doing very well and thriving at home. A beautiful child.

Then, on Monday at our usual PPQ meeting, we were visited by not one, but two mothers. Kama White came to PPQ for the first time, and brought her mother, Karen White of Moscow. Donal Wilkerson also brought his mom, Susan, who came to Moscow from New Hampshire for the upcoming nuptials of her son and Sherry Caisley. We love it when people bring their moms to PPQ.

The Caisley - Wilkerson wedding was a joyous ceremony in a beautiful setting and was attended by many PPQ. We wish Donal and Sherry all the best in their life together.

The Louise Regelin quilt is ALMOST DONE! It looks great, and we can't wait to present it to Louise. I suspect she can't wait either - it has been a long time. We will plan a little ceremony some Monday night soon for the official turnover. We still have to bind the quilt.

The raffle quilt is in its final stages but is not done yet. We definitely plan to be selling quilt raffle tickets on it this summer at the Farmer's Market.

The PPQ meets all summer, every Monday night at 7:30 in the church basement. Come and fill your idle summer hours with us. You'll learn a useful skill and meet a nice bunch of people.



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## UU Camp LaForet in Carbondale, Colorado July 29th – August 4th, 2007

Did you ever think about going to a UU summer camp or spending a week in Colorado during the summer? Why not combine the two and come to Camp LaForet in Carbondale, Colorado?

Located at the foot of Mt. Sopris between the hot springs in Glenwood Springs and the music festival in Aspen, Camp LaForet has activities for all: workshops and support groups for adults, a children's program led by experts, and a special haven for teens and young adults. Workshops may include music, massage, yoga, poetry, drama, mindfulness, nutrition, dance, meditation, and more. Afternoons are free for hiking, rafting, trips to surrounding areas, massage, games, and the gifts you bring to share. Evenings feature such activities as Dances of Universal Peace, talent night, and the Friday Night Party. Of course, there will be plenty of time to see old and new friends and just hang out, too. Come join in the fun! We'll be celebrating Camp LaForet's 50th anniversary in 2008!

Please explore our website for more information or to register: [www.CAMPLAFORET.COM](http://www.CAMPLAFORET.COM)



## UUCP Library News

Now there are two easy ways to **return a book** to the UUCP library:

1) As usual, bring the book to the library on the first floor of the Yellow House and put it on the shelf marked "Return or Donate Books here", or

2) Put the book in the "Return Library Books Here" plastic bin that is in the foyer of the sanctuary beneath the long shelf.

Books can be checked out or renewed for one month at a time. Please do not take books from the library without checking them out, because there is no money for replacing lost books, and a book unaccounted for is a lost book.

**Book donations are needed and welcome.** The library has no budget this year, so it depends upon donations for growth and for the replacement of missing books. **To donate a book**, please put it on the returns/donations shelf in the Yellow House Library, or place it in the return books bin beneath the long shelf in the sanctuary foyer. So that the Library Group knows that it is a donation, please put in a note saying so. Optionally include your name and contact information, so that we can thank you.

Donated books are added to the library, put on the book exchange shelf in the church basement, or donated to charity at the discretion of the co-librarians. In general, books that go into the library pertain to one or more of the UUA seven principles, to the UUA sources of tradition, to UUA history, or pertain to activities and interests within the UUCP. Please include your name and contact information if you wish confirmation that a donated book will be added to the UUCP library.

Two new books donated to the library this month are: Islamic Imperialism, by Efraim Karsh (on the "Islam" shelf); and Reverence for All Life, by John and Ty F. Webster, a collection of writings about Albert Schweitzer (on the "Philosophy/Theology/Ethics" shelf).

Library hours are:

Noon to 4:00 on Wednesdays (come on in);

10:30 – 2:30 Mon.–Thurs. (see Summer in the Secretary's office for access); and

Noon to 4:00 on Fridays (knock on the Yellow House door).

The Library Group (Marti Ford, Lynn Cantrell, and Brian Leekley) is happy to answer any questions and can be emailed at [library@palouseuu.org](mailto:library@palouseuu.org)

## The Great Turning— from Empire to Earth Community

On May 11<sup>th</sup> come hear Veronica Lassen share exciting news from the Great Turning Gathering held recently in Columbus, OH. Join with others working as part of the international transition to create a sustainable world.

The world has experienced over 5000 years of paternalistic, "Empire" type government and policy-making which has led to almost continuous war, and a growing gap between the very rich and very poor. This "usual" way of doing things is causing issues in the world's support systems. Presenter David Korten, author of *The Great Turning*, said only a major shift toward cooperation and away from exploitation will prevent a "Great Unraveling."

The evening will include:

\* A showing of a David Korten DVD on the Great Turning.

\* Info about David Cobb, 2004 Green ticket presidential candidate's county ordinance making it illegal for non-local (read: deep pockets) corporations to contribute money to local elections

\* Time to explore how to be more effective in our work with global warming, justice, just economics, hunger, poverty, diversity, equality, children, the environment, etc, etc, by building local networks.

\* Deconstructing Empire stories, using Compassionate Communication, to have the clarity we need to create Earth-community

The workshop will be May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm, UUCP sanctuary. Everyone is invited and the event is free and open to the public.

As we turn from money to life as our defining value, and as we turn from domination to partnership, we will create the conditions necessary for vibrant health for our planet and all living things.

For more information call Veronica Lassen at 882-2562, or visit: <http://thegreatturning.net>

## New UUCP Patio!

We have a new beautiful patio, so stop by and check it out. We would like to thank Joel Hamilton and Jerry Grzebielski for their hard work and design.

Also, we would like to thank all the people helped. Bill Styer, Ken Faunce, Eleanore Faunce, David Nelson, Michael Tarabulski, Steve Cooke, Albert Konen, John Pool, Al Poplawsky, Terry Grieb, and Paul Allen.

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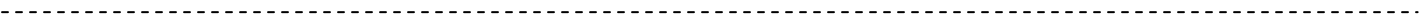
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