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June 1, 9:30 & 11:00 am

What Is To Be Said

Speaker: Walter Plywaski

Celebrant: Michael Tarabulski

Walter Plywaski was born in 1929 and spent much of his youth in a Jewish ghetto in German-occupied Poland, and later in several Nazi concentration camps. He survived this terrible time in history and made his way to the US where he earned a degree in electrical engineering from Oregon State College in 1957. Walter now lives in Boulder, Colorado.

June 8, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Stone Soup Sunday

Speaker: Tracy Springberry, Intern Minister **Celebrant:** Rev. Kayle Rice

Come celebrate community at our annual Stone Soup Sunday. Our high school seniors will be bridging into young adulthood at the 11:00 service, and the congregation will share the nourishment of soup after the 11:00 service. Bring items to contribute to the soup and congratulations for our youth.

June 15, 9:30 am

Poetry and Short Prose Sunday

Speakers: The Congregation

Celebrant: Janice Willard

A UUUCP summertime tradition--bring your original poem or someone else's poem you want to share with us. By request, you're invited to share short prose as well--a paragraph or two, let's say. There will be time before the children depart for RE for them to share poems with the congregation too.

Today we begin our one-service summer Sundays.

June 22, 9:30 am

The Roots of Sexual Aggression

Speaker: Eric Wegner

Celebrant: Melodie Rai

Eric Wegner has been working with social scientists and martial artists to develop a program of women's personal safety training for high school and college aged women, based on an evolutionary understanding of sexual aggression, and providing appropriate training in verbal and physical self defense skills to provide a range of responses to situations from sexual harassment and unwanted attention to actual assault.

June 29, 9:30 am

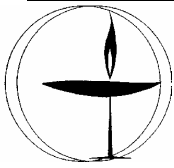
Flow Revisited: Csikszentmihalyi Meets Ellis

Speaker: Steve Cooke

Celebrant: Judy Brown

Mihalyi Csikszentmihalyi describes the psychology of optimal experience in his 1991 book called *Flow*. Flow is described as the optimal combination of challenge and skill. Albert Ellis, the father of cognitive behavior therapy, has explained how to cope with frustration by being both disappointed and accepting of reality. Are these secular theories of grace? Are they competitive or complementary?

Please see next page for July service information.



From the Pastor's Pad

As we head into the summer (could it truly be?), here are some year-end thoughts:

*I am extremely grateful for our intern minister Tracy. She is my first opportunity to supervise an intern and her presence brought a depth to my professional, theological and personal life. To have a ministerial colleague on staff when for so many years I've often felt isolated professionally, has been pure joy. I hope that our congregation has challenged Tracy as she edges closer to becoming a "real minister" (heck, she's already a "real" minister, but one has to abide by the UUA standards); Tracy has helped to stretch my own comfort level as a person and professional. The best news? She'll be with us for a second year! Tracy, we wish you a summer of rest and peace and look forward to your return in late August.

*Thank you, thank you to all who participated in the fantastic animal blessing service! The event was thoroughly planned by Pagan Soul and neatly executed by Janet Guthrie-Granja, the Willard-Nilsson family and the children of our RE program. We had mostly dogs...the absolute best behaved dogs I've ever seen. Many dearly departed animals were blessed as well as three cats from Costa Rica (in absentia)! Bunnies, chicks, a turtle and two cats also attended. But the best part of all were the llamas, led by Janice and Robin, which were paraded into the sanctuary to lead us out

into the beautiful sunny, albeit windy day, where an angora goat, two lambs, and a rooster patiently awaited their blessing. The RE kids read wonderful poems--some touching, many funny--about animals. And I wandered through the aisles, quietly asking our pet friends' names and murmuring, "May you live a long life of love and peace", or "Thank you for the joy you gave to your family." There were tears among many parishioners. And the really cool part was there was no need for "Poo Crew" action (aka my Brian)!! Pretty darn good considering there was a wedding following the blessing service!

*And finally I extend a grateful thanks to John Pool for his good service to our congregation as Board President. He is wrapping it up this summer, to be followed by Karen Faunce. From my first interview as a ministerial candidate to the present, John has walked with me every step of the way and I'm very grateful to have had his counsel...and his friendship. Thank you, John!

May you all enjoy the summer. Be safe as you travel, connect often with good friends, read a lot and most of all take advantage of our sweet summers here on the Palouse. And don't forget to save water from your travels or adventures for our ingathering Water Communion Service on August 24th!!

With great love and respect,
Kayle

July 6, 9:30 am

Speaker: Donna Bradberry

We will celebrate and learn more about this nation's amazing history of the development of the individual's right to religious freedom and the right of conscience. We will explore the people and events in our nation's early history that resulted in a most unique freedom and document--our 1st Amendment in the Bill of Rights.

Religious Freedom and the First Amendment

Celebrant: Steve Cooke

July 13, 9:30 am

Speaker: Dan Schmidt

The concept of informed consent in healthcare is at the nexus of responsibility and paternalism. We will examine this legal concept and consider the medical profession's response to it. What does this tell us of what is expected from our professionals? What does this tell us of ourselves?

Informed Consent

Celebrant: Judy LaLonde

July 20, 9:30 am

Co-Celebrants: Tami Moore and Jim Weddell

It's been 10 years since "sister" Tami Lea Moore invited us to celebrate gospel music in our Unitarian-Universalist church, and the response has been phenomenal. Join Sister (now Reverend-Doctor) Tami Lea, and Rev. Jim-Bob Weddell as we send Tami joyfully back to Oklahoma with a 10-year Anniversary Gospel Music Send-Off. A traditional "lunch on the grounds" will follow the service. Please bring a dish to share. The moonpies and RCs are on Rev. Jim-Bob.

10th Annual Gospel Music Celebration

July 27, 9:30 am

Speaker: Melodie Rai

Seasons. Some we hate to see go, some we hate to have come, and around here we certainly value our sunny days! For me, seasons mean more than a time of cold or a time to plant and go fishing. Seasons help me balance my living, providing me with lessons and with hope. I'll explain what I mean.

More than Just a Season

Celebrant: Eric Wegner



From the President ~ Living on the Cusp

Hail, Farewell and Amen

I've been stewing about this column, my last as President of the Board of Trustees, for the last five days and 1,600 miles. I spent the second week in May volunteering at the "living" museum that is the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, in Chama, New Mexico. In a column I wrote last spring I speculated that the rise in gas prices would bring about a significant shift in the patterns of volunteer work at places much removed from where we live. I saw such a shift in Chama; there were far few volunteers this year than is normal for a May work session.

I suspect what this means in a long-term, global sense is that historic sites that are far removed from population centers, such as the Cumbres & Toltec, will find that the struggle to survive comes at too great a cost and will shutter operations. And so our historical artifacts will gradually disappear and we will become increasingly a "now" culture with fewer and fewer actual—as opposed to literary—ties to the past.

While energy costs may change the pattern of volunteer activity on a regional or national level, locally we continue to see strong commitment to our beloved community that is the UUCP. As I leave office after three and a half years as a Board member, I'd like to apprise you of other changes in congregational leadership.

But before I do that, I want to alert you to a change in the way we do worship on Sunday mornings. After much debate, and in light of the on-going congregational discussion on the subject, the board at its April meeting decided to adopt a trial Sunday morning schedule as follows: the first service to start at 9:30, fellowship time to start at 10:45, second service to start at 11:15. This will allow the services to be of equal length if necessary while not making the morning so long that the choir could only participate in the first service.

The Board will evaluate this schedule in the spring of 2009, and ask the congregation to vote to maintain the new schedule, or return to the present schedule. We'll have a year to work the kinks out, and decide if this is a schedule we can live with, or not.

Returning to the subject of congregational leadership. Roger Wallins, who has been leading the Sunday

Services Committee with his usual élan and savoir faire for a couple of years, stepped down May 1. During a tumultuous time in our history he has made available to us wise counsel and a great deal of wry humor.

Replacing Roger as head of Sunday Services is Martha Schmidt. I got to know and appreciate Martha when we served together on the Ministerial Search Committee that brought Kayle here. I felt then, and have seen no reason to change my mind in the interval, that Martha, with her deep concern for the continued health of our community and her ability to speak plainly but compassionately, is the sort of person to be cherished and listened to.

Stepping into the chairpersonship of the Music Committee is Fred Toerne. I don't know much about Fred, save that he is very engaging, smiles readily and has a singing voice that I very much envy; I rather suspect that Fred has leadership potential that will serve us all very well in the coming years.

As I found out when I attended the UUA General Assembly in Portland last summer, many UU churches operate on a July to June "year" rather than a calendar year such as we have here on the Palouse. Through happenstance, our board leadership will this year change on the same schedule. In June I'll drive to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the site of this year's GA. There I'll serve as one of the UUCP's official delegates, the others being Debbie Grieb and Veronica Lassen. GA ends June 29. On the 30th I'll step down as Board President; on July 1st we will have a new Board President. Who that will be is an open secret; it will need to remain so until the board votes on my replacement at its June meeting.

The last three years have seen a lot of change in our community. The experience has taught us about ourselves and renewed our commitment to positive change. I feel honored to have been a part of the process and would like to think that I've served honorably, if not always wisely.

Namaste

John Pool

Tracy's Musings—from Tracy Springberry, Intern Minister

On June 8 after Stone Soup Sunday I will complete my first year as the intern minister at Moscow. I will take the summer off and return August 24 for Water Communion and my second and final year with you. The first year of intern ministry at the UUCP has been a blessing.

You are a wonderful, energetic, and thoughtful congregation full of wise and caring people. You have been great teachers as I have worked to learn the skills and art of ministry. I feel myself growing as a minister as I find my gifts, my challenges and my style.

The best parts of my year have been getting to know you. I've met people thinking about theology in class, working for social justice, partying at all church events, and considering the issues brought up in the morning's sermon. I've gotten to know people struggling with life's challenges and excited about life's opportunities. It seems we are all people trying to live life as well as we can with as much love, meaning, and integrity as we can muster.

The quest to live life so that it is rich, full and

healing for us and the world is never easy or simple. Finding one's way can be difficult. We must learn the best way to focus our time, energy and gifts. We must live so that in each moment we truly appreciate and are grateful for the miracle of being alive. We must bless the world to make it the best place for all of us to live. But how do we do it?

Helping each other love and bless the world is the work of our religious community. Ideally, as Unitarian Universalists we assist each other as we understand our experience, articulate our values, and discover our beliefs. We then help each other to live in ways that are congruent with our values and beliefs. People are social creatures. It is hard to learn to live well and then much harder to actually do it without the support of a community. We need each other in this life-long quest. This year, you have been there, supporting me, as I have learned more fully what it means to love and bless the world as a future minister and a person. I am thankful for that.

Behavioral Covenant Update

Submitted by Gene Trainor

The Behavioral Covenant Committee ("BC Team") has been meeting for several sessions to organize the those projects, issues, and programs that appealed to the participants in the UUCP's efforts to determine its direction for the next year and beyond. At the workshop lead by Stan Crow and Devon Greyerbiel, over 125 behavioral values were identified by the more than 35 people who participated in the meeting. These values were sorted into categories. The first draft Behavioral Covenant for our congregation will hopefully be posted for your thoughts this summer. In the fall we'll begin a series of conversations to complete the process.

A behavioral covenant reminds us how we wish to be treated, and how we agree to treat one another. As Stan Crow said, it's a promise to another made in love. And it is far healthier to begin the process of such covenanting before the need for one arises out of some conflict.

BC Team members are: Melodie Rai, Gene Trainor, Rod Sprague, Janice Willard and Rev. Kayle. Our next BC Team meeting is scheduled for June 3rd.

Reminder from Louise Ashmun, Collection Treasurer

I have a problem--too many blank memo lines! Please be sure to **use the memo line** on every check you write to UUCP so I can credit your contribution or payment to the appropriate fund.

Each week I receive checks made out to UUCP for 07 pledge, 08 pledge, 08 Service Auction, NPR donation, intern support, facility rental, and special collections. The only way I can accurately track individual charitable donations is to know (via the memo line) the payer (you) and fund being paid into with every UUCP check I process and deposit. This is especially important now that many of you will be paying your 08 Service Auction bills along with your 08 Pledge.

If you use an on-line bill paying service through your bank, please check the "payee form" for a memo field and use it. Questions? Just email lashmun@hotmail.com or call 883-9502. Thanks, in advance, for your help with this!

—Louise

From the Director of Religious Education...

Now that summer is finally here (can we really say that?), the RE program launched the first days of summer with a field trip to the **Moscow Community Garden**, to plant the seeds they were given at the *Flower Communion* service, as well as some seedling starts by Claire Lichtenfels, and onion sets donated by *Spring Valley Nursery* in Troy.



The RE program has rented a small plot for the summer with the idea of planting and harvesting produce through the summer (for lettuce, radishes and fast-growing produce), and in the fall for late maturing produce (pumpkins, broccoli, beets, tomatoes, beans and beets), and donating it to *Backyard Harvest*. The children adeptly turned soil; planted seeds (including rows of marigolds around each square section of garden to provide a smelly barrier to hungry pests); mixed in “llama bean” manure to each planting to give each seed a nutrition packed start; applied “Eau du Ladybug” to the area to lure those helpful insects to the site to keep an eye out for plant-eating aphids; and (under the guidance of our adult volunteers and teachers), helped weed the area by making dandelion flower chains and wreaths.

Kudos go to Claire Lichtenfels for weeding and composting the plot in preparation for our planting expedition—with only a pitchfork in hand, she single-handedly removed large strands of Canadian thistle, dislodged clumps of dandelion weeds (or as the children would consider them, “flowers”) and waged a battle against outcrops of pigweed and bindweed. Thanks to her efforts (and her idea for the garden in the first place), the ground was ready and inviting when the children arrived to plant.

Now that the planting is done, we need help from congregation members to help maintain our Garden plot through the summer. There is a *Sign-Up* poster in the Church foyer for families and individuals to volunteer a week during the summer to water, weed and harvest any produce (such as lettuce) that should be ready for picking in July and August. There will be a bin from *Backyard Harvest* at the **Community Garden** site to drop any produce you harvest. Weeds can be deposited at the back of the Garden site, where the composting bins are located.

The **Moscow Community Garden** is located at 1050 West “C” Street, across from the Emmanuel Lutheran Church on “A” Street, and is managed and operated by the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI). There are maps to the garden’s location next to

the *Sign-Up* poster. The UUCP plot is number 1, on the far right side facing the garden.

I will be working through the end of June, in exchange for some time off which I took in April and May to visit with my son and attend trainings--a BIG THANK YOU to the RE Committee

for their support in this. I will then be “off- duty” in July and part of August, and will return in mid August to meet and plan next year’s RE Program with Rev. Kayle, Intern Minister Tracy Springberry and the RE Committee. However, even though I will be absent as Director during July and August, you will still see my face around the church as part of the volunteer teaching staff twice a month—it seems the teacher in me can’t let go—either that or the UU bug has gotten under my skin [I wonder if some “Eau du Ladybug” would help]!!

Because I will be doing a lot of work from my home during June, my office hours will be limited to Thursday and Friday afternoons from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. However, I will be available most days to meet with you individually if you need to talk to me or go over RE matters, and you can always contact me via email at dre@palouseuu.org, which I will be checking daily.

I wish to thank all of you for your wonderful support which has helped make this one of the most rewarding journeys I have ever embarked upon. Those of you who know my teaching history would agree with me when I say that this has been an “expedition” of growth, discovery, adventure, love and loads of fun!!

In closing, I celebrate the spirit that gardens and summer’s long-hoped for arrival poses, and leave you with a poem by Eve Merriam, from It Doesn’t Always Have to Rhyme:

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

Dive into grass
body my bathysphere
taking me past green
blue-black
to blinding white below
then up through midnight
kick clear, shake free and run to
overtake the sun
mount that burning snowy peak
eat my fill of cherries
then slide down the sky
flinging the pits at stars I pass by
bull’s eye

Religious Education News

The *O.W.L.* class held its final class and parent presentation on May 18, with the youth doing an excellent job calmly and professionally presenting some of the lessons and material they had learned, to proud parents who were amazed and humbled at the maturity and openness of their “babies” talking about sex and sexual choices. The delicious food provided by the families helped ease any uncomfortableness that might be felt, and soon all were laughing and having a good time. Overall, the youth participating in the *O.W.L.* class seemed to have formed a strong bond, which was very apparent at the group’s one *Movie Night*, which turned out to be very successful and fun for all. If any adults would like to volunteer one night a month over the Summer to host a monthly *Movie Night*, to keep this current troupe of Jr. High youth together and talking as a group, RE will provide the snacks and the space. Please contact Janet Granja if you are interested.

By most accounts, the first ever UUCP *Animal Blessing Service* was a huge success with all creatures great and small-- human, canine, feline, reptile, bird, caprine, camelid and otherwise. All present seemed to settle into a shared calmness during the readings, songs and blessing of the animals. Conceived by the *Pagan Soul* group, supported by Rev. Kayle, and implemented by Janice Willard and her family, and the children of the RE classes, the *Animal Blessing Service* was not only an intergenerational service but was one that actively involved the children and the other furred, feathered and scaled members of RE families that have not traditionally attended services. The children read poems and stories about animals, acted as ushers for people and pets, collected pet food during the *Offertory*, and cut out and decorated yellow and green bandanas for the dogs to wear at the service. Lost pets were remembered and candles lit for them, and memories of animal loved ones were shared silently by all. The grand finale of Janice and her daughter Robin leading their two family llamas into the church and out onto the patio for the blessing of the farm animals was the “piece de resistance” of a service that recognized the seventh principle of Unitarian Universalism-- **Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.** What a perfect way to end this Spring semester’s theme of *Environmental Awareness*!

The *Heifer International Fundraiser* ended on the day of the *Animal Blessing Service*, with children turning in the monies they raised reading (in the “Read to Feed” program) and filling their *Ark Banks*. Currently, over \$400 was raised, with a few contributions still coming in. The children will decide which animals they wish to “purchase” for families during the last Spring Semester RE classes on June 1. I will let you know which animals the children chose to “Fill the Ark” with, through the weekly e-mail once their decisions have been made.

This year’s *Teacher Appreciation Dinner* was expertly planned and delightfully executed by Margaret Dibble and hosted by Marguerite Thoreson Browne at her beautiful house. Teachers were honored for their gifts of time, patience and dedication, and for the diverse skills they brought to the RE classes, with a fine Italian dinner, wine and special recognitions. Honored as well were Anne Gorman for her professional and reliable management of the Nursery over the last few years, and Jason Wellman for his valiant and creative work as our RE Assistant and overall Renaissance man of many skills. A huge CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to all the teachers and other RE supporters who give and keep on giving, including the grand appreciator herself, Margaret.

The RE Program is still seeking a Nursery Coordinator to take over Anne Gorman’s position, as she is leaving this month to go to Europe before she heads on to college and the world beyond the Palouse. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Janet Granja.

The RE Committee is looking for new members to fill vacating positions. The responsibilities are few, and the rewards many, as you can help shape the RE program and its future for our children. Please contact Janet Granja or Al Poplawsky if you are interested.

Best Western Pantry Receipts

Please remember to save your Best Western Pantry Receipts. You may turn them in at the Church Office, the collection plate, or mail to the church or 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.



Religious Education Summer Plans:

✓ This second Sunday in June, *Stone Soup Sunday*, serves as a bridging Sunday for our congregation. First, we will welcome 3 of our graduating seniors into young adulthood through our annual *Bridging Ceremony*. **Anne Gorman, Kenna Gardes** and **Diane Norton** will be entering a new phase in their lives in our community and the world they will soon take on. Please join us at the 11:00 service to be apart of this heartfelt celebration! We will need young adults from our congregation, as well as junior high youth as participants in the ceremony, so please contact Janet Granja if interested—your roles are highly valued!

✓ *Stone Soup* also helps us to bridge into the church's summer services which are always inspiring thanks to the hard work of many, many members including Michael Tarabulski and Ken Faunce. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grade children will help with the actual preparation of the soup, while the younger children will be making place-mats, and folding napkins at the *Yellow House* in preparation for setting up the dining tables, as well as baking bread and cookies. Junior High and High School students are welcome to stay and participate in the rest of the service. This year, at the 11:00 service, the *Children's Story* and the making of the *Stone Soup* will not take place until **after** the Bridging Ceremony, so that **all** the children can be present to honor our graduating seniors as they "bridge" into adulthood. The serving of the *Stone Soup* meal will take place after the 11:00 service, around 12:30pm.

✓ For those children who missed the *PCEI* presentation of "Animals and Plants of the Palouse" that *PCEI* was scheduled to present at both services on April 27, [but due to scheduling mishaps, only presented at the 11:00 service], they will be starting off the summer with another presentation on June 15. If the few children who were present at the 11:00 service and saw the excellent presentation liked it, you can participate a second time that Sunday—one can never have too much of Palouse flora and fauna demonstrations, especially when you are trying to impress your friends and family....

✓ This summer, we will be piloting a new UUA created curriculum, *Tapestry of Faith*. This curriculum weaves together many of the facets of some of the older curricula of *Social Justice*, *UU Identity*, *World Religions*, and others into a program that seeks to give children integrated experiences that are anchored in narratives and hands-on activities, keeping the religious program "religious". The lessons are designed to allow children to learn Unitarian Universalism with their minds, hearts and hands. According to the UUA, each program "will nourish the child's quest to understand what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist, holding our children in love, igniting their passion for justice, and satisfy their need to know more deeply the diversity and wholeness of our Unitarian Universalist faith.". This summer's program will select a couple of threads from this curriculum and introduce it to our children through the RE classes. Because of the smaller number of children attending RE classes, the grade-level classes will be divided into two different combinations: PreK through Second grade, which will meet on the main floor, and Third through Sixth grade, which will meet in the old 4/5/6 class on the top floor. Because this curriculum is taught in a sequential arrangement, the summer classes will be taught in the traditional format, using a lead and assistant teacher team that rotates through the month.

- The PreK-2nd grade classes will be exploring the curriculum, *Moral Tales*, which will attempt to provide children with the spiritual and ethical tools they will need to make choices and take actions reflective of UU beliefs and values, through the medium of story telling, followed by discussion and then either games or crafts that demonstrate the moral fiber of the story told.
- The 3rd through 6th grade classes will be using *A Tool Box of Faith* curriculum to discover what aspects of UU faith are helpful to them as tools to face and manage the challenges of life. They will also use stories as a path to opening discussion, and will follow up with more advanced games and co-operative activities.
- And of course the program will continue to incorporate all of the current rituals of the Yellow House—lighting the chalice, and the sharing of *Joys and Concerns*, and the most important part of all—SNACK TIME!! The Summer Coordinator of all this new summer madness will be our very own RE Assistant, Jason Wellman.



A Note From Our Music Director

Dear UUCP members -
As the church year closes, I wish to thank so many people. First and foremost, I thank Reverend Kayle for her hard work and leadership in the church. I cherish the excellent working relationship she and I have cultivated and look forward to our future collaborations. Second, Summer Stevens has been such a great colleague, juggling her many responsibilities and giving her best to all of us who work with her. She helps me so much with administrative aspects of the music director's position, making sure the newsletter columns, bulletin information, and payroll and billing figures are turned in on time.

Jonathan Mann has been an extraordinary addition to our music staff. His seemingly limitless keyboard talents and sense of musical style add much to the choir performances and the weekly services. Martha Schmidt has been an outstanding Music Committee Chair. Our loss is the Sunday Services Committee's gain. However, our new Music Committee Chair Fred Toerne has picked up where Martha left off and I look forward to our work together.

The choir members have been so loyal and faithful to our music making mission. Thank you to Tina Bredeson, Marty Godchaux, Carol Cook, Holly

Wendell, Martha Schmidt, Kathy Dawes, Fred Toerne, Rod Sprague, J.D. Stevens, Duane DeTemple, Michael Irvin, and Nick Gier for your consistent participation, dedication, and musical growth throughout the year. Also, thanks to Donna Holmes Parks, Bridget Esterhuizen, and John Weiss for joining the group at various times throughout the year.

I am especially grateful to the various groups that perform throughout the year, such as the UUCP Recorder Choir and String Players, Trillium, Jellybeans, Sesitshaya Marimba Ensemble, Janice Willard and Robin Nilsson, and the Geezer Squeezers accordion duo. Our music program is richer and stronger because of all of your collective talent. The Music Sunday tribute service dedicated to Sandra Haarsager remains a wonderful memory because of you and your cohorts.

I look forward to working with Barbara Greever in streamlining our music library filing and updating our music storage system and wish to thank her in advance. I also thank John Poole, Steve Cook, Ken Faunce and Beth Toerne for their support and advice this year regarding the music program and its budget. And, finally, thanks to everyone in the UUCP congregation for their continued support. May you all have a restful, enjoyable summer. See you in August!

Best -
Cheryl Weiss, Music Director

UUCP Grande Ronde Rafting Trip

The Annual UUCP **Grande Ronde** Rafting Trip is coming up. This year promises to be a special year with higher water flows. Maybe we can go all the way to Heller Bar this year! Here are some details for this year's trip:

•**When:** July 3rd to July 6th

•**Where:** We leave the Minum store about noon on Thursday, July 3rd. We get off the river at either Troy (Oregon) or Boggans on Sunday the July 6th. Usually we raft on three of the days, and spend a layover day on a beach.

•**How Much:** I have reserved 5 rafts from Jim at the Minum Store. If you want one, please contact me soon! The rafts were \$75/day last year and I expect a similar price this year. If you have your own equipment or want to rent from the U of I, that's great. Jim also does car shuttles for about \$100 per car. **Rafts:** *have 2 RAFTS available from the Minum Store. They MUST be reserved them from me by June 6!*

The way the trip works is we go down as one big group and camp together. We do not cook together. You can form smaller groups to cook together or join Jerry G for a bowl of noodles. I have reserved the rafts but once you reserve one from me you are responsible for paying for it. Camping is rough on big benches. We do have to carry poop buckets.

For more info or to reserve one of the rafts, contact David Nelson at 301-2266 or dnelson@moscow.com



June 2008

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

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	9:30 & 11:00 am Service 6:30 pm Pagan Soul, CS 6:30 pm Youth Group, YHB	2	3	4	5	6	7
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YHM Yellow House, Main Floor
 YHB — Yellow House, Basement
 YH2 — Yellow House, Second Floor
 CS — Church Sanctuary
 CB — Church Basement

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			1	2	3 12:00 noon UUCP Retirees' Luncheon, Best Western Appaloosa Rm. UUCP Grande Ronde Rafting Trip begins	4	5
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Dates to Remember

- Mondays:** PPQ, 7:30 pm, CB
- Wednesdays:** Men's Group II, 7:00 pm, YH2—on hiatus for the summer
- Thursdays:** Choir, 7:00 pm, CS (last mtg. June 5; meetings resume Sept. 4))
- Sundays:** Youth Group, 6:30 pm, CB
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- Sunday June 1** Pagan Soul, 6:30 pm, CS
- Sunday June 1** RE Teacher Appreciation Dinner
- Tuesday June 3** Behavioral Covenant Team Meeting, 6:30 pm, YHM (p. 4)
- Tuesday June 3** Childcare Task Force Meeting, 7:00 pm, CB
- Thursday June 5** UU Retirees' Luncheon, 12:00 noon, University Inn Best Western (p. 11)
- Friday June 6** Deadline to reserve raft from David Nelson for UUCP Grande Ronde Rafting Trip (p. 8)
- Sunday June 8** UUCP Mah Jongg Group meets, 6:30 pm, Donna & Brent Bradberry's home (p. 12)
- Tuesday June 17** Board Meeting, 7:15 pm, YHM
- Thursday July 3** UU Retirees' Luncheon, 12:00 noon, University Inn Best Western (p. 11)
- Thursday July 3—Sunday July 6** UUCP Grande Ronde Rafting Trip (p. 8)
- Sunday July 6** Pagan Soul, 6:30 pm, CS
- Tuesday July 15** Board Meeting, 7:15 pm, YHM
- Sunday July 20** "Tami's Got Her PhD and We're Moving" party, 11:30 am, CB (p. 12)
- Friday August 1** Second Annual Pastor's Hot Dog Roast, 5:00, Sunnyside Park in Pullman (p. 14)
- Sunday August 24** Two-Service Sundays resume, with services at 9:30 and 11:15 am.



UU Retirees Luncheon

The retirees will meet for lunch in the Appaloosa Room at the Best Western at 12:00 noon on **Thursday, June 5 and**

Thursday, July 3.

All are welcome!

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June & July Birthdays



June

<i>Amelia Stordahl-Williams</i>	<i>Kaia Goldsworth</i>
<i>Audrey Faunce</i>	<i>Kaia Werner</i>
<i>Claire Stordahl</i>	<i>Kenna Gardes</i>
<i>Ethan Jordan</i>	<i>Katherynn Scott</i>
<i>Jeda Tracy</i>	<i>Landon Dahl</i>
<i>James Huggins</i>	<i>Malea Saul</i>
<i>James Scott</i>	<i>Simon Jackson</i>
<i>Joe Tinney</i>	<i>Tanya Tarabulski</i>

July

<i>Martyn Dahl</i>	<i>Karina Kramer</i>
<i>Adelaide Willis</i>	<i>Linnea Sheneman</i>
<i>Coyote Palmer</i>	<i>Molly Jennings</i>
<i>Danielle Locke</i>	<i>Rachel Willis</i>
<i>Ethan Smith</i>	<i>Sarah Peery</i>
<i>Jennings Shook</i>	<i>Sevrin Smith</i>
<i>Jill Peery</i>	

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The First and ONLY

"Tami's got her Ph.D. and we're moving" Party!!

Please join Cathy Green and Tami Moore to celebrate their ten years in Moscow and at the UUCP on Sunday, July 20. Put on your heartiest singing voice and come out for the 10th annual UUCP Gospel Music Sunday service at 9:30am,

and plan to stay for lunch on the grounds afterward.

If you are planning to come for lunch only, we'd love to see you any time between 11:30am and 2:00pm. Cathy and Tami will provide the fried chicken and potato salad. Please bring a dish to share if you like. We'll be leaving for Oklahoma on July 21 so we look forward to this opportunity to say goodbye to our dear friends and UUCP family -- new friends and old are welcome to join the festivities.

Calling All Musicians



Our congregation has lots of talented people! One talented person, Greg Smith, has kindly agreed to play the piano for our summertime services.

Like everybody, Greg will be away some of the Sundays this summer, so there will be opportunities for some of our other musicians to play. Greg would be happy to share the joy, too: If you have special music you are wanting to share, there is need for Call to Worship and Meditation Music, too.

Please contact Fred Toerne, Music Committee Chair, at 509-336-

Sojourners' Alliance Seeks Board Members

Sojourners' Alliance, our transitional homeless shelter, is accepting applications for Board members.

1,2 and 3 year positions will be available this fall. For information please contact Executive Director Steve Bonnar at 883-3438.



UUCP Mah Jongg Group

The Mah Jongg group will meet on Sunday, June 8 6:30 PM at the home of Donna and Brent Bradberry. 1258 Wallen Road, Moscow. Please call (882-2830) and let Donna know if you plan to attend, and to get directions to their house. As usual, bring a Mah Jongg set if you have one, and a snack to share.

The Mah Jongg group is open to anyone, even rank beginners. We meet once a month. No previous experience necessary; we play for fun. For more information, call Mary Jo Hamilton, 882-0443.



UUCP Library News

The library has just received a grocery sack full of very interesting and varied new books donated by Rev. Kayle and Brian:

★ *Ralph Waldo Emerson: A Critical Edition of the Major Works*;

★ *Parenting With Spirit: 30 Ways to Nurture Your Child's Spirit and Enrich Your Family's Life*, by Jane Bartlett;

★ *Secrets in the Dark: A Life in Sermons* by Frederick Buechner;

★ *Autobiography of a Yogi* by Paramahansa Yogananda;

★ *Book Sense Best Books: 125 Favorite Books Recommended by Independent Booksellers*, Foreward by Barbara Kingsolver [includes recommendations for

both adult and children's books];

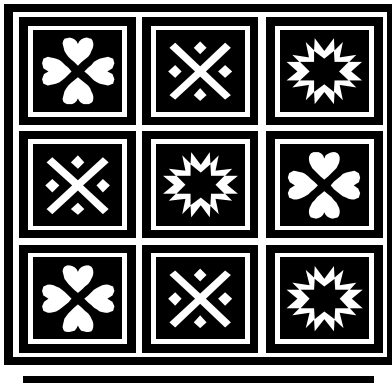
★ *Congregation: The Journey Back to Church*, by Gary Dorsey;

★ *Lighting the Way: Nine Women Who Changed Modern America* by Karenna Gore Schiff; and

★ *Buddha Is As Buddha Does: The Ten Original Practices For Enlightened Living* by Lama Surydas.

Write library@palouseuu.org to reserve any of these books, or visit the library Monday through Friday from 10:30 to 12:00 noon (see Summer in the church office for access). Also, when single Sunday services start on June 15th, you can visit the library in the Yellow House starting at about 11:00. On your way out of coffee hour, stop in!





Purple Paisley Quilters (PPQ) News

May has been a slow month for the PPQ, perhaps because May has been such a busy month in all other areas of life. We got our raffle quilt done in April and were sufficiently organized to sell raffle tickets at the

Renaissance Fair, giving us a nice head start on the summer raffle-ticket-selling season. Thanks to Marguerite Thoreson who organized this.

We have been doing small projects at PPQ on Mondays. We are working our way through the last of the chair cushions, using up all of the foam pads and consolidating our wool collection. We will have enough for all of the chairs in the sanctuary and a few in reserve. Judy LaLonde has been the main organizer of this project.

We have been working to get ahead on baby quilts. We have two finished and two more, at least, in process. You never know. Fall is sometimes a busy time for new babies.

We had an interesting quilt brought to us for a possible commission. It was made by a great-grandmother, and consists of 12 very large circles of muslin, pieced together with muslin between the circles. Each circle has an eight pointed green star appliquéd in the middle. Each point of the star has an appliquéd tulip at its tip. Colors and fabrics in the tulips are bright and fresh. The whole thing is hand pieced and appliquéd. The owner would like us to repair some of the stitching, then sandwich and hand quilt it so she can use it as a wall hanging. The edge of the quilt top has large scallops because of the circles, which presents a problem for a hanging. Anyway, we need to come up with a cost estimate that reflects the work we will need to do, and that she can afford to pay. We tend to underestimate the time these things take.

During the course of the summer we will be get-

ting the landscape quilt project organized so we can start piecing the remaining blocks. We will also be starting a beautiful pineapple quilt made from Hawaiian fabrics and batiks. Both of these projects come from the materials collected by Elle Boughton over the years. Come and join us - we have a lot of work to do!

Meanwhile, for your reading enjoyment, poetry from the Irish, and good words to live by.

Go On With Your Knittin'

(Unknown Irish Poet)

When the folks next to you act like those in the zoo
A grumblin', growlin' and spittin'
It's a pretty good plan
To be as calm as you can
And do something useful—like knittin'.
When a gossipin' Susan with poison barbed tongue
Comes into the room where you're sittin'
And starts to defame
Some neighbor's good name
Count your stitches out loud and keep knittin'.
When there's been a slight misunderstandin' at the church
And others hint broadly of quittin'
Why the very best thing
You can do is to sing
And stay at your post and keep knittin'.
When Satan moves in with his cohorts of sin
Say, "You'll never find me submitin".
You irk me I find
So get thee behind
And please don't disturb me—I'M KNITTIN'!"
In the middle of problems, the big and the small
It's always proper and fittin'
To trust and to pray
'Til the Lord shows the way
An' go right on ahead with your knittin'.

Book Discussion Group



The Book Discussion Group is taking the summer off. Check the September newsletter for fall activities.

Social Action Committee News

The Social Action Committee News will resume in the August issue of the UUCP News.





Food First!

Low income families in the Moscow-Pullman area continue to struggle with rising food and fuel prices and food banks have been hit hard. The UUCP Hunger Ministry is partnering with Backyard Harvest to provide fresh produce to our area food banks.

Backyard Harvest is in its third year of service, and so far has distributed over 18,000 lbs. of produce to families and seniors in need. The UUCP has rented a plot in the community garden to grow food to contribute, and is being tended by our UUCP families.

Backyard Harvest is looking for volunteers for the summer, including people to make produce pickups, form committees and help with web, legal and accounting. In the fall Hunger Ministry also hopes to support world hunger relief efforts. Contact Tracy Springberry for more details.

Water Communion & Ingathering

UUCP will return to two services beginning Sunday, August 24. Services will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. with coffee and fellowship starting at 10:45.

Be sure to bring water you may have collected from your travels on Sunday, August 24! We'll also have water available on the table if you so need.



Kayle's office hours for June and July

Rev. Kayle and Brian will be on vacation June 9 - 14. Her emergency contact number is 208-874-3821. There will be no formal office hours for the minister during the summer; they will resume the week of August 18th.

Kayle will be available for only emergencies in June and available for appointments the remainder of the summer. Contact her via the church office or her email: uukaylerice@gmail.com.

Second Annual Pastor's Hot Dog Roast

Join Rev. Kayle and Brian for the Second Annual Pastor's Hot Dog Roast on Friday, August 1 at Sunnyside Park in Pullman at 5:00 pm. Kayle and Brian will provide hot dogs, buns, and condiments; you bring a dish to pass, tableware, and your own beverages. If you wish to have a non-meat (or other meat) alternative for the grill, please bring this also.



Pastoral Care Team Development

What an opportunity! In late September there will be a training workshop in Pullman for congregations in need of strengthening their pastoral care ministry or wanting to begin such a program. The dates are: September 29-Oct. 2 at the United Church of Christ. For more information see www.befrienderministry.org. Rev. Kayle will be attending this conference.



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.



New Member Biographies

Michele D'Arcy Evans

Each year Michele flies back to Lancashire, England to visit her childhood home and family, but Moscow has been her home since 1989. She enjoys spending time with her two sons, Matthew, age 14, who loves music and skate boarding, and Michael, age ten, who loves computers, baseball and snow skiing. The family also shares their home with two dogs, Jenny and Casper, and four cats, Midnight, Annie, Tigger and Avalanche.

Evans, who is a nurse-midwife, is a professor at Lewis Clark State College in their nursing program. In England she taught at Oxford. She enjoys gardening in her spare time.

Brought up in the Church of England, she became acquainted with the UUCP through her good friend Peggy Jenkins. She feels comfortable with the people she's met through the church and likes the open, accepting atmosphere and the Unitarian Universalist philosophy.

Carol Clark

Singing in the church choir and gardening at her energy-efficient Viola home keeps Carol busy. Her property on Rothwell Road has a wind turbine for energy and the house has many features for use of renewable energy.

Carol and her partner Joseph Singleton are escapees from the crowded Las Angeles area. They arrived here in 1996 after researching several areas. Moscow seemed to fit their criteria for a University town set in a pleasant rural location. She grew up in Portland, Oregon then spent about twenty-four years in California where she raised her two children, Cathy Hansen who now lives in Oregon, and Bryan Clark, who is in Virginia.

She majored in biology in college and felt at home immediately when she took a position at the U of I in the office of the microbiology, molecular biology and biochemistry department.

Recently retired, she has joined the master gardener program in Moscow to expand her knowledge of gardening on the Palouse. She grows fruit trees, vegetables and flowers at their rural home where she and Joseph enjoy the peaceful quiet of the country.

Carol has attended UUCP off and on for years. She grew up a Presbyterian but felt uncomfortable with the guilt factor in that Protestant church. She enjoys the accepting attitude and feeling of community at the UUCP and relates to the ethical aspects of the church. She enjoys the variety of Sunday services and was recently impressed with a service that featured a panel of teenagers who answered questions from the audience. She said it was obvious that the young people had been encouraged to think for themselves.

In the Family

Congratulations to: Rod Sprague on graduating from the U. of I. and to the Marzolf family on their new home.

Please hold in your thoughts: Leanne Parker's mother, who is recovering from pancreatitis; and Adriana Aumen's brother, who is recovering from a serious auto accident.

Our condolences to: Karen Flint, whose pony died recently; Karen Faunce, whose dog died recently; Donna Holmes Parks, whose parents' dog had to be put to sleep; Sue Congleton, whose cat died; and Janet Granja, whose dog Reggie (present at our animal blessing service) has died.

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

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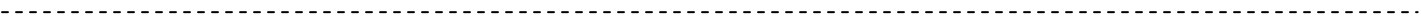
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