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November 4, 9:30 & 11:00 am *Dream a Little Dream with Me*

Speaker: Rev. Kayle Rice

Celebrant: Tracy Springberry, Intern Minister

"Dream A Little Dream With Me" is the theme for the Pledge Drive for the 2008 FY budget. Pledge drive brunches will follow the second service.

November 11, 9:30 & 11:00 am *Fiber Arts as Social Justice Work*

Speaker: Judy LaLonde

Celebrants: Members of PPQ

From Madam LeFarge to the Underground Railroad to the AIDS quilt, fiber arts have been used to convey a social and political message. What a creative way to change the world. (Quilt Sunday)

November 18, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Liberal Religion: Why Call It "Church"?

Speaker: Rev. Kayle Rice

Celebrant: Michael Tarabulski

The word "church" is a highly charged word among UUs.

November 25, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Practicing Gratitude during the Holidays

Speaker: Tracy Springberry, Intern Minister

Celebrant: Marguerite Thoreson Brown

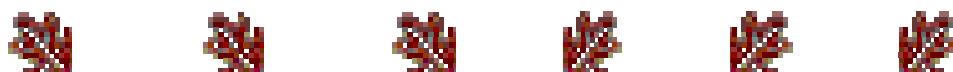
The winter holidays juxtapose gratitude and consumerism, but in many ways the two are opposites. How do we make sense of that?

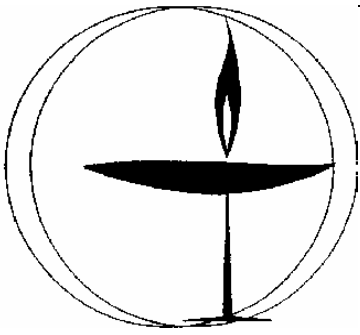
Dream a Little Dream....

We all have dreams for a better world. That's one of the reasons that many of you come to UUUCP. And to keep those dreams alive, we need hard, cold cash. So once a year, you are asked to make a commitment to UUUCP for the next year — yes folks, it's Pledge Drive time. The congregation adopted a budget for 2008. We have a dream that we will have enough pledges to uphold that budget.

By now, you should have received an invitation to join other members and friends of UUUCP in a pledge drive brunch at someone's home on November 4. If for some reason we missed you, please call 882-4085 or email cperillo@turbonet.com and let us know.

Keep the dream alive!!





From the Pastor's Pad

At a service in early October, one of our celebrants talked about writing the words "Thank you" under the signature line of each check he wrote. It's a "prosperity

technique" and a way of reminding us that money is simply a means of exchange, energy in the form of this check or a coin or a bill. But most importantly writing "thank you" on a check is a way of acknowledging gratitude. Our celebrant invited us to write "thank you" on the check that went into the offering plate.

November for UUCP is a two-edged "sword". We celebrate Thanksgiving, using this holiday to express gratitude for our lives, our families and friends, and for the winning football team (provided it's *your* team that's winning of course!).

In the midst of this we are running our pledge drive. A "thankless" task....or so we've come to think. But we have much to be thankful as our lives intersect with one another in the Beloved Community of UUCP.

Our community gathers when a loved one dies. Our community helps one another in times of illness or need. Our community creates sacred circles where one can feel safe to share what's deep in one's heart and know that she or he will be listened to and *heard*. Our community offers opportunities for service to others; to help save the world one tiny action at a time. Our community offers opportunities for personal and spiritual growth where it may not be found elsewhere. Our community offers support for families with children, celebrates elders, hosts a safe place for believers who often feel disenfranchised, provides education for children who can be with other children to learn similar values.

So this month, when you make your pledge to support the work of this congregation for the fiscal year of 2008, I encourage to you write "thank you" on your pledge card, as a way of acknowledging your gratitude for the many ministries we support.

And I'm grateful to be your minister. And so I write: "thank you."

With great love and respect,

Kayle

Wholly Cronos

On Tuesdays, beginning November 6th, the newly re-named Wholly Cronos will meet for brown bag eats and discussion in the Yellow House at 12 noon.

We will be discussing that timely classic *Gift From the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh. It's a short book and should be easily found at Bookpeople or Bruised Books. Please purchase or find a copy and have the first chapter read for our November 6th gathering.

All women of mid-life and beyond, or who otherwise consider themselves a wise "wholly" crone are invited to participate!

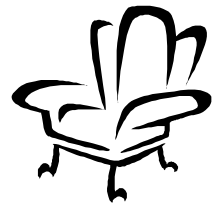


Empty Chairs Waiting For You

Does life seem complicated and cluttered? Are overload and overdrive your main speeds? Would you like to be in a discussion with other UUs about how and why and what needs to happen to make changes? One of our Small Group Ministry groups at UUCP, which meets 1st and 3rd Mondays each month, is going to begin a 4-month exploration of Voluntary Simplicity. We'll be following a curriculum from the Northwest Earth Institute, and we have a few empty chairs. Some of the topics will be: living more with less, your money or your life, and how much is enough?

If you live in Pullman and want to get to know other Pullman UUCPers, consider our Wednesday night small group ministry in Pullman. It's reforming and looking for new members.

While one of the basic tenants of small group ministry is having an empty chair at each meeting to symbolize the openness of our groups, these mentioned above and other groups meeting in other locations and on other days have seats waiting for you. The small group ministry concept is to gather on a regular basis, in small groups, to care for each other, and to discuss meaningful topics. We currently have groups meeting every day except Saturday. If you'd like information or have questions, please ask Rev Kayle, Janice Boughton, or Laurie Gardes.



From the President ~ Living on the Cusp

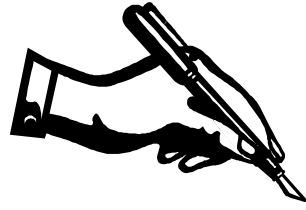
“As you get older, memory is the second thing to go. I forget what the first one is.”

I suspect the joke suffers a bit from my poor memory of just how it is worded, but you get the point. As I mature, slowly, I increasingly find that I have to write things down if I am to have any hope of remembering them. Quite a change from the normal chaos that has been my life for the last 60-odd (and in some respects they have been pretty odd) years.

This column being a case in point. At times I get it written when or before it's due. Other times, like my writing now, are done in an “Oh god I forgot to write my newsletter column” moment when I realize that nowhere have I written down a reminder to meet my deadline.

What jogged my memory was the remembrance of a progressive dinner Barbara and I went to last Saturday. The dinner reminded me about what I missed most on my recent trip overseas: human companionship. The opportunity to interact with people you know that have different life stories and different perceptions. That in turn led me to think about our church community and thus, inevitably, the newsletter.

The board has had a couple of interesting meetings lately. The first was with some of our committee chairs; the second with members of the music commit-



tee and choir.

Our “Com Com” (committee of committees) meeting had the goal of increasing the free flow of information amongst ourselves so that we know what everybody's doing.

While we ran out of time before we ran out of things to talk about, we've scheduled a meeting this spring to continue our conversations.

Our second meeting was the first of three conversations the board is having on the subject of the Sunday schedule. Our stab at instituting changes last spring ended (in the minds of many) rather unsatisfactorily; the problems that gave rise to the proposed changes are still with us. In these conversations (with music in October, members of the Sunday services committee in November, members of the RE committee sometime after that) the board hopes to develop a cohesive approach that has broad support.

I'm reminded of Kermit the Frog. The full story will have to wait for another day. The reason I think of him is his signature song “It's Not Easy Being Green.” Sometimes it's not easy being on the UUCP board. I think it's rewarding though, and I hope you'll consider service on the board if you're asked to do so.

Namaste

John Pool

A New Group of Men?

Every Monday night, ten men gather in the Yellow House to listen to each other, to talk about their lives. I've been a part of this group for nearly ten years. Until about three years ago, the group was open. A new man would arrive one week, another would leave sometime later. Each new man would bring his own story. As he learned to trust the group, and we him, he would share more and more about his story, all of the jagged edges and smooth curves that shape who he is today.

Three years ago, we decided to close our membership to the current ten members. We wanted to see if by closing the group to new members, our trust level would increase, we could get to know each other even more, and talk about more difficult and important things about our lives.

I can say without a doubt that we have succeeded. We have shared things, we have learned to trust each other to a degree that none of us expected. I will forever be grateful for this opportunity to be a part of this circle of men.

For the men reading this who are looking to join such a community, several of us from the Monday night men's group have agreed to help organize a new group of men, to meet on Wednesday or Thursday nights, beginning in January or February of 2008. If you are interested in finding out more about joining this new group of men, please contact me (Michael Kyte, mkyte@uidaho.edu), Bill Styer (596-0702) or Donald Stanziano (dstanzia@moscow.com).

Tracy's Musings—from Tracy Springberry, Intern Minister

The autumn is so miraculously, suddenly beautiful, that I've been walking around in muddled awe.

I can barely yank my eyes away from the vibrant reds and oranges. But when I do, I'm just as taken by the more subtle color: low rust red bushes in the fields and the grasses whose summer pale yellow has darkened or with my patch of flower garden, usually gray and limp this time of year, now still wild with color: floating pale purple cosmos, dense orange marigolds, white carpets of alyssum, waving blue bachelor buttons.

The world is so rich. All I can say is "wow."

I had a similar response while listening to the feminist theologian Rita Nakashima Brock speak at the Roger Williams Symposium at the Common Ministry at WSU in mid-October. Brock co-authored the book *Proverbs of Ashes: Violence, Redemptive Suffering, and the Search for What Saves Us* with Rebecca Ann Parker, President of the Starr King School for the Ministry, a UU seminary. She and Parker just finished a second book titled *Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded in Love of the World for Crucifixion and Empire*.

One of the great discoveries Brock and Parker made while researching their new book is that early Christians did not consider paradise to be something in the after life but believed paradise to be on earth in the present time. The wonder of becoming Christian, of being baptized into the faith, was gaining access to paradise in this life. After baptism they could see the divine and holy in the every day world.

The most important act of worship for the early Christians was Eucharist or communion. Its purpose

was to reopen paradise. The eating of the bread and drinking of the wine did not refer to the blood and body of Christ, as it does now. Instead Christians believed the bread and wine were drenched with divine life. The resurrected Christ hosted this spiritual meal.

Eucharist was spiritual nourishment and holy fire. Through it, the baptized Christian was reminded and retrained to perceive the divine in the world. Through it, the participant knew paradise.

Today, not ritual, but the bright colors of the autumn have woken me to paradise of this earth. Living with such awe keeps me open. I see beauty in more than the changing world, and my gratitude that I live in such a world makes me joyful and more full of love. Autumn is a short season though, soon the colors will wilt, and the outside world will be simply drab. I'll return to ordinary vision. I will huddle down to tasks day and bundle myself against the cold.

Then I remember, for centuries, our religious ancestors participated in regular rituals that opened them to the daily wonder of the world. I consider: what if I had rituals in my life and within my religious community that reminded me and helped me to perceive the remarkableness of this earth and my life every day? Would I walk in the muddled awe of paradise, immersed in wonder, and ready to love and give each day no matter the season?

The early Christians said ritual did this for them. I don't believe communion will ever have the meaning it did for those practitioners. But could other rituals have the same power today, for Unitarian Universalists? That seems worth discovering.

Tracy

In the Family

Congratulations and loving best wishes to Fred Toerne and Beth Miller who were legally wed on October 17!! They will celebrate with a spiritual ceremony with family and friends present in the spring.

Hold in your thoughts: The family and friends of Sandra Haarsager, who died October 6th; Jennifer Rod's friend Al, who has had a heart attack and bypass surgery; Scott Cardell, whose mother passed away; Cheryl Miller's partner Armen Arndt, who has had surgery for a cancerous tumor; Dale Amsbaugh, whose mother has died; Beth Miller, who is recovering from a stubborn infection after her appendectomy last month; Rod Sprague's step-father, who has had a kidney tumor removed; Sonja Lewis's family, who are facing health issues; Mari Landon, who is in a cast after a run-in with a tractor; and JD Stevens, whose legs are giving him trouble.

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

Religious Education News

Good news for UU families who may have wanted their children to attend the 9:30 RE 1/2/3 class, and found that it was full. *We are opening another 1/2/3 class!* If attendance exceeds the class limit, I will take the younger children and teach an additional RE class in the foyer of the Yellow House, which has been made into another classroom, thanks to a table donation by the Steadmans. **Remember that all children need to be registered in the RE program, no matter which class they attend.** Just pick up a yellow registration form in the Church foyer, and drop it off in the RE Registration Box in the foyer windowsill.



A hearty **Thank You** to Martha Schmidt for donating a beautiful rug to the Yellow House for the children of the 1/2/3 class to sit on together while celebrating the *Chalice Lighting* and sharing their *Joys and Concerns*.

**For safety reasons, it is extremely important for parents to remember that RE does not provide supervision on the playground after RE classes are finished. With those same concerns in mind, *it is critical that parents of children in grades PreK-3rd grade sign their children out before they leave the Yellow House.* Up to now, we have not been requiring the 4th-6th grade students to be signed out by parents. But as part of our overall *Safe Congregations Policy*, we are now asking parents of the 4th-6th grade students to fill out the enclosed form to note whether: they wish their children to sign themselves out, or they will personally pick up and sign their children out at the Yellow House. Please drop the form off in the RE registration box in the windowsill in the Church foyer.

We are trying to provide some healthy snacks for our children, but as in the real world, *real* food costs more than “snack” foods. Any donations of healthy snacks such as fruit, bagels, spreads for bagels and rice cakes--cream cheese, tahini, hummus, nut butters (almond and peanut for those with no allergies), as well as some soy and rice milk-- would be greatly appreciated. Every so often, we are going to try to serve some special teas with honey (licorice, cinnamon, peppermint), or some hot cocoa (hopefully made with some natural cocoa and honey) to keep us cozy and warm this winter, instead of the usual fruit juices.

My office hours have changed to 2:00-6:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. My phone number is still 882-4328.

Janet Granja

Fall 2007 at the Yellow House

Elementary Grades: The Fall elementary curriculum is continuing to explore faiths from around the world, with students making felt mandalas in the 11:00 class while exploring Buddhism; and remembering and honoring the dead through a look at the Wiccan celebration of *Samhain* and the Mexican *Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos)*. The PreK-K class just obtained a set of Montessori puzzle maps to help them make concrete the idea of different places and different peoples. This November, children will be looking at Hinduism, Taoism, and will begin a look at the Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The 4th-6th grade students have started filling out their *Credo* books, which give them a space and opportunity to think about what they believe in as Unitarian Universalists.

We are going to begin our planning of the annual Winter RE service, so all those with some interesting ideas, and/or some extra time, please contact me at dre@palouseuu.org or call me at 882-4328.

Jr. High Class: The OWL class has begun, with 19 students attending—another sign of our growing youth population. Both teachers and students are working their way through some nervous moments as they learn the ups and downs of relationship building. Copied below is the OWL schedule for the rest of the Fall semester.

November 4—Session 13

Thorny Issues in Friendship

November 11—Session 14

Dating and Lifetime Commitments

November 18—Session 5 (2 hours)

Personal Concerns About Puberty; Yoga

November 25—No OWL Class

December 2—Session 3, 4 (3 hours)

Sexual Language; Anatomy & Physiology

December 9—Session 8

Sexual Orientation

December 16—(2-3 hours)

GLBT Panel

December 23—No OWL Class

December 30—No OWL Class

Food First!

The Social Action Committee's fundraiser "Feed of Dreams" dinner for hunger was well attended by a hungry enthusiastic crowd of approximately 70 children and adults on the evening of Thursday October 25. The church basement was packed as people lined up to fill their dinner plates and their soup bowls with the delicious soups, salads, breads and desserts prepared by members of the Social Action Committee and volunteers from the congregation. \$153.00 was raised in support of three local non-profit organizations that serve local residents' needs for emergency food: Meals On Wheels (MOW's), the Moscow Food Bank, and the regional Idaho Food Bank in Lewiston. A representative from each organization spoke about the service their agency provides for the local hungry, and how the UUCP can help support the needs of these agencies.

Cheryl Richarz, a member of the board of MOW, addressed needs for volunteer drivers to deliver prepared hot and frozen meals. She also addressed the need for funds to offset the increased cost of the prepared food MOW provides their clients, and to subsidize the cost of the prepared meals some clients cannot afford. In addition, funds are needed to buy insulated food storage bags for transporting hot and cold food to clients. For more information or to volunteer contact Cheryl Richarz at 882-3990, or MOW at 882-0907.

Chuck Whitman, the representative coordinator of the Idaho Food Bank in Lewiston, spoke of funding needs for the "Backpacks for Kids" program that provides packaged easy to prepare foods for school age children who are on the free breakfast and lunch program, who need food on weekends. More money is



needed to provide more hungry children with weekend food support. In addition financial support is needed this time of year to support the annual Idaho Food Banks' "Turkey Drive", which purchases and distributes 2000 turkeys to local food banks. The latest program Idaho Food Bank launched is the "Mobile Food Pantry" by which scheduled monthly distributions of food are delivered to rural towns in North Central Idaho, hopefully including Bovil soon, if funding allows. For more information or to donate contact Chuck Whitman at the Idaho Food Bank: 208-746-2288.

Lastly, Linda Nickels, volunteer coordinator of the Moscow Food Bank, spoke about the ongoing need for emergency food and funds to maintain adequate food stores in their pantry. This food bank is run entirely by volunteers, and funding comes from donations only. Linda welcomes volunteer support including students. The Moscow Food Bank is open Monday through Friday 2-4pm. Perhaps, with more volunteer support, the Moscow Food Bank could open one evening to better accommodate working people. For more information, to volunteer, and to donate contact Linda Nickels, Moscow Food Bank Coordinator, at 883-3580.

Last night's "Feed of Dreams" was a harvest feast! In good fellowship we learned more about local hunger and how we can help. Thanks again, to the representatives Cheryl Richarz of MOW, Chuck Whitman of the Idaho Food Bank, and Linda Nickels of the Moscow Food Bank for telling us about the important work of their organizations addressing local need for emergency food. Thanks to the Social Action Committee and all participants who contributed to a wonderful evening.

Christmas for kids

It is approaching that time again when we support the Christmas for Kids event. Hopefully the trees will be up and loaded with tags that are the wish lists for children within the county by Thanksgiving or soon thereafter.

We had a very successful year last year, and hopefully an equally successful one this year. As in the past, if any of you do not like to shop, but would like to support our efforts, place a check into the offering made out to the church but "Christmas for Kids" in the memo line. This money will be used to finish up the shopping since there are always tags not claimed.

I can always use help in sorting and delivering the presents to the fair grounds. Please contact me, Carol Casavant at ccasavant@vetmed.wsu.edu or (208) 835-5587. Thank you.



November 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
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Dates to Remember



- Mondays:** PPQ, 7:30 pm, CB
Tuesdays: Wholly Crones, 12:00 noon, YHM
Wednesdays: Lunch at the Library, 12:00, YHM
Thursdays: Choir, 7:00 pm, CS
Fridays: Evensong, 5:30 pm, CS
Sundays: Youth Group, 6:30 pm, CB

Thursday November 1 UU Retirees' Luncheon, 12:00 noon, University Inn Best Western (p. 8)

Friday & Saturday November 2 & 3 Fair Trade Craft Sale, Pullman (p. 14)

Saturday November 3 Step It Up event, 10:00 am, East City Park (p. 10)

Saturday November 3 Family Potluck, 5:00 pm, CB (p. 9)

Sunday November 4 Pledge Drive Brunches (p. 1)

Sunday November 4 Pagan Soul, 6:30 pm, CS

Sunday November 4 UUCP Mah Jongg Group meets, 6:30, Margaret & Martin Dibbles' home (p. 8)

Tuesday November 6 Sunday Services Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, CB

Wednesday November 7 Building Your Own Theology, 7:00 pm YHM

Friday November 9 Lunch in Pullman with Rev. Kayle, 12:00 noon at Rico's (p. 8)

Saturday November 10 Conversation with the Board, 1:00 pm, YHM

Sunday November 11 Quilt Sunday

Tuesday November 13 Social Action Committee Meeting, 6:30, YHM (p. 10)

Wednesday November 14 Building Your Own Theology, 7:00 pm YHM

Tuesday November 20 Board Meeting, 7:15 pm YHM

Tuesday November 27 Living By Heart, 7:00 pm YHB

Wednesday November 28 Book Discussion Group, 7:30 pm, Clark House (p. 14)

Friday December 7 Lunch in Pullman with Rev. Kayle, 12:00 noon at Rico's (p. 8)

Lunch with Rev. Kayle in Pullman

Kayle would love to meet Pullman UUs for lunch at Rico's on Friday, November 9 and Friday December 7 at 12:00 noon. She'll be there a little early. See you on the 9th!!

UU Retirees Luncheon



The retirees will meet for lunch in the Appaloosa Room at the Best Western at 12:00 noon on **Thursday, November 1.**

All are welcome!

UUCP Mah Jongg Group

The November meeting of the UUCP Mah Jongg group will be at the home of Martin and Margaret Dibble, 1131 Jacksha Road, Moscow, on Sunday evening, November 4, at 6:30 PM.

This group plays strictly for fun and is open to all, even the rankest beginner. Please bring a snack to share. Call Margaret at 882-4749 if you have questions or to let her know that you are coming, and to get directions to her home.

November Birthdays



Adam Gresch

Ellory Gilliland-

Amanda Nelson

King

Charles Scott

Lena LaPaglia

Dante Flint

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Quilts Wanted!

The PPQ is soliciting quilts and other fiber art hangings and coverings to be displayed at the church on Quilt Sunday, November 11. We would love to hear the story of your quilt and share it with the congregation. The quilt can be new or old, perfect or worn, made by you or someone else, we want them all.

Please contact Mary Jo Hamilton 882-0443 or Marguerite Thoreson 882-2183 if you have a quilt we can use. We can arrange to pick it up at your home if that would be helpful. Help us celebrate this Sunday honoring the fiber arts.



More Family Fun!

Our last family potluck on October 13th had 35 people in attendance! We had so much fun singing, eating and painting pumpkins together that we are having another get together this month.

Please join us for intergenerational game night! We invite all who long for a fun family atmosphere to join us on Sat. November 3 from 5:00-7:00 in the church basement. Bring a game, if you like, and a finger food item to share. Call Caitlin Cole with questions, 883-3959.



A Thought on Hospitality

Consider these wise words from Carl Jung: "the meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed."

We hope you will remember to introduce yourself to someone new at Church. Not only does this give us the chance to live the UU principles but also gives us a chance to transform ourselves!

Your Membership Committee



YRUU Youth Group

The high school group raised over \$600 at the *Pancake Breakfast* to help finance their journey north to *Fall Con* at Camp Gifford in Deer Lake, north of Spokane. Along with the money they earned serving tea at the *Elder Tea*, and with the \$100 donation from the RE Budget, the students were on their way. Many thanks to Caroline Carley and Kathie and Jim LaFortune, who provided transportation to and from camp for the youth.

The YRUU are also planning some additional fundraising and community service activities, among them: helping to decorate the 1912 Center for the "Step It Up" rally on Saturday, November 3, and making the Christmas tree tags for the Moscow community *Christmas for Kids*.

Early Bird Volunteers Get (Not Worms!) a Choice of Pleasant Tasks

Our galvanizing PNWD Annual General Meeting - The AGM - will happen on the weekend of February 29-March 2, 2008. A LEAP YEAR CELEBRATION. It will be in Tacoma at the newly renovated Sheraton Hotel (now called the Hotel Murano) and it looks to be wonderful. Read all about it in the registration material due out in November.

As always, we need cheerful folk to help register, guide, organize, take tickets, work with workshop leaders, and in the bookstore. Two-hour shifts are the norm. Please indicate your willingness to help by emailing Mary Watson (mwatson@harbornet.com) or Joan Benderson (joan.benderson@nventure.com). Include your phone number so we can call you to discuss preferences. (You can call Mary, who is home during the day, at 253-884-4690). PLEASE DO IT SOON.



Social Action News

Moscow's Second "Step it Up" Event will take place Saturday, November 3 in Moscow. This event will be one of hundreds scheduled all across America on November 3rd, many of them in places that honor great leaders of the American past – from the top of Mt. Washington to the birthplace of Rachel Carson to the site of the Lincoln-Douglas debates. The purpose is to compel our elected officials to take action to fight against global warming.



There will be a bike parade and a walk starting at 10:00 am at East City Park. People will converge at the 1912 Building for a rally at 10:30 am to hear from our elected officials and candidates. There will be live music, and we will pose for a group photograph which will be posted on the national Step It Up website, <http://stepitup2007.org/>. Tell your friends to join us! While members of the UUCP climate change group have been instrumental in bringing Step it Up to Moscow, this is an event for the entire community.

November is also the month we hope to come together as a congregation to take real and lasting action to alleviate hunger of the Palouse. Do you want to find ways to help but have limited time? We'd like to put together a group of interested members who work together and pool their efforts to contribute whatever

time they can. Could you help staff a food bank one evening a month, or every other month, to make it more accessible to working families? Could you join with other members of the UUCP to take a "meals on wheel" route? If you are interested in contributing to this effort, contact Mary Jo Hamilton, Peggy Jenkins or Ellen Thiem.

The holidays are almost here (!?!?) and it's almost time for Christmas for Kids. The program was started years ago by area teachers, and is now a county wide effort that involves churches, firefighters and police officers and many others.

Carol Casavant has volunteered to chair the UUCP's contribution to this annual event again this year. She is looking for a volunteer to help her collect the gifts at the church and get them to the Christmas for Kids site at the Latah County Fairgrounds. There are other ways to get involved and help too. Christmas for Kids can use volunteers during its open hours at the Fairground in December to wrap gifts or prepare bags for families. If you'd like to get more involved you can email christmas@moscow.com, or contact Peggy Jenkins.

Our next Social Action meeting will be November 13, 2007 in the yellow house. We hope to see you there!

Fruitful Living Through Composting Old Pain

Compassionate Communication Workshop Nov 9-10, Moscow, Idaho

Emphasizing present-moment awareness and self-acceptance, we will explore the ways Compassionate Communication (CC)* supports our integrity, enlivens our lives and relationships, and enables us to be dynamic peace-makers in our families and in the world. We will investigate what blocks our experience of the present and of our compassionate natures. We will use a variety of techniques to release old pain. Through work in small groups, demonstration and reflection, art, singing, movement, energy work and humor, we will invite awareness, healing, and joy.

This workshop is designed to give those familiar with CC a rich, new direction to explore and those new to CC the basic tools for empowered connection. The facilitator is Veronica Lassen, Registered Counselor and co-author of Heart Talk for Kids© a UU curriculum. She is a Certified Trainer candidate with CNVC and has been teaching CC classes and workshops in the area for 8 years.

November 9th 7-9pm, and November 10th 9-5pm. Requested gift donation of \$65 with no one turned away for lack of funds. To register, or for more information, call 882-2562, email veronica@veronicalassen.com, or visit www.palousecc.org.



Moscow To Set Bike Rally Record

Mark your calendars for the Step It Up rally 10:00 am, Saturday, November 3. This is a follow up to last spring's rally, which may have set some kind of (per capita) record.

November 3rd promises to be Even Bigger and is focused on inviting elected officials to come and tell us how they will be leaders in the campaign to counteract global climate change. There will be a bike parade and walk starting at 10:00 am at East City Park. People will converge at the 1912 Building for a rally at 10:30 am to hear from our elected officials and candidates. There will be live music, and we will all pose for a group photograph which will be posted on the national Step It Up website, <http://stepitup2007.org/>

Please pass this information along to your friends, and be sure to personally ask your city council members, council candidates, state representatives, and other important people you know to attend. Also, invitations can be sent to state and national officials through the Step It Up website.

From melting ice caps to erratic weather, we already see the impact of global warming. Americans are demanding real solutions that will reduce carbon emissions and stop global warming before it is too late.

Step It Up is organizing a national event on November 3, 2007 to call for leadership on global warming. This builds on Step It Up's April rally that was the largest global warming event in U.S. history. The events across the country-held one year before the 2008 election- will show the contrast between the intense concern of ordinary Americans and the leadership vacuum in Washington.

We are Changing the Climate on Climate Change!



PNWD-UUA Leadership Council



The Board of Directors of the Pacific Northwest District, UUA, along with the UU Church of Spokane, WA, invites leaders of all PNWD-UUA congregations to convene in Leadership Council on Saturday, November 17, 2007 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM in Spokane, Washington at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane, 4340 West Fort Wright Drive.

Learning Topic Human Resources Policy: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly; with the Rev. Ralph Mero, Director, UUA Office of Church Staff Finance; How do policies and practices related to staffing and compensation reflect (or negate) UU values? What's the latest thinking regarding roles in staff management for board members, congregational leaders, and UU Ministers? What are best practices regarding performance evaluation for employed and ordained staff?

Fellowship Meet your UU neighbors and your peers in church leadership; Share opening worship and tour facilities of the UU Church of Spokane; Enjoy lunch hosted by the PNWD Board of Directors

Governance and Vision Latest news and views in the PNWD and the UUA; Tell the PNWD Board of Directors and our UUA Trustee: Where should PNWD and the UUA be heading? What does your congregation really need to thrive?

For Board Members, lay leaders and professional staff; \$100 per congregation for ALL attendees. Lunch is included. Goodwill offering will be invited for a community service initiative of our host congregation. For home hospitality and lodging options, inquire when you RSVP. Smaller congregations, ask about travel scholarship if needed.

RSVP as a congregation to District Office by November 12 to pnwd@uua.org (425) 957-9116 or toll free (800) 313-7693 (in PNWD)

Religious Education Volunteers Needed

Everyone has a gift to share with our most precious resource: our children. No matter how much or how little time you have there is a place for you! From teaching this fall session to volunteering to make snack, provide snack, be a guest speaker, or just be present, there are countless ways to give to our children. Contact the Director of Religious Education for more information: dre@palouseuu.org, (208) 882-4328.



UUA Matters

Have you seen Time magazine's October 15 issue? There is a full-page ad for Unitarian Universalism—possibly the first UU ad campaign, ever, in a major magazine. There will be others to follow.

I am excited that we seem to be getting our light out from under that notorious “bushel” we used to sing about in my old Sunday School days. (“This little light of mine”—“Hide it under a bushel? No!”) Our embracing faith has so much to offer, and there are so many people out there who don't know about us and would feel very much at home in our congregations.

The UUA Board is excited about our getting the word out, and glad that President Bill Sinkford and staff are making it a priority. Did your congregation participate in “Association Sunday,” October 14, celebrating our faith and contributing to a very specific financial campaign?

On another note, lots of people are asking about the results of the Open Space breakout sessions held at General Assembly in Portland last June. Stay tuned: we on the UUA Board have just received our packet of information and the Open Space information will be discussed very shortly.

Please feel free to call me at the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00-3:00 Mountain Time (208-658-1710) or email me at egreene@uua.org.

By Rev. Elizabeth L. Greene, PNWD trustee, UUA Board



UUCP Library News

Where: The UUCP Library is located on the first floor of the Yellow House.

When: It is staffed every Wednesday from Noon to 1 p.m. It is also available Monday through Thursday from

10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (see Summer in the church office for access) or whenever the Yellow House is open and the first floor meeting room is not being used.

Where else: If the library hours are not convenient for you, you can browse the catalog online from home. Go to palouseuu.org and click on "library". From there, you can do a "quick search" for a specific book, author, or topic of interest, or you can explore the full catalog. If you do not have web access, you can browse a printed copy of the catalog in the foyer of the Sanctuary. If you would like a book held for you for pick-up, email library@palouseuu.org or leave a message with Summer in the church office.

How: Books can be checked out for 1 month. Just fill out a slip and put it in the checkout box. Books can be returned either to the returns shelf in the Yellow House or to the return box under the shelves in the Sanctuary foyer.

Help: The library group would love to hear from you if you have problems using the online catalog, questions, suggestions, requests, or donations. Email library@palouseuu.org or leave a message for us at the church office.

We've had a great harvest of donated books this past month - more than can be mentioned here. But

here are some of the highlights:

• *At Work in Life's Garden: Writers on the Spiritual Adventure of Parenting*, a collection of vivid personal essays by an ecumenical group of contemporary authors such as Barbara Kingsolver, Anne Lamott, our very own Tracy Springberry, and others and edited by Tracy as well;

• *Radical Equations: Civil Rights from Mississippi to the Algebra Project*, by Robert P. Moses and Charles E. Cobb, Jr., which deals with civil rights, justice, and equity, and the conclusion that math literacy is an important prerequisite for first-class citizenship and an important civil right;

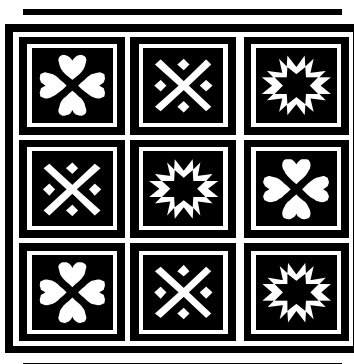
• *The God Delusion*, by Richard Dawkins, the eminent evolutionary biologist; this book was the topic of the Oct. 28 Sunday Service by Mike Browne; and

• *The Deep Dark: Disaster and Redemption in America's Richest Silver Mine*, by Gregg Olsen, an important account of the 1972 Kellogg, Idaho Sunshine Mine disaster. *The Deep Dark* was chosen for the current "Everybody Reads", a regional program with libraries, bookstores and colleges across the Palouse and the Lewiston/Clarkston Valley encouraging all citizens to read the same book. The author, Gregg Olsen, will be making presentations in Moscow November 13 and Pullman November 14.

Thanks to all who donated these books and more! Check out the "new arrivals" shelf to see the rest. Happy Reading!

Purple Paisley Quilters (PPQ) News

We ended September with quite a flurry - we bestowed two baby quilts on a single Sunday. On September 30, at 9:30 am, we gave a quilt to Milo Stanley Hoppus, son of Kimberley and Ben Hoppus, and then at 11:00 am a quilt was given to Kathryn Scott, daughter of Carey and Ami. It has been a while since we have given out a quilt, and we are very pleased to welcome these small Unitarian Universalists to our congregation. We need to get busy making some more baby quilts.



Work. We are also busy collecting quilts to display that day. If you have a quilt or hand crafted covering that is meaningful to you, we would love to hear your story and display your piece in the sanctuary. Call Mary Jo Hamilton 882-0443 or Marguerite Thoreson 882-2183 if you have a quilt to share.

We are also working on items for our Holiday Bazaar, which will be held on the first two Sundays in December, the

first and the ninth, between services and after the second service. Come early for best selection. As usual, all of the profits will go to GOOD CAUSES.

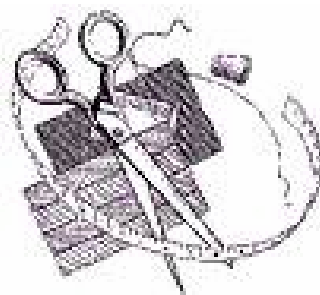
We had a couple of new quilters on October 1. Joan Webb, who has come on occasion to knit (a perfectly appropriate activity), put in some time quilting on the raffle quilt, and pronounced it easier than she thought it would be. Joel Hamilton, who came to PPQ to get approval of design and placement of bicycle racks for the church (after all, if the PPQ thinks it's OK, that's good enough), stayed to quilt a bit on the raffle quilt. It was actually avoidance of a project at home that was waiting for him, but we'll take whatever help we can get.

The PPQ was able to do a good deed and benefit themselves as well in November. We became aware of a Girl Scout troop in town that makes chemo caps for women and children undergoing chemotherapy, and are always in need of nice acrylic yarn. It so happens that the PPQ has a very large stash of nice acrylic yarn, which is not very useful to us, since our knitting for Afghans for Afghans requires wool or wool blends. So, I cleaned out our yarn bins, which made the PPQ very happy, and bestowed a very large bag of yarn on the girl scouts, which made them very happy. Good deeds all around.

The PPQ is busy planning Quilt Sunday, which is coming up on November 11. In keeping with our social action bent, our theme is Fiber Arts as Social Justice

Speaking of good causes, PPQ member Nancy Wright recently bought out a large inventory of yarn from a shop that had closed in Lewiston. The sad story is that the owner of the store, who by all accounts was a very talented fiber artist and knitter, developed Alzheimer's disease and is no longer able to knit. The good part of the story is that Nancy will be sending much of the yarn to her daughter who lives in San Miguel de Allende in Mexico, to be distributed to women there who can use it to make clothing for their families. We are collecting knitting needles of various sorts to include in the package. I suspect the PPQ will chip in some for shipping costs.

We are making good progress on the raffle quilt hand quilting, and I suspect we will soon be looking for a new project. Half the fun of finishing something is the long discussions of what to do next. Of course, there are always baby quilts.



Maintenance Drop Box

Notice something around the Church or the Yellow House that needs a minor repair or a little extra cleaning attention?

Just fill out one of the bright orange "maintenance request" forms and drop it in the black Maintenance Request box, and Sexton Gabe Baker will take care of it! The forms and the box are both located on top of the small file cabinet in the church foyer.

Maintenance requests beyond the scope of the Sexton's job will be referred to Buildings and Grounds.



Book Discussion Group

November's book is *In Cold Pursuit* by Sarah Andrews. From Amazon.com:

Sarah Andrews is well known for her popular mystery series featuring forensic geologist Em Hansen. With *In Cold Pursuit*, she builds on that foundation and introduces a new lead character in this compelling mystery from the last continent.

Valena Walker is a dedicated master's student in geology headed to Antarctica to study glaciology with the venerable Dr. Emmett Vanderzee. Being on the ice is something she's dreamed about since she was a little girl. But when she finally arrives at McMurdo, she discovers that her professor has been arrested for murder, and what's more, that the incident happened a year ago. A newspaper reporter who'd visited Antarctica the previous winter had died from exposure, and though no one was a fan of the guy—he was attempting to contradict Vanderzee's research—by all accounts, everyone was devastated to lose



someone on the ice.

Valena quickly realizes that in order to avoid being shipped north immediately and having her grant canceled, she must embrace the role of detective and work to clear his name—and save herself in the process.

Sarah Andrews received a prestigious grant from the National Science Foundation to spend two months on Antarctica to research *In Cold Pursuit*, and the authenticity of her portrait of this unforgiving land is breathtaking, making for her most compelling novel to date.

The discussion of this book will be on Wednesday, November 28 at 7:30 pm at Clark House, 1401 N Polk, Moscow. If you need more information, call Mary Jo Hamilton, 882-0443.

The book group will be taking a break during December, due to the difficulty of scheduling around the holidays. Watch this space for the announcement of the January book.

International Fair Trade Craft Sale Comes to Pullman

The Eighth Annual International Fair Trade Craft Sale will offer unique, handcrafted gifts and holiday decorations to the Pullman-Moscow area for two days only, November 2 and 3. Proceeds go to support artisans in developing countries who are paid a fair wage for their work. A small percentage is donated to local Palouse-area charities.

Sale hours are Friday, November 2, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Community Congregational United Church of Christ, 525 NE Campus in Pullman. Parking and admission are free.

A huge inventory not usually seen in the Palouse is brought to Pullman through Ten Thousand Villages, a nonprofit organization that specializes in fairly traded goods. Also joining us this year will be Singing Shaman Traders, with their offering of fair traded handcrafted items from Mexico. Shoppers can browse through a wide array of high quality gifts from over 30 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin and South America. Merchandise includes jewelry, toys, sculptures, baskets, linens, musical instruments, holiday ornaments, home décor, and more.

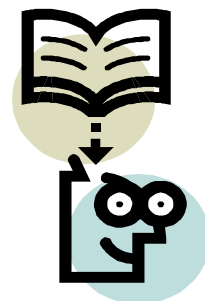
For more information call Community Congregational Church at 509 332-6411, check the website at www.pullmanucc.org, or email pullmanucc@verizon.net.

Thank God for Evolution!

Available for Free November 1

UU evangelist Rev. Michael Dowd's acclaimed, "Thank God for Evolution!: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World" (endorsed by 5 Nobel prize-winners and 120 other luminaries, including prominent UU ministers), is available as a free PDF download November 1: <http://www.ThankGodforEvolution.com>

Inexpensive hardcover copies are also available from Amazon and Barnes & Noble: <http://www.thankgodforevolution.com/the-book.html>



UUCP Elder-Treasures Celebration Thanks!

Many Thanks to all who joined and contributed to a joyful celebration honoring our esteemed elders!

Among many UUCP friends and members who donated their talents, a special “thank you” to our musicians—vocalist **Andrea Chavez**, and pianist **Sandra Haarsager** (Sadly, Sandra passed away the weekend following the Tea. Her presence will be sorely missed.); the **Hilding-Walden** family ensemble including **Tina ,Von, Ben and Jane**; and family duo **Janice Willard** and **Robin Nilsson**. To **Cheryl Weiss**, our Music Director, gratitude for contacting musicians and professional consultation, and to **Martha Schmidt**, Music Committee Chair, thanks for coordinating the musical program.

Thanks, also to **Jenny Sheneman**, Director of the 1912 Center, and UUCP JHS and HS youth leader, who included UUCP HS and JHS youth in the celebration. They, together with **Archie George**, helped with set-up, made tea sandwiches, arranged the lovely food on the plates and graciously served it. They also helped with clean-up, and the coat check. It was wonderful having our youth involved as part of our community celebration!

Many others were involved, too: the wheat corsages were made and donated by **Kathy Gessler** of Sweet Peas and Sage, coordinated by **Lynn Cantrell**; the beautiful floral bouquets on the tables, and the corn stalk decorations were made by **Martha Schmidt**; the table lay out, and arrangements and decorations, pumpkin displays, and table-top display of the Elder Bio Summaries were by **Sherry Caisley-Wilkinson**. **Michele Feeley** assisted with table decorations and oversight. **Melissa Rockwood**, graphic artist, designed and printed the UUCP Elder Bio Portfolio, and bio summary statements now mounted for display on the wall in the church foyer.

Thank you’s to **Donald Stanziano** of the Men’s Group and **Eric Nilsson** and **Albert Konen** of Small Group Ministry for setting up tables and returning them to storage after the celebration. Coffee and tea were prepared by **Pat Peek**, and punch by **Lynn Cantrell**. Rental for the colorful table cloths and cream and sugar services was arranged by **Caitlin Cole**. The woven placemats made by the children were gifts to our honorees inspired by DRE **Janet Guthrie-Granja**’s intercultural lesson on elders.

Eleven writers were involved in interviewing our honorees and writing their biographies. They include: **Holly Barnes** who interviewed and wrote bios for Fred Rabe and Bert Cross; **Judy Brown** for Pat Scott; **Nick Gier** for Coralie Borning; **Pat Peek** for Frances Norton and Mary Kawula; **Donna Holmes Parks** for Viola Homan; **Melodie Rai** for Shirley Caldwell; **Greg Smith** for Harriet and Harold Dodgen; **Donald Stanziano** for Bob Nordquist; **J.D. Stevens** and **Ellen Thiem** for Marta Robertson; **Ellen Thiem** for Genevra Sloan, and **Janice Willard** for Marg Raunio.

The biographical summaries that were read at the celebration were prepared by: **K.Susan Nies** for Mary Kawula and Fred Rabe; **Sandy Hathaway** for Bert Cross and Bob Nordquist; **Judy Brown** for Pat Scott; **Nick Gier** for Coralie Borning; **Donna Holmes Parks** for Viola Homan; **Greg Smith** for Harriet and Harold Dodgen; **Melodie Rai** for Shirley Caldwell; **Ellen Thiem** for Marta Robertson and Genevra Sloan.

Photos accompanying the biographies were for the most part taken by **Ellen Thiem**. **Bert Cross** prepared a photo of Mary Kawula, and **Ana Dodgen** prepared a photo of Harriet and Harold Dodgen. **Beth Armstrong** took photos at the celebration.

Interview questions for the biographies were prepared by **Pat Peek**, **Melodie Rai**, and **Ellen Thiem**.

Caitlin Cole, **Joan Webb**, **Stephanie Kreshel**, **Lynn Cantrell**, and **Ellen Thiem** of the Membership Committee Focus Group coordinated planning. **Summer Stevens** with **Ellen Thiem** designed invitations and the poster. **Summer** made sure timely announcements appeared online. A special thanks to **Caitlin Cole** for coordinating child care.

Many thanks for our minister, **Rev. Kayle Rice**’s support for the celebration. Over a year ago she said, “I’ll get behind that”!

Thanks to all who came together to celebrate our UUCP Elder-Treasures in a “community embrace”. As one elder said in thanks, “I felt loved”!

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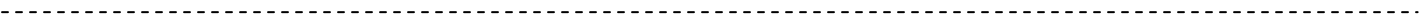
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