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April 6, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Justice Sunday

Speakers: Members & Friends of the UUCP Social Action Committee

Celebrant: Louise Ashmun

The late Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. once said that **"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."** On Justice Sunday, we'll join Unitarian Congregations across the Country in a discussion about how to refocus our nation's priorities, from war to peace and justice.

April 13, 9:30 & 11:00 am

What Is the State of Your Soul?

Speaker: Rev. Kayle Rice

Celebrant: Scott Eisenhower

Thomas Moore wrote: "The great malady of the 20th century...is loss of soul." Has anything changed for the 21st century? We live in a culture where "soul" receives little attention. Paying attention to the state of *your* soul will be today's focus.

April 20, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Thought Provoking Q & A with the High School Youth Group

Speakers: High School Youth

Celebrant: Genoa Beiser

Planned, created, organized and facilitated by our very own Young Religious Unitarian Universalists, speakers will be youth taking turns answering questions submitted at previous Sunday Services. Music will be an eclectic mix of traditional songs from the hymnal and music chosen by the youth.

April 27, 9:30 & 11:00 am

My Religious Faith

Speaker: Tracy Springberry, Intern Minister

Celebrant:

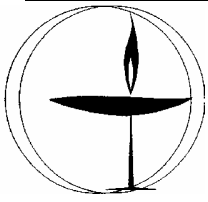
The word "faith" and its cousin "belief" are challenging words for many Unitarian Universalists. I will explore my understanding of these terms for religious liberals and share how my religious faith sustains me.

New UU class

Have you been attending services for a reasonable amount of time and feel that UUCP is your religious home? Or perhaps you are curious about UUCP and want to know more. Or maybe you don't feel ready to join yet, but would you like to meet some fellow searchers.

Join us for a special "Path to Membership" class, Saturday, April 12 from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Child care will be available and hearty refreshments will be served. The course will be facilitated by Rev. Kayle. Please register by calling the church office at 882-4328 or emailing uu-church@moscow.com. If you are in need of childcare, please let us know.

Also feel free to visit with Kayle about membership and UUCP. Your participation in the class does not obligate you to join our church.



From the Pastor's Pad

This month's column is a repeat from April 2007; I want to continue to thank and honor our UUCP volunteers. This message is more pertinent than ever!

April is Volunteer Recognition Month. And oh, we have SO many volunteers to recognize within our congregation. You know them...the ones that show up unflinching to just about everything. The ones that you *don't* see...folks who quietly fill a need when they see one. In my position I am heartwarmed to experience both.

It feels to me that since the recent request for volunteer forms to be filled out some things have been "hopping". It feels like some fresh air is blowing through our congregational and community life. As we grow and change and mature we'll need these spurts of freshness from time to time.

In my work with the Sunday Services Evaluation Committee (now *there's* a group of committed folks!) the term "culture of volunteerism" has come up a few times and it has really gotten me to think more about this.

Rev. Brad Johnson in a recent article in *Building-ChurchLeaders.com* has "observed a disheartening pattern in church growth that affects church members' ability to make an impact and leave a legacy. 'The second drum I've been beating is for us to recapture the initial pioneering spirit of this church. You hear amazing stories of people making great sacrifices—of their time, resources, gifting, and passion—in the early days of most churches. People enjoy feeling they're part of something new during those exciting first years. But as a church matures, and maybe even prospers, we replace all of that by trying to pay people to do what they were gladly willing to do as a volunteer. I want to reclaim that pioneering zeal and challenge people to give of themselves instead of hiring people to do the ministry.'"

Indeed UUCP is a maturing, growing church. And it does become easy to reach into our pockets when we want some particular ministry to be done. Our lives are so darn busy that self-care gets pushed further and further on the back burner, and so does volunteering out of a sense of joy. So cultivating a culture of volunteerism is probably the last thing we want to develop at the moment.

Yet, our Beloved UUCP Community holds a dear and deep place in so many of us whose shadow darkens the door. The loss of this congregation would un-

fathomable. Unitarian Universalism fills a need here on the Palouse; reaching out to those in need of a compassionate, liberal religious voice. Cultivating a culture of volunteerism then must come from a spirit and desire to continue that legacy. Cultivating a culture of volunteerism is not looking for people to fill roles, but looking for roles to fulfill people. Is there a role that will would make your heart sing with joy?

Below is a poem I found.....does it fit anyone you know? Perhaps you?

At any rate, I am grateful for our UUCP volunteers...and thereby you are known by the fruits of your labor. My humble and grateful thanks.

I'll Show You A Volunteer

Show me a person who spends endless hours in training without pay,
And, I'll show you a volunteer.
Show me a person where a cry for help brings split-second dispatch,
And, I'll show you a volunteer.
Show me a person who is devastated when lives are lost or maimed,
And, I'll show you a volunteer.
Show me a person who is graciously welcomed as a next-door neighbor,
And, I'll show you a volunteer.
Show me a person who takes ridicule more than compliments,
And, I'll show you a volunteer.
Show me a person whose car is garaged with the grille facing out,
And, I'll show you a volunteer.
Show me a person who sacrifices homelife, TV... even tender moments,
And, I'll show you a volunteer.
Show me a person who may be asked to give more than just dedication,
And, I'll show you a volunteer.
Show me a person who is asked to give more... and more... and more,
And, I'll show you a volunteer.

With great love and respect,

Kayle

New Office Hours for Rev. Kayle

Along with Summer Stevens' new office hours, Rev. Kayle will also have new office hours beginning April 1st: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. All other times by appointment.



From the President ~ Living on the Cusp

It was like déjà vu all over again. The members of the board sitting in comfortable chairs, in a place well removed from the church or the Yellow House, talking to one another about the governance side of being in beloved community. It happened Saturday March 22, and I think it turned out to be a rather productive day for all gathered there.

For me it was a reminder of the Spring of 2005, shortly after I joined the board. We were taking a one day retreat, to talk about the process of church leadership and the issues we had, or were soon to have, brought before us.

And then, roughly a month later, our former minister announced her resignation and all those well-laid plans were torn asunder.

This time around, as the soon-to-be ex-president of the board, I was helping to facilitate the meeting with an eye to helping to meld the board into a cohesive whole. Life in our beloved community has been rather turbulent since the Spring of 2005; now we have a chance to adjust to a new dynamic and regain the momentum that was interrupted three years ago.

For me it has been an exciting, sometimes frustrating, often exhilarating time to be in service to the

church. At the same time it will be good, in May or June, to step down from the board and go back to being an ordinarily-special person in a church filled with special people.

Today my thoughts turned to the sunshine, and how blessed I felt, and feel, when the sun shines bright on the rolling landscape of the Palouse. I don't think I have the clinical condition known as seasonal affective disorder, but I know that my spirits perk up and my natural optimism bursts forth when the sun shines. Spring has returned to the Palouse—it's about time as far as I'm concerned—and there's reason to hope for more glorious days.

In closing, a couple of special notes. First, please take a look at the proposed new logo for the church, in display in the foyer. The Communications Committee has worked diligently to bring the design to fruition; the last step before it becomes official is for you to tell the committee what you think about it.

Secondly, don't forget to be an active participant in the service auction on April 5. It's a good way to celebrate the end of winter.

Namasté,

John Pool

The Family Feature—News from Family Ministry

Did you know 81 children and youth were registered for fall RE? And that over 140 children and youth, representing 80 families, have an affiliation with the UUCP? Family ministry is about offering better support to these church members.

Ideas for family ministry programming have included regular family and intergenerational events, addressing childcare needs through church funding or a childcare exchange, classes on being a UU parent, family worship, liturgical resources appropriate for all ages, a small group designed for families, and social actions opportunities. The Family Ministry Team is conducting an informal poll to see ways that the UUCP can best support these families. If you have thoughts about family ministry please contact Tracy Springberry (tracyspringberry@comcast.net), Caitlin Cole (roofdog@verizon.net), Ellen Thiem (ethiem@hotmail.com), or Karen Flint (karenflint@clearwire.net).

Upcoming for families in April

Saturday, April 5th, **Annual Service Action**, with fun activities for children in the Yellow House.

Wednesday, April 9th 2:00 pm **Family Ministry**

Team Meeting. The main issues are developing a mission for UUCP Family Ministry and fundraising for childcare. Everyone with an interest is invited.

These comments are from *What Does a Unitarian Universalist Home Look Like?* By Reverend Phillip Lund: "In his book, *Growing Up Religious*, Robert Wuthnow identifies six deliberate religious activities of the home that reinforce the religious tradition of the family. In turn, they nurture the faith development of individual family members. They are:

- Sharing family meals and saying grace;
- Spending a few moments before bedtime to share the joys and worries of the day;
- Having real conversations about what matters most in life;
- Adorning your living spaces with symbols of your faith tradition;
- Celebrating holidays in ways that the religious significance comes through;
- Participating in your community of faith in ways that make it part of your family's emotional support system."

Tracy's Musings—from Tracy Springberry, Intern Minister Report from the Hunger Action Class

On March 12, the Hunger Action Class and other members of the UUCP community met to discuss ways our congregation could help alleviate hunger and food insecurity in the Palouse. We talked about ways to deal with short-term food needs as well as ways to help with the underlying causes of hunger.

Emergency food needs are typically dealt with by food banks and more sustained help is available through programs such as food stamps or, for the elderly and disabled, through Meals On Wheels. The underlying causes of hunger and food insecurity such as poverty, unemployment, and life skills are challenging to address. The Hunger Action group decided to focus on assisting with food support systems while building relationships with the people who use these systems to discern what kinds of assistance might help them move from being food insecure to food secure.

The following is a list of actions that the group determined would be both helpful to the Palouse community and achievable by the UUCP:

Fill volunteer slots at local food banks and Meals on Wheels. All the food banks are staffed primarily by volunteers and never have quite enough. We can find UUCP members to fill these slots.

Summer food drive. Local food banks often struggle to keep shelves filled in the summer when college students who regularly conduct food drives leave. This might include collecting food at grocery stores and engaging our small groups and committees.

Develop a UU email list to answer emergency food calls by food banks. Local food banks sometimes put out an emergency food call when their shelves are nearly bare. The UUCP could be one of the churches that answer these calls.

Provide volunteers for food rescue program at UI. Students throw away a lot of food at the end of the year. A group at UI collects it for the food bank. They

need volunteers to help and the UUCP could provide a block of volunteers.

Staff longer hours at local food banks. The UUCP would volunteer to staff regular evening hours at a food bank, so it could better serve working clients. Food banks are typically open in the middle of the day.

Help our children raise food for food banks. Through Backyard Harvest local gardeners can provide food to local food banks. Due to high costs, people who are food insecure often do not eat fresh fruit and vegetables. We would help children learn both to garden and serve a need in their community.

Become one of the churches that drive for Meal on Wheel in Pullman and Colfax. Churches sign up to recruit drivers from their congregation for a month each year. We can become part of the program in January.

The group also discussed longer term plans to alleviate emergency food needs:

Remodel kitchen to be a commercial kitchen. We could prepare food for needy people

Create soup packets for the food banks. These would be made with inexpensive ingredients and be easy to prepare.

Provide cookbooks and nutrition information. These could help people with few resources learn to eat with less. One idea is to have food cooking at the food bank and hand out samples, recipes, and ingredients.

Give cooking classes on inexpensive, delicious cooking. Those that attend three classes would get a free crock-pot.

If any of these project appeal to you, please contact Tracy Springberry at tracyspringberry@comcast.net or (509) 638-5316.

A Word on Greeting From Your Outreach Committee

During the month of April members of the UUCP Board of Directors and their families will be our friendly Sunday Service greeters! Come say hello to the dedicated and friendly folks who help to keep our church running! We are grateful for their welcoming spirit.

If you or your group would like this opportunity to greet, please contact Joan Webb or Caitlin Cole.

Best Western Pantry Receipts

Please remember to save your Best Western Pantry Receipts. We have received over \$415 so far this year! You may turn them in at the Church Office, the collection plate, or mail to Sue Allard. Remember it is the cash register receipt not your credit card copy that works.

A thanks to Best Western whenever you dine there is nice.



From the Director of Religious Education

Happy Spring!

I am glad to report, that despite the weather setbacks, it looks like Spring is finally here, because the snowdrops and crocuses are peeking out of the ground, and all creatures great and small are around and about—

including my llama who has been huddling all winter inside and has refused to step feet (all four of them) out of the barn, until now. That's how a camelid owner knows spring is here—forget Punxsutawney Phil!!

When it comes to llamas and their cousins alpacas, the 4/5/6 class may be able to provide you with a little camelid information as they study the use of alpacas by the indigenous people of Ecuador. These woolly creatures provide a means of self sufficiency for families living on lands too fragile to farm, but which can be grazed by alpacas because their padded feet and manner of grazing are easy on the fragile soils of the Andean mountain ecosystem. They are just some of the animals provided by *Heifer International* in its efforts to provide sustainable self-sufficiency for struggling families and communities around the world. As part of this semester's theme on *Environmental Awareness*, we will be launching a fundraiser for children to help raise money to purchase an animal of their own to donate to help families become self-sufficient, called "*Read to Feed*", and "*Fill the Ark*" on April 13. More information about these programs is included in the RE insert.

April is a very busy time for RE and is also the time to think ahead in the year:

Mark your calendars the Sunday of April 20 for the yearly Youth Service-- planned, created, organized and facilitated by our very own Young Religious Unitarian Universalists! The Youth have some surprises for us with a special service on "Thought Provoking Q & A with the High School Youth Group", with speakers being various youth taking turns to answer questions submitted at previous Sunday Services. Music will be an eclectic mix of traditional songs from the hymnal and a mix of songs put together by David Sappington.

By the time you probably read this, six of our Youth will have become international travelers, as they are headed out to Spring Conference at Evans Lake in beautiful British Columbia, Canada, on April 4-6. Known as "CONada", the purpose of this spring's conference is to identify stereotypes held against Americans, Canadians, and people in general in everyday life, as well as to discover ways to shatter those stereotypes.



Highlights will include a coffee house; dance; group activities; "mind whirling worships"; authentic "Canadian" workshops; and the usual great staff and participants. Bravely heading this expedition "up north" as chaperone and driver is youth leader Archie George. The Youth who are

embarking on this adventure are Katie & Chloe Barnes, Abby McMurtry, David Sappington, Ethan Nilsson, and Annie Cantrell. Not bad for our small congregation, eh?

Sadly, our very own Anne Gorman will be leaving us the end of this year, and the essential question is "Who could we possibly get to replace her as Nursery Supervisor extraordinaire?" The RE Committee and myself will begin the process of searching for a replacement for her position in April, and are looking to having somebody hired and on board for next year by the end of June. If you know of any candidates that share all of Ann's lovely qualities of responsibility, organization, reliability, humor, and exceptional love and ability to relate to young children, please let me know.

We are also thinking of instituting a Volunteer Nursery program next year, for all you grandparents, potential grandparents, and adults with general "baby fever" that would love to spend one Sunday every couple of months playing with babies and toddlers, but would be able to hand them back over to their parents at the end of an hour. Where else can one coo and talk baby talk to someone other than your dog, and get away with it, when no other adults are listening? If interested, please contact myself, Rev. Kayle or someone on the RE Committee. We would like to get the program up and running by September.

Finally, a little poem to celebrate the end of winter, and the onset of new life:

End of Winter

**Bare-handed reach
to catch**

April's

Incoming curve.

Leap

**higher than you thought you could
and**

Hold:

Spring,

Solid,

Here.

By Eve Merriam, *It Doesn't Always Have to Rhyme*



A Note From Our Music Director

Greetings to all -

Spring is finally here, even if it's taken time for the weather to cooperate. I'm certain that during the relentlessly hot days of summer, we may all remember this past winter and spring almost fondly.

I wish to give many, many thanks to everyone who participated in Music Sunday this year, celebrating Sandra Haarsager's amazing life and many talents. Old friends and new participants – the UUCP is truly fortunate to have the variety and depth of talent possessed by all the musicians in its membership. Special thanks to Sandra's dear friend Mindy Cameron, who came down from Coeur d'Alene to be our Celebrant, and Dennis Haarsager, Sandra's beloved husband, who helped provide the readings for the service. Best wishes to Dennis in his new venture as interim head of NPR in Washington, DC. The Palouse's loss is definitely America's gain.

As we approach the end of the traditional UUCP calendar year, there are only five more non-choir Sundays left to fill with music. If anyone would like to provide Call to Worship or Meditation Music, please feel free to contact me any time, either via phone or email or by speaking to me directly between Sunday services. Have a wonderful April, and thank you for your support of the UUCP music program.

Cheryl Weiss, Music Director

In the Family

Please hold in your thoughts: John Davis, who is recovering from having his gall bladder removed; Marta Robertson, who is recovering from a fall; Brian Groseclose, whose mother is dying and will be coming home on hospice soon; and Adrian Aumen, whose brother is dying.

Our condolences to: Ami Scott, whose grandmother recently passed away from cancer.

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

Surprise Pals Potluck Sunday April 13

Don't Forget! The *Surprise Pals* Potluck is on Sunday April 13 in the Yellow House from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Please bring a dish to share and come meet your pal!

Because the majority of the children attending RE classes come to the 9:30 class, I have decided to hold the Potluck after the 9:30 service, so that the majority of children and their parents do not need to wait around until after the 11:00 service. This also allows for the young adult *Surprise Pals* who are participating in *O.W.L.* classes, to meet with and share lunch with their pal.



If you are a *Surprise Pal* participant, or a parent of an 11:00 child and want to participate in the Potluck and still attend service that Sunday, please try to come to the 9:30 service. Or you can meet with your child's pal until the 11:00 service begins, and then you can leave her or him with their pal and the RE crew and attend service as you usually do. If you cannot attend the potluck, be sure to let your pal know!! Contact Janet Granja at 882-4328 or dre@palouseuu.org.

UUCP Highway Clean-Up April 13

Highway clean-up will be Sunday, April 13. Meet at the Church at 1:00pm, after the *Surprise Pals* Potluck, and we will carpool to the site.

This will be the first clean-up on our new section of highway, so let's have a good turnout. The more people we have the faster it will go!

Although the sign says "Unitarian Universalist Youth Group", this is multi-age activity. Youth junior high age and above may come without a parent, **but we need drivers.**

Younger children must be accompanied by a parent or designated adult. Please bring water and snacks to share, and gloves if you have them. We have the ever-fashionable orange vests and garbage sacks.

For more information, contact Margaret Dibble, 882-4749 or mdibble@uidaho.edu.

Secretary's Office Hours Have Changed

The Secretary's new office hours are 8:30 am—12:00 noon, Monday through Friday. If these hours just don't work for you, call 882-4328 or email uuchurch@moscow.com and we'll work something out.

Social Action Committee News

The Social Action Committee has a busy few weeks in store for those who would like to get out and enjoy Spring in Moscow.



On the morning of April 12, UUCPers will gather at the Junior High Cafeteria from 8 to 11 to make "pizza bottoms" for the Renaissance Faire Pizza booth. No experience necessary, just a willingness to work and be a part of this wonderful annual tradition. Contact Mary Jo Hamilton for more information.

On the afternoon of April 13, join UUCP "youth" of all ages in our semi-annual highway clean-up. Bring work gloves, we'll supply the cool safety vests. Contact Margaret Dibble for more information.

On the evening of April 18, there will be an extra special event at the UUCP: Answer-- A Haitian Evening. The Social Action Committee will be sponsoring the event along with the Human Rights Task Force and the Moscow High School International Club. Check out the accompanying article for more information.

Moscow's CommUnity Walk will take place on April 26. Walkers will gather at 12:00 noon at Friendship Square for music and speakers. At 12:30, the

walk to East City Park will begin. When we get to the park there will be a community meal and more entertainment and speakers. The main dish will be provided but those who wish to contribute can bring a side dish or desert to the park at noon.

A shuttle will be available to transport people between the Park and Friendship Square.

The Social Action Committee will coordinate the UUCP Pizza Booth at Renaissance Fair on May 3 and 4. Last year's Ren Faire fundraising raised \$2000 (after expenses) selling the food items people have come to expect: our UUCP's famous black bean burritos, homemade tomato and basil pizzas baked on site, a delectable chocolate cake known as "Jeanne Jacobson's Scotch Cake", a pound cake, brownies, and organic, shade grown hot coffee

We need volunteers to assist with tasks including desert baking, coffee making, help with recycling, and working a shift on the days of the faire. Look for the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or contact Mary Jo Hamilton or Ellen Thiem.

The Next Social Action Committee Meeting will be April 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement.

UUCP Library News

There's a whole shelf of new books to check out since our last writing - we've even had to add another bookcase! When you are at the library in the Yellow House, look to the left of the built-ins to find the new books on the top two shelves of the new bookcase. Thanks to everyone who has generously donated such interesting and relevant material. Here's a sampling of the newest authors: Joan Didion, Kahil Gibran, Judith Wallerstein, David Kuo, Sue Monk Kidd, M. Scott Peck, Conrad Wright, and Noam Chomsky, Sam Keen, and Barbara Ehrenreich.

An easy way to **browse the new books from home** is:

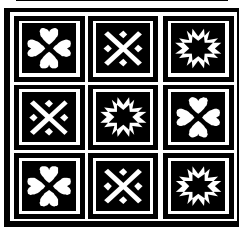
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- Click in the box marked "All fields" and select "Tags"
- In the empty box to the left, type: **new**
- Click the "Search" box

Use your browser's back arrow to return to the full catalog. For more information on any of the books in the online catalog, click on the book's cover and choose "social info" to find book descriptions, reviews, and links to discussions.

We are also working on adding the Children's books to the online catalog. So far, we have the Children's Fiction and Picture Books online. To view these books, follow the above steps, but replace "new" with "children's fiction" or "picture books".

New Library Hours: The library is open Mon-Fri from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon -- see Summer in the Church office for access -- and whenever the Yellow House is open and the first floor is not in use. If you'd like us to hold a book for you for pick-up during Sunday services, just email library@palouseuu.org. Also, please let us know if you have any questions, problems, or suggestions. Happy Reading!





Purple Paisley Quilters (PPQ) News

The PPQ has been busy this month. We finished our latest raffle quilt, now officially called Dresden Plate. I personally put in the last two feet or so of the hand-stitched binding, although many people worked on this quilt. It has gorgeous hand quilted feathered wreaths in the blocks alternating with the appliquéd Dresden plates. Raffle tickets will go on sale at the Service Auction, making it a Hot Covers item, and thereafter will be available from any member of the PPQ. All profits, of course, go to Good Causes. Thank you for your anticipated support.

We have also been working hard on making wool-covered seat cushions for the chairs in the sanctuary. We have one for each chair currently being used, plus some extras. You would be surprised at all the sophisticated machinery it takes to fabricate those cushions. The whining sound coming from the kitchen would be someone cutting up the foam with an electric knife. Others are cutting up the fabric with scissors, cutting board and rotary cutter. The chatter of a sewing machine indicates the assembly of the cushion covers, accompanied by the hissing of the steam iron. The final part is silent - fitting the cushion to the cover and closing the final seam by hand. Take a minute on a Sunday morning and see if you can spot the new cushions.

An alert member of the Outreach (formerly Membership) committee let us know a baby is due soon in the congregation, so we have been working on a baby quilt as well. The top is one Marta Robertson made, with some of her signature fabrics and her excellent sense of color. It will be a lucky baby that receives this quilt.

I want to invite everyone to the annual PPQ Lunch and Site Visit to the Palouse Patcher's quilt show, this year on April 12. The Pot Luck lunch will

be at 12:00 noon in the church basement, followed by a trip to the quilt show. It will be a busy day, as the morning will be taken up with pizza bottom making at the Junior High School kitchen, a prelude to the Renaissance Fair. No, I don't think we will be having pizza for lunch, but you never know. The lunch is open to everyone who likes quilts, quilters, and/or food.

We have also been working on our fundraiser for Greg Mortenson and the Central Asia Institute. This will take the form of a tea at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 5 at the 1912 Center titled "Three More Cups of Tea". If you would like to help by serving tea, making some cookies, or participating in set up and clean up, contact Nancy Nelson, the head organizer of this event. We also could use more teapots and cream-and-sugar sets. Please come to the event, see a video of Greg's talk earlier in the week at the University of Idaho, and discuss his book, *Three Cups of Tea*. Bring your checkbook; this is a cause well worth supporting.

Alert reader Judy LaLonde discovered a poem that evokes past PPQ retreats and adventures, where we often toast the sunset with wine and Cheetos. We hope there will be many more of them. Here is the poem, slightly modified for the reading audience:

The gritty, orange fingertips of the PPQ
pry the Cheeto from the foil bag,
lift it to the light: irradiated twig.

The flavor-burst of supercharged cheese—startling,
salivary.

Lick blameless fingers bare.

Oh, it brings a tear to my eye, and a nostalgia for
summer nights and good companions. We need to start
planning our next adventure soon.

UU Niagara Experience

Join UUs from around the country in Niagara Falls, July 20-23, 2008!

Come experience the wonder of Niagara Falls including some great educational opportunities while being taken care of like royalty.

The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four day *UU Niagara Experience* which is a lifetime opportunity to encounter the Falls up close from every perspective. Spend four days with us exploring the rich history and natural beauty around the Falls. For information visit our web site : <http://www.uunex.net/>

You don't have to be UU to join us.

April 2008

YHM Yellow House, Main Floor
 YHB — Yellow House, Basement
 YH2 — Yellow House, Second Floor
 CS — Church Sanctuary
 CB — Church Basement

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Dates to Remember

- Mondays:** PPQ, 7:30 pm, CB
Tuesdays: Wholly Cronos, 12:00 noon, Kayle's Office
Wednesdays: Men's Group II, 7:00 pm, YH2
Thursdays: Choir, 7:00 pm, CS
Sundays: Youth Group, 6:30 pm, CB

Wednesday April 2 *Building Your Own Theology Better & Deeper* adult RE class, 7:00 pm, YHM

Thursday April 3 *UU Retirees' Luncheon*, 12:00 noon, University Inn Best Western (p. 10)

Saturday April 5 *Lunch w/Rev. Kayle in Pullman*, 11:45 am, at Rico's (p. 11); *Three More Cups of Tea*, 2:00 pm, 1912 Center (p. 8); *Service Auction*, 6:30 pm, CS & CB (p. 16-17)

Sunday April 6 *Pagan Soul*, 6:30 pm, CS; *UUCP Mah Jongg Group* meets, 6:30 pm, at Mark Hume & Mary DuPree's home (p. 11)

Wednesday April 9 *Family Ministry Team* meets, 2:00 pm, CB (p. 3); *Building Your Own Theology Better & Deeper* adult RE class, 7:00 pm, YHM; *Sunday Services Committee* meeting, 7:30 pm, CB

Saturday April 12 *UUCP Pizza bottom making party*, 8:00 am, Moscow Jr. High School (p. 7); *Path to Membership* class, 9:30 am, CB (p. 1)

Sunday April 13 *Surprise Pals Potluck*, 10:30 am, CB (p. 6); *UUCP Highway Cleanup*, 1:00 pm, meet at UUCP (p. 6)

Tuesday April 15 *Social Action Committee* meeting, 7:00 pm, CB (p. 7); *Board Meeting*, 7:15 pm, YHM

Wednesday April 16 *Building Your Own Theology Better & Deeper* adult RE class, 7:00 pm, YHM

Friday April 18 *The Aswea—a Haitian Soiree*, 6:30 pm, CS & CB (p. 12)

Saturday April 19 "Com-Com" meeting, 9:30 am, CB (p. 11)

Wednesday April 23 *Building Your Own Theology Better & Deeper* adult RE class, 7:00 pm, YHM

Saturday April 26 *Moscow CommUnity Walk*, 12:00 noon, Friendship Square (p. 16); *Pullman UU Gathering*, 5:00 pm, Ana & Steve Dodgen's home

Sunday April 27 *Newcomers' Lunch*, 12:30, CB; *Small Group Ministry Facilitators* meet, 6:00 pm, YHM

Monday April 28 *Directory Update* deadline

Tuesday April 29 *Living By Heart*, 6:30 pm, YHB

Wednesday April 30 *UUCP Book Discussion Group*, 7:30 pm, Lynn McCreight's home (p. 13); *Building Your Own Theology Better & Deeper* adult RE class, 7:00 pm, YHM



UU Retirees Luncheon

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

All are welcome!

To explore UUCP, browse www.palouseuu.org

April Birthdays



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Lunch with Rev. Kayle in Pullman

At the recent Pullman potluck it was suggested that Rev. Kayle come for her monthly Pullman lunch on a Saturday instead of a Friday, so that more folks may attend.

Thus she will be glad to meet Pullman folks at Rico's at 11:45 am on the following dates: April 5 (then you can attend the Service Auction that evening!) and May 17. Hope to see you then!

UUCP Mah Jongg Group

Mah Jongg will be meeting this month on Sunday, April 6 at 6:30 PM at the home of Mark Hume and Mary DuPree, 320 N. Adams St., Moscow.

Bring your Mah Jongg set if you have one, and a snack to share. Please call them and let them know you plan to come (882-8615). All are welcome, even total beginners. We play for fun.

"Com-Com" Meets April 19

On Saturday, April 19 from 9:30—11:30 am, we will have our spring "Committee on Committees" (aka "Com-Com"). All committees are encouraged to have at least one, preferably two folks come and share about what's happening in your committee.

The purpose of "Com-Com" is to keep everyone apprised of committee activities. As we grow in program, it's important to keep that communication flowing. It's also a step toward "policy governance," currently being explored by the Board of Trustees.

Renaissance Fair Is Coming!

Moscow's premier arts and crafts festival will be coming soon, the first weekend in May. UUCP will be there with our famous UUCPizzas and black bean burritos.

Don't miss out on a chance to be a part of the fun! Sign up on the poster in the lobby to help make pizza bottoms, bake a delicious dessert, serve a shift as a chef in the booth, help put up and take down, and sundry other tasks.

All of our profits are given to charities. This is a great event that shows off our UU church and its commitment to social justice work in the community. It's also a lot of fun! Contact Mary Jo Hamilton if you have questions; 882-0443 or mhamilton@vetmed.wsu.edu.

Beautiful Things for Sale

Just in time for Mother's Day

Silk scarvesLight catchers***Cards***

Choose something to celebrate yourself
or a special person in your life.

Sundays April 20 and 27 between services.

Help Debbie Grieb and Veronica Lassen,
our delegates to GA, buy their plane tickets to Florida.
Donations gladly accepted!

Pullman UU Gathering

Pullman UUs will gather once again on April 26 at 5:00 pm at the home of Ana and Steve Dodgen, 625 SE Crestview, Pullman. Bring a dish to pass! If you have any questions for the Dodgens, please contact Ana at anadodgen@verizon.net or 332-5365.

Hope to see you then!

Sunday Services Starting June 15 To Begin at 9:15 AM

On a trial basis, and to provide members and friends of the congregation with more daylight in which to enjoy outdoor activities and anticipated good weather, Sunday Services Committee has voted to begin the single services during the summer months at 9:15 am. Our single-service Sundays begin June 15.

Please mark on your calendars that services beginning June 15 will start at 9:15, and enjoy the additional daylight and good weather.

It's Directory Update Time Again

In an effort to keep the UUCP Directory as current as possible, a new Directory will be published in early May 2008. Please check your current listing and notify the office of any changes no later than April 27.

There are several options for checking your Directory listing:

- Starting April 6, a "rough copy" of the new Directory will be available on the greeter's table. Mark any changes on this copy, and they will be incorporated into the new Directory.
 - Directory Update forms will also be available. Fill out a form with your current information & return it to the office.
 - Call the office at 882-4328 or email uu-church@moscow.com with changes, or to have the Secretary check your listing in the database.
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Food First!

Reflections on serving Meals on Wheels, by Marguerite Thoreson

I am glad to be part of Meals on Wheels in the Palouse area. This non-profit organization is coordinated by Stephanie Emerson and guided by a volunteer governing board serving the Palouse area since 1970. The 28 volunteer drivers deliver hot lunches and sack meals to about 50 individuals, most of whom live in their own homes. Cost is \$3.00 for hot meals and \$2.50 for sack meals. Most participants pay for the meals themselves, but some receive grants or receive the service via United Way or from private sources.



Teams make weekly or bi-weekly deliveries. Dan Schmidt, Joan Webb, Sherrill Richarz and I are one delivery team. The meals are prepared out of the area and frozen. Stephanie heats the packaged meals at the old Latah Care facility. We pick them up and deliver them piping hot to the recipients. They smell great, and judging from the comments of the recipients they are very good.

Some of the folks on our delivery list are long term participants and others are recipients following illness or surgery. All become our friends. One invites

us in to see the new tricks her dog has mastered. Another whom we discovered had no phone or a way to even call a cab has now been provided with a cell phone. Many live rather isolated lives with no friends or family nearby, and our visits add a touch of warmth and belonging to their lives.

Working with Meals on Wheels has been a rewarding experience for me. I feel good about the service we provide. As I receive the greetings and the thanks from the participants, I find myself singing one of the Girl Scout graces I have sung for years and many times teach as I train leaders. It is called the World Hunger Grace and goes like this:

For food in a world where many walk in hunger,
For peace in a world where many walk in fear,
For friends in a world where many walk alone,
We give you humble thanks, Oh Lord.

These words seem to speak for Meals on Wheels. For me, this is a good opportunity to live what I believe in. If you would like to participate, please contact Stephanie Emerson at (208) 338-2572.

A TASTE OF HAITI: THE ASWEA – A HAITIAN SOIREE

Come to the **Aswea—A Haitian Soiree**. Friday, April 18 from 6:30-9:00 pm at the Unitarian Church of the Palouse. Haitian food, music, a slide show, skits, and a silent auction will be enjoyed by all. This is a great chance to learn first-hand about life in Haiti!

Admission is \$5 and tickets are available at BookPeople or at the door. The event is being sponsored by the Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse, the Latah County Human Rights Task Force, and the Moscow High School Human Rights Club and International Club. Funds raised will go to for travel expenses and human rights activities in Haiti.

Have you met Afelene Rosemond, teacher and human rights activist who is visiting Moscow from Haiti? She is from the rural community of Matenwa on the island of LaGonave off Haiti's coast. She arrived in Moscow January 8 and will stay until May 8. In Haiti, Afelene teaches preschool and is a member of a women's group which uses popular theater to promote social change, especially surrounding issues of women's and children's rights.

While in Moscow, Afelene is learning English and has performed in a play at LCSC, and at the UI Women's Center, and she is visiting preschool classes and dance classes for young children. Her goal is to be able to help members of her community interact better with people from the US who offer them assistance.

Her visit is being sponsored by Nancy Casey, who travels to Matenwa for several months every year. Also assisting the visit are Moscow High School teacher Leeanne Eareckson and her daughter Anne Gorman who visited Matenwa last July, and Annie Cantrell, who is housing Afelene.

At the Aswea food will include rice and beans and dessert. There will be songs by Afelene, informational posters about food issues in Haiti and particularly on LaGonav, and the program will include a short skit about those issues. The slide show will be about everyday life on LaGonav including the daily challenge of finding enough food to eat. The goal is for people to leave with a better understanding of Haitian life and thinking about possibilities of future exchange programs.

Our book for April is *In the Company of the Courtesan* by Sarah Dunant. From Publisher's Weekly:

"Renaissance Italy enchants in Dunant's delicious second historical (after *The Birth of Venus*), as a wily dwarf Bucino Teodoldo recounts fantastic escapades with his mistress, celebrated courtesan Fiammetta Bianchini. Escaping the 1527 sacking of Rome with just the clothes on their backs (and a few swallowed jewels in their bellies), Fiammetta and Bucino seek refuge in Venice. Starved, stinking, her beauty destroyed, Fiammetta despairs—but through cunning, will, Bucino's indefatigable loyalty and the magic of a mysterious blind healer called La Draga, she eventually recovers. Aided by a former adversary, who now needs her as much as she needs him, Fiammetta finds a wealthy patron to establish her in her familiar glory. Through Bucino's sharp-eyed, sharp-tongued narration, Dunant crafts a vivid vision of Venetian life: the weave of politics and religion; the layers of class; the rituals, intrigue, superstitions and betrayals. Dunant's characters—the steely courtesan

Book Discussion Group



whose glimpse of true love nearly brings her to ruin; the shrewd and passionate dwarf who turns his abnormalities into triumph; and the healer whose mysterious powers and secrets leave an indelible mark on the duo—are irresistible throughout their shifting fortunes."

This book looks like a good read, particularly since I am currently reading a book about the Vatican intrigues that surround electing a new Pope. The discussion will be on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30 PM at Lynn McCreight's home, 317 S. Lincoln, Moscow.

Upcoming potential book selections

The Piano Tuner by David Mason

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

The Double Bind by Chris Bohjalian

Independent People by Halldor Laxness

Silence of the Grave by Arnaldur Indridason

The book discussion group is open to anyone who loves to read books and discuss them. Please call Mary Jo Hamilton (882-0443) or email mhamilto@vetmed.wsu.edu for more information or to get on the e mail list for reviews and notices of meetings.

A May Day Extravaganza!

At our services on Sunday, May 4 we will celebrate spring's newness with fresh beginnings! We will host a triple-dip extravaganza: Flower Communion, Child Dedication and New Member Recognition.

Flower Communion, unique to Unitarian Universalism, was created by Norbert Capek (1870-1942), who founded the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia. He had felt the need for some symbolic ritual that would bind people more closely together. The format had to be one that would not alienate any who had forsaken other religious traditions. We honor Capek and celebrate this unique tradition by bringing a flower to the service.

At the service's end, all will be invited to take home a different flower. By exchanging flowers, we show our willingness to walk together in our search for truth, disregarding all that might divide us, thus symbolizing our shared celebration in community. This communion of sharing is essential to a free people of a free religion.

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

New Member Recognition: If you've been considering becoming a formal member of the congregation by signing the book, come to this wonderful little ceremony to honor your commitment! We will also honor those who have become members in the past few months. Again, please let Rev. Kayle or the church office know by April 30th, and again let us know if you will be attending the first or second service.

Art on the Pedestal

Having art at the front of the church is better than not having art at the front of the church!

Jenny Rod has her own art easily at hand and has graciously agreed to display her art at the front of the church on Sunday mornings. Of course we welcome other people's art as well.

If you have art you would like to display on the pedestal at the front of the church, please contact Martha Schmidt at 882-6328 or schmidt6@turbonet.com





Read to Feed—Fill the Ark

“*Read to Feed*” is a reading incentive program in which children (individually or as a group) get sponsors for each book they read or have read to them from April 13 to May 18. The goal is to raise money to buy gifts of livestock, seeds or trees for struggling families who have few resources and need an ongoing source of income and/or food. Each sponsor sets a pledge amount for each book your child reads or unit of time he or she spends being read to—a penny, a dime, a quarter, or any desired amount.

The *Read to Feed* program is a part of a larger educational fundraising project called “*Fill the Ark*”, which, using the Bible analogy of Noah’s Ark, provides daily opportunities for families to donate money to an “ark” bank, which functions as a symbolic ark to preserve the rhythm of planting and harvesting with which humankind has been associated with since the days of prehistory. Devoted to protecting the environment by improving soil quality, preventing erosion, promoting forest health, sponsoring urban gardening projects, and offering training in the proper care and management of livestock, the projects funded by the ark bank monies are carried out through *Heifer International’s* gift giving sponsorships. The “banks” function somewhat like the *Guest At Your Table* boxes, in that they provide daily opportunities for family members to contribute, but they also come with a 4-week daily calendar, which offers a different emphasis and lesson for each day.

At the end of the program, children collect their reading pledges and the money collected in their “ark banks”, and then can individually decide what type of livestock or tree they would like to buy for families in need, generally smaller animals (rabbits, honeybees) flocks of chickens or geese, seeds or trees; or they can put their heads together with other children and pool their money if they wish to purchase some of the larger animals (llamas, water buffaloes, camels, pigs, cows).

Although the *Read to Feed* program can stand by itself as a secular fundraising program, the *Fill the Ark* program does include some biblical references, using the language and notion of “God” and “God’s creation” in the introduction to the calendar. But the basic ideas of resolving problems of greed and injustice with love and action seem to me to be very in line with Unitarian Universalist principles. The entire program offers global education opportunities, and a way for children to learn selfless giving in a fun and educational way.

Information booklets with enrollment forms will be coming home on *Social Justice Sunday*, April 6. If your family would like to be involved with this project, you can choose to participate in either the *Read to Feed* program, the *Fill the Ark* program, or both. Just fill out the enrollment form, check which program(s) you would like your child(ren) to participate in, and return it the following Sunday, when your child(ren) will be given all the necessary items—pledge sheets and envelopes, instructions, *Fill the Ark* banks and calendars, and even a *Fill the Ark* poster.



For the future,
Janet

Small Group Ministry

If you’re a newcomer to UUCP small group ministry is an excellent way to get to know other UUCPers in an intimate setting where discussion goes beyond coffee hour topics.

If you’re not a newcomer to UUCP small group ministry can be a forum for getting to know other UUCPers that might not have crossed your path yet.

Small groups of 7-10 people meet on a bi-monthly basis for sharing themselves and their experiences on themes selected by the group. With small groups meeting on several nights and afternoons during the week, there’s sure to be a group for everyone’s schedule. There’s even a group that meets in Pullman. For more information contact Rev. Kayle, Janice Boughton, or Laurie Gardes.



Guest At Your Table Funds

In case any of you have been wondering, the final tally on the *G.A.Y.T.* funds raised by the congregation, and collected and counted by the children in RE was \$495!! Wow! Congratulations to the children on a job well done in counting and rolling the coins!

And a hearty **Thank You** to Congregation Members for all their generous donations in helping to make possible all the great Social Justice work done by the UUSC.

Janet Guthrie-Granja, DRE



**Hot Dates,
Hot Dishes,
& Hot Deals!**
2008 UUCP Service Auction

Starting at 6:30 on April 5, the Main Event has many ways to help you. Let's count just some of them:

1. Need help getting your yard up to snuff?
2. Need a way to get your "stuff" to the landfill, or to your new home?
3. Need cheesecake???
4. Want to stalk mushrooms in the wilds of Idaho?
5. Want to learn about and taste local heirloom tomatoes?
6. Need someone to feed and/or walk your beloved pet while you're away?
7. Craving a margarita and enchilada?
8. Need dessert for when your family visits this summer or fall?
9. Want a night away from the kids??
10. Need a fabulous picture to complete your room décor?
11. Ready for a new bedspread to be the focal point of a bedroom makeover?
12. Need a summer cabin on the lake weekend or midweek getaway?
13. Want to see South Africa and Namibia but can't afford the airfare just yet?
14. Need a new stylish 2-wheeler to show your commitment to the environment??
15. Love flowers but don't have a green thumb?
16. Always wanted to play a musical instrument?
17. Ready to try a different approach to that persistent ache in your back?
18. Got tired dirt needing an infusion of something rich and stinky?
19. Love to eat fish but hate spending a day on the water?
20. Got an itch to dance but aren't sure where the best music is?
21. Enjoy Asian food but don't have a wok?

For the answers to these questions and more, don't miss the Hot Dates Hot Dishes Hot Deals event! Doors open at 6:30. Help yourself to hors d'oeuvres with wine and non-alcoholic beverages while you peruse the offerings. Desserts may be purchased by the slice that night, and many more can be bid on, provided at your convenience if you're the winning bid. **Come early to sign up for meals – they're usually first come, first served, and are for a limited number of guests, so they go quickly.** The silent auction items will go to the highest bidder on the signup sheet on the tables. The live auction items will be announced by our auctioneer, Pete Klaiber, starting about 7:30. Be sure to get a bid number when you arrive, and proudly wave it high and often during the bidding! Childcare will be available in the basement. Talk to Joan Webb to volunteer to bring food.

How do you make the evening even more fun? **Dress up in a Hot Deals Hot Dishes Hot Deals theme!** Only you can decide how to interpret that message best for you. See you there!!!

See page 16 for a partial list of current offerings!

A partial list of current Service Auction offerings:

- Meals: Fish dinner
Gourmet southwest dinner
Mexican vegetarian dinner
Full course outdoor “Idaho dinner”
Heirloom tomato brunch
Multi-course Asian Dinner
- Desserts: Crème Brulee’
Rummy Yummy Rum Cake
Baklava
Cheesecake – flavor of your choice
Key Lime pie
- Adventures: Morel Mushroom Hunt
Windy Bay Cabin
South Africa and Namibia slide show w/dessert
Cruiser bike
Theological and/or spiritual discussion over lunch
A gently-used flute
- Home Décor: Donna Bradberry framed, original watercolor print of Mt. Hood
Chinese tapestry
Vintage prints and engravings
Weekly flower bouquet
Queen bedspread with Aztec Sunstone design
- Gift Certificates and Items Too Exotic to be Classified:
Acupuncture session or Shiatsu massage
Personalized Prayer/Blessing
Pet sitting
Yard clean-up
Use of flatbed trailer and truck with driver
Horse foot trim
Childcare
Book on the spiritual adventure of parenting, co-edited by Tracy Springberry
Rare and unusual books

Moscow CommUnity Walk—Walking on Common Ground

“Walking together, embracing unity, to experience our common humanity”

When? Saturday, April 26, gathering at 12:00 noon

Where: Friendship Square

Who: Moscow Community, anyone and everyone!

At 12:00 noon, Moscow Community members will gather at Friendship Square for music and community speakers.

At 12:30 pm, eh Walk will proceed to East City Park with balloons, banners, and flags.

The celebration will continue at East City Park with more music, speakers, games, activities, and student essay awards. Everyone is invited to join in a community meal at about 1:30 pm; main dishes will be supplied but those who wish to contribute can also bring a side dish or dessert to the park at noon. A shuttle will be available to transport people between the Park and Friendship Square. The event will likely end at 4:00 pm.

A Monthly Teleconference Call— Growing in our First Principle as Social Change Agents Compassionate Communication Consciousness for Congregations

With the current Study Action Item: Peacemaking, many of us have seen how congregations orient themselves towards working on both inner and outer peace - looking for compassion as a means for peace in all our relationships and in our social justice activities. We strive to express our deep conviction in the inherent worth and dignity of all people while also living authentically and powerfully.

To help us grow in this practice of growing our embodiment of our UU First Principle, the Compassionate Communication working group for Peacemaking is proud to announce the monthly conference call.

I will be leading coaching/facilitation on how to be powerful, authentic, and compassionate activists to reduce suffering across the web of life as it plays out in different cultures, geographical areas, ethnicities, political states, species, and habitats. We will include communication with people with opposing views, with policy decision makers, and in conflicts that occur among UUs working on social action. It may also be helpful in terms of engaging and motivating others within congregations to become involved in social action issues. In addition we will work on the stories we tell ourselves - offering self-empathy so that we can nurture our own spirit as we offer healing to the world.

The first phone call is Friday, April 4th, 7 p.m EST, and will repeat on the 1st Friday of each month.

Call: 1 (906) 481-2020, key: 972710

Please join one another and pass the word on. Please review the information on what will be covered during the calls, specifics on how to join a conference call, and what preparation you might enjoy via our website: <http://uuspeakpeace.org/web/>

In the hope of peace,

LoraKim Joyner

Compassionate Communication Working Group Co-chair, UU Fellowship of Gainesville

"Gay and Ordained: Living Across the Great Religious Divide"

Rev. Bradley Schmeling, a Lutheran pastor, will be coming to WSU on April 10 to discuss sexual orientation and Christianity. The event will be open to the community and free.

Date and Time: Thursday April 10, 2008, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Location: Todd Hall, Room 216, Washington State University

Rev. Schmeling will address the cultural struggles around issues of homosexuality and how they are a foil for other social and religious struggles. Schmeling proposes that there are several competing "Christianities" (i.e. different theological voices of the Christian faith) that are operating out of some fundamentally different principles. One set of principles were primarily developed in the Enlightenment-Reformation period. Another set of principles evolved as a response to issues of postmodernism, in which metaphor and aesthetics have become the central principles that frame the "truth" of Christianity. These struggles take place when issues of Biblical interpretation, authority, and gender come to the surface.

Rev. Bradley Schmeling serves as the pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Atlanta, Georgia. In January, 2007, he was put on trial by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) for being in a same gender relationship with Rev. Darin Easler. Although the jury removed him from the roster, it suggested that the policy was bad and should be changed. Their decision initiated an unprecedented attempt to change the policy with memorials adopted by 21 synods. Although the 2007 church wide assembly for the ELCA did not change the policy, it did encourage bishops to act with restraint and to refrain from disciplining the church's GLBT pastors. Ordained in 1989, Schmeling graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio and served Calvary Lutheran Church, Columbus before moving to Atlanta to enter doctoral work at Emory University, Atlanta. Bradley was called to St. John's in 2000 at still serves as their pastor. He lives in Midtown Atlanta with his partner, Darin Easler, and their cat, Mr. George Bailey.

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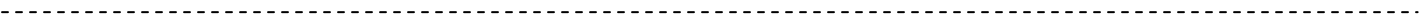
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