



# UUUCP News

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**June 3, 9:30 & 11:00 am** *Stone Soup Sunday: The Beloved Community*

**Speaker:** Rev. Kayle Rice **Celebrant:** Sherry Caisley-Wilkinson

Bring a can of vegetables to share for the common soup pot which we'll eat after the 2nd service. Ginger George will lead the annual Bridging Ceremony at the 11 a.m. service. (*This is the last two-service Sunday for the summer; services during the summer until August 19 will be at 10:00 a.m.*)

**June 10, 10:00 am** *Transforming Through Tragedy*

**Speaker:** Christina James **Celebrant:** TBA

What do we do when the rug gets pulled out from under us? How do we manage when our securities are suddenly and irrevocably stripped from us? Join Christina (Ma Nithyananda Prajna) as she shares her journey from tragedy to spiritual transformation.

**June 17, 10:00 am** *A Chilling Connection between Nanjing (1853) and Moscow (2003)*

**Speaker:** Nick Gier **Celebrant:** TBA

The Taiping Rebellion has been called the "greatest civil war [and] the greatest popular rebellion in history." Between 1852 and 1864, 10 - 20 million Chinese lost their lives in a conflict initiated by group of militant Christians led by Hong Xiuquan, who believed he was Christ's younger brother with a sacred sword to kill all evil doers. Nick will compare this Christian nationalism with the political views of Moscow's own Douglas Wilson.

**June 24, 10:00 am** *A Tribute to Kurt Vonnegut*

**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum **Celebrant:** TBA

Kurt Vonnegut, the provocative writer and thinker, died recently. What do his works have to say to Unitarian Universalists, and why is his message still important? (See Bio on Rev. Cindy on page 4.)

**July 1, 10:00 am** *Breathing*

**Speaker:** Eric Wegner **Celebrant:** TBA

An exploration of breath as a spiritual metaphor and meditation technique.

**July 8, 10:00 am** *The Essenes*

**Speakers:** Brian Leekley & Rev. Fred Toerne **Celebrant:** Beth Miller

Translated from a 3rd century Aramaic manuscript, in this gospel Jesus cures the sick by teaching them about Mother Earth and her angels of air, water, & sunshine.

**July 15, 10:00 am** *Poetry Sunday*

**Speakers:** Poets and Poetry Lovers in our congregation  
**Celebrant:** Janice Boughton

Come share your own works or your favorite poets' best work.

**July 22, 10:00 am** *Gospel Music Sunday*

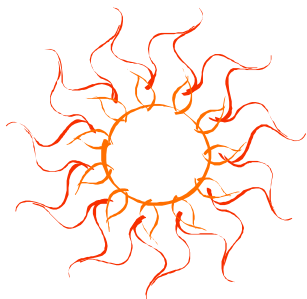
**Speaker:** Jim Weddell **Celebrant:** TBA

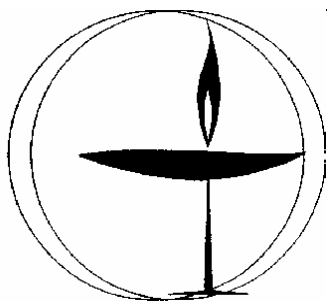
We will be graced with the addition of members of the Spokane Falls Community College Gospel Choir, led by Sharon Jones – a choir leader since she was 12.

**July 29, 10:00 am** *Postcards from Portland*

**Speaker:** Rev. Kayle Rice **Celebrant:** TBA

Rev. Kayle Rice, and hopefully those who attended General Assembly in Portland, will share their experiences!





## From the Pastor on the Palouse

**Meet Ministerial Intern Tracy Springberry:** I am pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring Tracy as UUCP's very first ministerial intern be-

ginning August 19, the date we return to our two service Sundays. Tracy is a third year student at Meadville Lombard Theological School in the Modified Residency program, meaning that she is able to do her seminary training through distance education. She is based in Spokane, is a member of the Spokane UU Church, works half-time at Eastern Washington University as a grant-writer and is mom to three high school and junior high-age children.

One of the requirements that Tracy must meet for graduation is a year-long, full time (or two-year, half time) internship with a minister-led UU congregation. The internship serves to give the candidate hands-on experience with the various facets of congregational ministry. Since she is place-bound and supports her family, out of this necessity Tracy must do her internship over a two-year span in a part-time capacity. And for the same reasons, she needs to try to find a place to intern where she has convenient access without unnecessarily impinging upon her work or her family.

I am very excited about mentoring an intern! Tracy and I have met a few times and I am confident that she will bring exceptional gifts to our UUCP family. Please see page 10 of this newsletter for more information, plus be sure to see the posterboard in the foyer which features Tracy's picture and her resume. Tracy will also meet monthly with the newly-formed Internship Committee (John Pool, Holly Barnes, Doug McFall, Leanne Parker, Marguerite Thoreson-Browne and Donal Wilkinson).

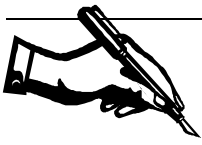
**In the same breath...**as I say "hail" I also want to say "farewell" to our departing DRE Ginger George and to Mike LeBeau who served as RE Assistant and as Sexton. I have to say honestly that Ginger has been *the* best Director of Religious Education I've ever worked with. I've been drawn in by her vibrant personality, her open and caring heart, her deep attachment to Unitarian Universalism (after all she *\*did\** grow up in our congregation), and her professionalism within our RE program. Ginger quickly became my confidante and personally while I'm thrilled for her future plans, I'm also selfish in not wanting to lose her.

I've also enjoyed getting to know Mike as well and appreciate his own embrace of our UU community. The kids of our RE program just adored Mike and it will also be difficult to see him go. We'll celebrate Ginger and Mike at the upcoming farewell potluck on Friday, June 1st, hosted by the Religious Education Committee. We wish them both all happiness and success in their new life in Chicago! But Ginger and Mike: do please come back!!!

**Response to the tragedy in Moscow:** By the time you receive this newsletter nearly two weeks will have passed since the horrific tragedy of the shooting right here in our precious little community of Moscow. Perhaps you attended one or more of the community prayer vigils or participated in the Compassionate Communication Network's empathy circle. Perhaps you know families of the victims and have reached out to them in your own way. Perhaps you've felt lost and stunned and wonder if peace and light will *ever* come into our world. Perhaps you received loving and kind words of support from family and friends outside the area.

Retired minister Alice Blair Wesley wrote me: "*The events in your town are an abrupt reminder of why we need churches. How often we forget that goodness is NOT automatic, though it may be inherent! It has to be lifted up and celebrated and taught and practiced in community, starting again and again and again when evil has broken in. Be assured, your resolve to do so will be glad again, and not always fearful and shocked. For now, take what comfort you can in having been shown again that the work you have vowed to do (at your installation) REALLY matters.*" I found these words to be particularly both prophetic and comforting. Like Rev. Roger Lynn reminded us: "There is work to be done," and we of the liberal religious tradition must continue to do this work with love and hope and spirit. Always, always remember: Love will guide us.

**Installation thanks...**to all who came, who saw and who wasn't afeared of being conquered. In the midst of such a horrifying and sad day, I was gratified to see so many folks come to the installation service. We needed to affirm life in the midst of death. My grateful and humble thanks. I'm also extremely grateful to Martha Schmidt and Stephanie Kreshel for heading up the details of the reception following the service; to Martha for the wonderful light pre-service



## From the President ~ Living on the Cusp

This is a new experience for me. Being organized, that is. I'm actually writing my newsletter column a week before it's due. Why this radical move on my part, you ask? Well ...

When Summer first issues her reminder that newsletter content is due, probably some time before the 20<sup>th</sup>, I'll be road-tripping my way to northern New Mexico, land of enchantment. What beckons me to that neck of the woods is the opportunity to spend a week helping to repaint the railroad depot in Chama.

Chama is the southern terminus of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. Part of the former Denver & Rio Grande Western narrow-gauge railroad empire, the C&TSR wends its way west and south from Antonito, Colorado, crossing and re-crossing the Colorado-New Mexico border for 64 sometimes tortuous miles until it swoops down from Cumbres Pass and ends its journey in Chama.

The line and its equipment are jointly owned by the states of Colorado and New Mexico. But the upkeep of the rolling stock & structures is largely done by the C&TSR Friends group, and it is to the second of the week-long Friends' work sessions in May that I am bound.

{Before I continue, a shameless plug for the C&TSR. If you find yourself in the area this or any summer, I heartily recommend the day-long C&TSR trip. The steam loco-powered excursion is a true slice of the old west and the high-country scenery doesn't disappoint.}

The plans to go to Chama, made back when the snow flew, didn't reckon with gas at three-and-a-quarter dollars a gallon. Still, a commitment is a commitment. So I'll draw down my life savings and truck on down.

Expensive gas will, I suspect, have a profound impact on the way we preserve our cultural heritage. No matter the subject, whether it be a steam railroad in the Southwest or a preserved prairie town in the Mid-

west, those of us who are interested in preserving it find ourselves scattered hither and yon. When energy is inexpensive, we can afford to gather from far-flung corners to work together to hold off the ravages of time.

But when energy is dear, this banding together becomes more problematic.

So increasingly we preservationists will find ourselves turning our attention to those projects that are in our own region or our own backyard. And those projects that are far removed from concentrations of people may suffer by their very remoteness.

Speaking of remoteness, the thought occurs to me that, for those in the metropolitan areas like Los Angeles, Chicago or New York, Moscow must seem pretty remote. Yet for those of us who make our homes here, being far away from the hurly-burly does have its attractions. Especially at this time of year, when the college students have largely deserted us and we can reclaim our communities.

Our church calendar has long reflected the difference we feel between the school year and the summer. But that is in the process of change. As a church community we are starting to integrate summer services into the regular church year. While we will move to a single Sunday morning service in the summer as has long been our tradition, planning and preparation for those services will increasingly be a seamless part of the overall planning effort.

This transition means that we will see our minister in the pulpit occasionally in the summer, and we will see differences in our summertime RE program as well. The transition will be complete by the summer of 2008.

But that's for next year. For this year summertime is barely upon us. I hope you have a good one, and enjoy the long lazy sunny days.

John Pool

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### *From the Pastor on the Palouse, continued*

supper for out-of-town guests and for overnight lodging to our District Executive; to Summer Stevens for putting up with the gazillion drafts of the services; to Cheryl Weiss and the UUCP choir for the exceptional music; to the UUCP recorder choir for their equally wonderful piece; to the former Search Committee for their wonderful words; to the UUCP participants in the service; and to the rest of you for your support. This service marks a turning point for me in feeling more connected to the UUCP community. I 'spect this will be a day in UUCP history we won't easily forget!

With great love and respect, Kayle

## A Note From Our Music Director



Hello to everyone!

First and foremost, I want to thank all my choir members for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. The wonderful music you made at Reverend Kayle's installation will be a memory I will cherish throughout the next couple of months. With the myriad of schedules and conflicts you all have to negotiate individually, you make time and work hard to give the UUCP a fine quality musical experience. For this, I am truly grateful.

Second, I want to thank Reverend Kayle, the music committee, and the board for their support and help throughout the year. As I have learned from my UU Musicians Network colleagues, this is not always the case. All of you help me in so many ways.

Third, thank you, Summer, for your assistance and patience. You keep my feet to the fire with deadlines! Also, you make all of our jobs easier to do.

I've already said my thanks to Jenna. We will miss her talent, flexibility in rehearsals and services, professionalism, and cheerful disposition. Best of luck to her in New York City next fall.

Over the summer, between doing research and starting the dissertation writing process, I will be attending both the Washington State Choral Director's conference in Tacoma and the UUMN conference in Gainesville, Florida. I look forward to renewing friendships, learning from my colleagues and the workshop presenters, and finding more music to use in worship services to come.

I hope all of you have time for rest, relaxation, and renewal over these next couple of months. I know I look forward to attending Gospel Sunday!!

Best -

Cheryl Weiss, UUCP Music Director



## Call for Celebrants!!

As you can see, we have lots of opportunities for volunteers to be celebrants. Please contact Eric Wegner ([ewegner@wsu.edu](mailto:ewegner@wsu.edu)) or

Betty Smith ([schoolhouse@pullman.com](mailto:schoolhouse@pullman.com)) if you would like to help out with this much needed service to your church this summer.

## In the Family

Many Thanks from Barb Andersen to everyone who has helped her with rides and food as she's been recovering from her surgery!

Congratulations to: Tim Kohler and Marilyn von Seggern on their 25th anniversary and the upcoming college graduation of their daughter Claire; John Dahl on completing OWL training; Kathy Dawes on her retirement; Cheryl Weiss, who has finished the course work for her PhD; and Tami Moore, who has also finished the coursework for her PhD.

Hold in your thoughts: Karen Jennings' nephew, who is doing better; Norma Slade, who has had a stroke; Joanne Baldrich, who has had back surgery; LeeAnn Parker, whose grandmother has died; Debbie Grieb's mother, who has had knee surgery; Michelle D'Arcy Evans, who has recently lost a friend to ovarian cancer; Leonard West, whose uncle has died; Lois Bradberry, whose cancer is spreading; and Louise Colson, whose father has died.

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

## Rev. Landrum to Speak on June 24

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum is a native of Michigan and serves the Clarklake, Michigan congregation. She has served churches in Massachusetts and Texas, and she is a graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School. She will be receiving final fellowship at the UU General Assembly in Portland, and then traveling to the Palouse to visit family—she is the niece of UUCP member Jim Weddell.

She also has connections to our minister. Cindy and Kayle met in Wisconsin when Cindy's husband Peter Morrison, also a UU minister, was doing an internship at the UU church in Racine, where Kayle was a member. Cindy was also student minister for a year at the Marquette, Michigan church, where Kayle later served as minister.

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## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gospel Music Sunday—July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007

The annual “Shameless Excuse to Sing” Sunday needs some help this year. We will be graced with the addition of members of the Spokane Falls Community College Gospel Choir, led by Sharon Jones – a choir leader since she was 12.

We could use some volunteers to help:

- ♪ house choir members over Saturday night,
- ♪ increase the size of the usual after church “dinner on the grounds”,
- ♪ form some musical groups for Call to Worship, Meditation, etc.
- ♪ help organize a separate Saturday evening concert for the group

We’re expecting about 20 members of the gospel group to join us and help us learn to sing in a little different style.

Please reply to Jim Weddell: [weddellj@pullman.com](mailto:weddellj@pullman.com) or 334-0737. Thanks!



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## Food First!



Last Sunday at the beginning of the children’s story, when all the children had just seated themselves on the floor at the front of the sanctuary, seven-year-old Jared suddenly got up. Quickly, Jared scooted around Donna Parks, our celebrant, who was

beginning to read the story. He dashed behind the pulpit to retrieve and bring forward the food basket hidden and left behind the pulpit. Jared knew and noticed the food basket needed to be in place for the children to put non-perishable food items they bring from home to replenish the local food bank stores. He knew exactly where the food basket needed to be placed to be within easy reach of all the children at the front of the sanctuary, and visible to the seated congregation. Jared’s awareness and attention to this detail in our Sunday Service ritual affirmed how observant children are of the ritual in our church service. Jared’s attentiveness also affirmed that the children recognize when something is different in the ritual. He was quick to act to put the food basket where it needed to be, sat back down and didn’t miss a word of the story!

Presence of the food basket in the Sunday Service ritual offers our congregation an opportunity to share our abundance. The presence of the food basket also offers our congregation an opportunity to teach our children about others’ needs, generosity, and to include our children as we try to support others’ well being. Jared’s attention to the food basket reflects one of our children’s awareness, acceptance and participation in this Sunday Service ritual detail. The children’s

participation in the service is part of their religious education at the UUCP.

During the summer months the food basket will continue to be part of the Sunday Service. Please keep in mind the ongoing need for emergency non-perishable food for the local food banks. Thank you for including your children as you bring your food donations to church on Sundays!

*For volunteer opportunities:*

The St. Maries Church food bank in Moscow needs additional volunteer help stocking and distributing food, especially on Tuesdays. The food bank is open Tuesday through Friday 2-4pm. Please contact Linda Nickels, the volunteer coordinator, for information at 883-3580. Junior high and high school youth are welcome to participate.

*For Your Information:*

UUCP Social Action Committee member Caitlin Cole helped the Moscow Area Hunger Relief Association (a community and student affiliated UI Academic War on Hunger relief group) in their first joint effort to reclaim non-perishable food left behind at student residences (dorms and local apartments) during the end-of-semester student exodus. Almost 2000 pounds of food were gathered and distributed to local food banks.

Caitlin also attended a recent Meals on Wheels board meeting and reports that MOWs is relocating to new office space, and preparing to advertise to serve more clients. More volunteer drivers to deliver meals will then be needed.

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## Social Action Committee News

The Social Action Committee is taking a breather after a very busy fall and spring. We'd like to thank everyone who participated in events, or contributed time, money, ideas or enthusiasm.

We'd like to encourage everyone to help us plan for next fall. Our first event will be our second annual UUCP-Muslim Community Picnic at East City Park. The picnic will be held in early September, most likely September 9<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to get involved in planning the picnic, please contact Mary Jo Hamilton.

Our next social action meeting will be June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. If the weather's nice, we'll be out on the patio. Hope to see you then!



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## Renaissance Fair Report

This year's Renaissance Fair was a huge success, thanks mainly to the two beautifully sunny spring days. We sold all but a handful of pizzas and tortillas, and were able to send checks for \$500 each to our four beneficiaries, UUSC Darfur Relief Fund, International Planned Parenthood Foundation, Alternatives to Violence on the Palouse, and Backyard Harvest.

Thanks to all who cooked, baked shopped, lent things and worked in the booth. This is a great UUCP tradition!



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## Rev. Kayle's Summer Schedule

Kayle will be on vacation from June 5 through June 17 and traveling to/from and be present at General Assembly in Portland June 18 - 25. She will also be gone from July 2 through July 11 as part of filling in the pulpit at the Anchorage UU Fellowship while their minister is on sabbatical.

She will be available for phone calls and visits from June 25 through July 1; and again after July 12. There will be no regular office hours for Kayle during the month of July.

For emergencies during her absence, or if you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Rev. Fred Toerne via his cell phone, 509-336-3887.

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## Meet Dr. Kama White, newest UUCP Member

A warm welcome to Dr. Kama White, the newest member of the UUCP. Kama is not new to Moscow – in fact, she grew up here, graduating from Moscow High School and the UI. As an undergraduate at UI, she participated in the WAMI program. Kama then attended and graduated from the University of Washington Medical School and did her residency in Portland, specializing in internal medicine. She also worked under Dr. Janice Boughton while she completed a medical school rotation in Moscow. After completing medical school two years ago it was perfectly natural to make Moscow her home again. Aren't we glad she did! It is not often that our Moscow kids are able to return home and find suitable employment.

She joined the Palouse Medical group in 2005. That was a big year for Kama, for in addition to completing medical school and moving back to Moscow, she also married the love of her life, Jonathon Stiff. They both grew up in Moscow, went to school together, and have been friends forever.

Kama was raised as a Lutheran in the Moscow church, but at some point felt it was not a good fit for her. She thought of herself more as a Universalist. While doing her residency in Portland she discovered and attended a very large UU church in Washington County, just west of Portland. Now that she is back in Moscow, Kama is happy to have found the UUCP, a vibrant, socially active congregation of folks who share her philosophy and values.

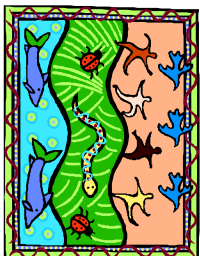
Kama and Jonathon are brand new parents, celebrating the arrival of their daughter, Klarissa, born March 17. Of course, life has drastically changed for them as they experience the joys of parenting while making the many adjustments needed for life with an infant. Klarissa was welcomed into the church on May 6 at the child dedication ceremony, the same day her mother became a member. Two spoiled housecats complete the family.

When they have the time, Kama and Jonathon delight in spending time outdoors and love to backpack, hike and flat water kayak. Jonathon built their kayaks, which they have thoroughly enjoyed, as the kayaks enable them to explore serene and remote waterways where they can get out and enjoy nature. Kama also practices yoga and loves to dance. She trained in ballet and other dance forms in her earlier years.

Welcome Dr. Kama White. We are delighted that you have chosen to join our congregation.

Joan Webb

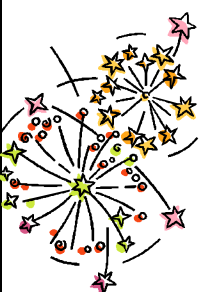
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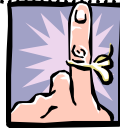
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## Dates to Remember



- Mondays:** PPQ, 7:30 pm, CB
- Thursdays:** Choir, 7:00 pm, CS (last meeting before summer break will be June 7)
- Sundays:** YoYouth, 11:00 am, YHB  
Youth Group, 6:30 pm, CB
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- Friday June 1** Farewell Potluck for Ginger George & Michael LeBeau, 6:00, CB
- Sunday June 3** Pagan Soul, 6:30 pm, CS
- Thursday June 7** UU Retirees Luncheon, 12:00 noon at the University Inn Best Western Appaloosa Room
- Thursday June 7** Final Choir meeting before summer break, 7:00 pm, CS
- Tuesday June 12** Social Action Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, CB
- Wednesday June 13** Sunday Services Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, CB
- Tuesday June 19** Board Meeting, 7:15 pm, YHM
- Sunday July 1** Pagan Soul, 6:30 pm, CS
- Thursday July 5** UU Retirees Luncheon, 12:00 noon at the University Inn Best Western Appaloosa Room
- Tuesday July 17** Board Meeting, 7:15 pm, YHM
- Wednesday August 1** Pastor's Hotdog Roast, 5:30 pm at Ghormley Park

## First Annual Pastor's Hotdog Roast

Join Kayle and Brian in celebrating a full year here on the Palouse on Wednesday, August 1st, as well as meet our incoming ministerial intern Tracy Springberry. All are invited to come to Ghormley Park circa 5:30 p.m. Kayle and Brian will provide hotdogs and buns and condiments. YOU bring a dish to pass, tableware, and your own beverages. If you wish to have a non-meat (or other-meat) alternative for the grill please bring this also. In case of rain, we'll gather in the church basement.

Ghormley Park is located on 3rd Street and Home past the campus police station and behind West Park Elementary School.



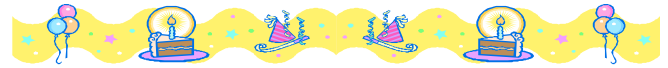
## UU Retirees Luncheon

The retirees will meet for lunch in the Appaloosa Room at the Best Western at 12:00 noon on **Thursday, June 7.**

*All are welcome!*



## Birthdays



### June

Kenna Gardes	Landon Dahl
James Huggins	Claire Stordahl-
Malea Saul	Whitney
Joe Tinney	Kai Werner
Amelia Stordahl-	Kaia Goldsworth
Williams	James Scott
Audrey Faunce	Katherynn Scott
Jeda Tracey	

### July

Karina Kramer	Chloe Barnes
Linnea Sheneman	Molly Jennings
Jill Peery	Adelaide Willis
Sarah Peery	Rachel Willis
Danielle Locke	Coyote Palmer

## UUCP Staff Information

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### Summer Stevens

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*Office Hours:* Tuesday & Thursday, 12:00-3:30

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## More on Tracy Springberry, Ministerial Intern

The full text of her life experience can be found in the foyer.

### EDUCATION/FORMAL TRAINING

Master's of Divinity, UU ministry, in process, Meadville-Lombard Theological School

Clinical Pastoral Education 2006, Tri-City Chaplaincy MA -- Non-fiction Writing 1991, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

BA -- Liberal Arts with emphasis in writing 1988, Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA

### JOB EXPERIENCE

Associate for Grants Communication and Development 2/93 - present in the Grants Office, Eastern Washington University

Spokane Public Radio Commentator 3/01 -- 4/02

Freelance Writer 10/91 - 10/02

Feature Reporter 10/92 - 7/95, Cheney Free Press, Cheney, WA

Administrative Assistant 5/92 - 2/93, Peace and Justice Action League, Spokane, WA

Teaching Assistant 12/89 - 6/91, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

**CHURCH EXPERIENCE** - UU Church of Spokane Pastoral Care Team 9/05 - 6/06

Social Justice Committee 8/04 - 6/06

Member of Spokane Alliance Team

Co-Chair of Youth Ministry Council 9/04 - 9/05

Worship Committee 9/02 - 9/05

RE Committee 9/01 -- 6/03

Religious Education Teacher 9/00 - present

Worship Leader 1/00 -- present

Chair of Annual Christmas Party and Halloween Party 10/99 - 3/01

Community Night Committee and Chair 9/96 - 3/01

On her own reflections on ministry, Tracy writes: (snippets; the full text can be found in the foyer)

Over the past two years I have worked to articulate clearly for myself the meanings of ministry and religious leadership and to define in workable terms my theology....

Ministry -- being present with oneself and others in ways that allow love, justice, and creativity to flow into individual lives and the community.

Religious Leadership -- the act of guiding religious community toward alignment with love, justice and creativity....

Theological Beliefs: I believe that a deeply creative and connecting force exists on Earth and in the Universe. It is called by many names including the holy, divine, life spirit, or God. Life comes from this force as does life's diversity, beauty, tenacity and strength. This force is not the only force in the universe. Destruction and chaos exist as well. However, people can align their lives with divinity to bring love, justice and goodness to their own lives and the lives of others. When destruction and pain affect lives, people have the capability to respond from with love and creativity....

I believe that alignment with the creative requires regular spiritual practice such as meditation or prayer or a regular creative practice such as gardening or woodworking. These put people in touch with the parts of themselves that are linked to the holy....

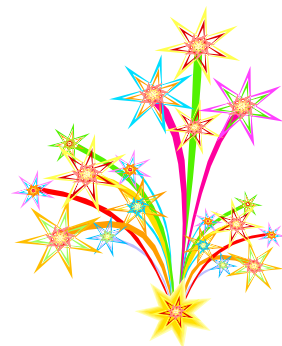
I bring two primary strengths to these challenges to live out my theology as a minister and religious leader: The first is my gift of reflection. I am able to reflect deeply on living life in alignment with my values.... My second gift is an ability to listen deeply and appreciate others across difference. During CPE, I had profound experiences of practicing appreciative awareness and of being completely present with people. I was able to be with people across difference...

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## Summer Teachers Needed

As we move closer and closer to summer on the Palouse our thoughts turn to traveling and and lazy days in the garden or sun. Yet there must be ONE weekend you will find yourself in Moscow, wanting to connect with our UU community. Why not spend it in the Yellow House, where we are offering two great programs that will be as fun for you as they are for the children!

First, share the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss with our younger children using creative lesson plans and materials that are all ready and waiting for you! Or, you can explore the world with our older children in UU World Travelers, sharing your experiences from around the globe. Lastly, do you just want to show up and spend an hour with our amazing kids? We have the spot for you too! Just contact Ginger George for more information!



Greetings,

This first week in June, Stone Soup Sunday, serves as a bridging Sunday for our congregation. First, we will welcome our graduating senior into young adulthood through our annual Bridging Ceremony. Maia Lassen-Purser will be entering a new phase in her life in our community and the world she will soon take on. Please join us at the 11:00 service to be apart of this heartfelt celebration!

Stone Soup also helps us to bridge into the church's summer services which are always inspiring thanks to the hard work of many, many members including Betty Smith and Eric Wegner. Lastly, Stone Soup Sunday will be my last Sunday serving you as the Director of Religious Education.

I have grown so much in the last three years,

## RE News



learning and living with all of you in this joyous community of hope and love. I cannot thank everyone enough for the support I have received both as your director and as a child of this congregation. It truly does take a community to raise our children, and I couldn't imagine a better place to grow than with all of you.

As I ready myself to take flight into the world beyond Moscow I know I have your love to guide me.

Just as I bridged in this congregation

from youth to young adult, I feel that I am now bridging from child of Moscow to child of the world. Thank you all!

Ginger George

### Yellow House Summer Offerings

The yellow house adventures this summer are going to be a blast! Thank you to **Lysa and Tom Salsbury** who will be heading things up this summer!

For those in grades 3-6 we will be traveling the world with all of you UUs using the We curriculum, **UU World Travelers**. This program utilizes all of you who have traveled the world and wish to share this with our kids! It will meet on the main floor of the yellow house beginning June 10<sup>th</sup>.

For the younger children we will be sharing the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss through the curriculum **Dr. Seuss Changed My Life**. There is so much that these bright stories share with our UU values and traditions. This will meet in the yellow house basement.

The nursery will be available throughout the summer for those little guys, and those of you who are older can enjoy the wonderful summer services.



### Secretary's Summer Office Hours

The Secretary's summer office hours will be Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00-3:30 pm. Summer will also be in the office other times by arrangement and as needed. Phone and email messages will also be checked on Mondays and Fridays.

### Peace-FULL Parenting Class

**THIS SUMMER...Back by Popular Request!!**  
We are thrilled to offer Peace-Full Parenting again this summer, after the resounding enthusiasm we shared with participants in the Spring class. As a parent or teacher, do you yearn to increase mutual respect and cooperation by honoring both your own and your child's needs? Would you enjoy deeper connection and loving empowerment for yourself and your child? Would you love to bring peace and joy to your family and the world, by living in harmony with your values?

~10 week class, Mondays, starting June 11  
7-9 p.m. **Community Action Agency**, 428 W. 3rd, Moscow

Facilitators: Rachel Clark and Debbie Grieb (UUCP members)

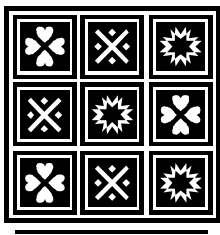
Cost: \$150 (half-price for spouses!, and no one turned away for lack of funds)

Registration: Contact Debbie Grieb, (882-3460, griebd@msn.com)

**Please call if interested even if you may miss the first class!!**

Required book: Respectful Parents, Respectful Kids, by Sura Hart and Victoria Kindle-Hodson. Debbie Grieb has copies for sale (\$16).





## PPQ News

This is the time of year when things get even busier for quilters, with all that competition from gardening, travel, and out-of-town guests. We have been trying hard to finish up our two big quilting projects. The T shirt quilt has just a little quilting to finish on two blocks, and then it will be ready to be bound. The other quilt will, unfortunately, take a little longer.

Although most of the flowers are quilted, and the feathered wreaths are nearly done, we think the quilt poufs oddly in places. We thought briefly about poking small holes in the quilt and blowing in more batting to make it more uniformly pouffy, sort of like blown-in insulation in walls, but quickly decided we would just have to do really a lot more quilting to stabilize all that new batting. After some creative pinning, we found that quilting around the edge of each of the squares evened out the pouffiness of the quilt quite nicely. This, also, will mean quite a bit more quilting, so we will not be down at the Farmer's Market selling quilt tickets for quite a while. I think the framed squares will look very nice and be in keeping with the age of the quilt top.

Occasional quilter Nancy Wright is back in town for the summer and will probably start coming to PPQ, although she will probably knit. She can regale

us of tales of life in Mexico, near San Miguel de Alende, where she spent the winter.

Donal is in the home stretch of getting his quilt top finished. He has the badges all sewn onto the fabric squares, although he says he is still five patches short. Now he is putting the squares together with sashing, a task that goes gratifyingly quickly. His next intellectual challenge on this project will be the big question: Will he quilt it or tie it? And, if he will quilt it, what sort of quilting pattern? Donal says he wasn't even aware that he would have to face this question. Good thing he found the PPQ.

Cindy Magnuson has not been to quilting for a while due to back problems. They are somewhat better now, and we hope to see her back soon.

I was rereading a Robert Fulghum book recently and came on a story I found particularly appealing. It's an old Sufi story of a good man who was granted one wish by God. The man said he would like to go about doing good without knowing about it. God granted his wish. And then God decided that it was such a good idea, he would grant that wish to all human beings. And so it has been to this day.

The PPQ continues to meet every Monday evening all summer. Come join us any time.



## Book Discussion Group



The UUCP Book Discussion Group will be taking the summer off. Watch for an announcement of our first meeting in the fall, when we will discuss *The Solitude of the Open Sea* by a member of our own congregation, Greg Smith. From Amazon.com:

Most sailing books are the I got here using this sail with the wind from the south, etc. variety. This is quite different. It is a single, male in self imposed exile on a sailboat. Interacting with the local cultures to some degree, but never a part of it, and thus an observer. A sharp, sometimes funny, sometimes poignant, sometimes sad observer. Most are stories and observations at his various longer stops along the way. True to what any of us might experience going solo, with assorted crew, around the world. A couple would

have had a different experience, and perhaps fit in better, but would not notice what he does. Highly recommended.

Upcoming books:

*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, contact Mary Jo Hamilton at mhamilto@vetmed.wsu.edu or 882-0443.



## UUCP Library News

The Yellow House library will be open on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 3:30. See Summer in the church sanctuary office for access. You can also access the library immediately before Sunday Services, if you share the space with people preparing for RE classes. And remember that you can always return or donate books either on the shelf in the Yellow House or in the bin located under the shelf in the Church Sanctuary foyer.

### Check-Out Procedure

We've changed the checkout procedure in order to protect the privacy of Library users.

Instead of checkout sheets in the catalog notebooks, there is a check-out box to the right of the library shelves. Just fill out one of the provided check-out cards and slip it in the box. (There are also optional "date due" slips you can fill out and stick in your books as a reminder that they are due in one month).

### New Book Shelf

We are highlighting additions to the library by storing them on a "New Books" shelf for one to two months. These books will be on the top left shelf of the library.

### It Ain't Your Mother's Card Catalog

We've come across a very useful website called LibraryThing that we are using to catalog the books in the library. LibraryThing catalogs books online easily and for free, up to 200 books. [As an organization with more than 200 books, we pay \$15.00/year; individuals with over 200 books pay \$10.00 a year or \$25.00 for life.] When you create a library and make the catalog public, LibraryThing provides interesting social information about other libraries that share your books and what other types of books they have. It al-

lows you to write and read reviews of books, rate books, get book recommendations, and a lot more. All it takes to become a member is to simply choose a name and a password; no more information is needed. Anyone can browse or search through public catalogs and read reviews, get ratings without becoming a member or creating a library. For people interested in discussing books, it has many special interest Groups, including "Unitarian Universalist Readers", which has started an interesting topic called "Books From Today's Sunday Service – What's Intriguing?".

If you are interested in cataloging your own books, reading some of the groups, or just want to know more, go to [www.LibraryThing.com](http://www.LibraryThing.com) and click on "take the tour".

Why are we telling you all this? Once we heard about this online catalog option, we knew it would be much easier to maintain and update than our current system, and we thought it would be great if people could browse the library from home and easily search it for particular subjects and authors. We've entered the UUCP Library holdings into a LibraryThing database. Over the summer, we'll work on a guide to using LibraryThing, and we'll introduce the online catalog to the congregation at summer's end.

But in the meantime, we'd like to encourage anyone who's interested in LibraryThing to check it out and possibly join (remember, it's free). If you do join, and you would be willing to "test-drive" the catalog, please send a message to [library@palouseuu.org](mailto:library@palouseuu.org). We'll send you some instructions and point you in the right direction.

Thanks and Happy Reading,  
The Library Group

## Fall Splendor Weekend

The leaves will be changing color; the days will be warm and the nights cool. Come to the Wisconsin Northwoods, the land of beautiful woods and water; come see the loons and the eagles!

The Northwoods UU Fellowship in Woodruff Wisconsin ([www.nuuf.com](http://www.nuuf.com)) invites you to join us the weekend of **September 28-30, 2007** to experience the most glorious time of year. You will stay with a UU family for two nights; enjoy breakfasts and Friday dinner with your hosts and join the congregation for a special dinner with entertainment on Saturday night.

On Saturday, you can participate in any of our planned activities, such as hiking, fishing, birding, antiquing and more, or you can go exploring on your own. On Sunday, join us for our worship service before you head home. The cost of \$300 per couple (singles and families are welcome at special rates, as well!) will help support the new expansion of our building. For more information or to make reservations, contact Joan Hauer at [hauerj@verizon.net](mailto:hauerj@verizon.net) or call 715-356-6540.



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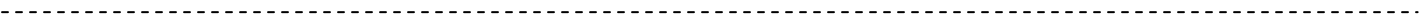
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