



UUUCP News

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August 3, 9:30 am

Speaker: Glen Buttars

Glen Buttars will discuss BioRegional Animism, which is a worldview that is responding to the need for a rediscovery and rebirth of earth-embracing world-views and seeks to grow new religious and cultural traditions based on the expressions of intimate relationship with the place we live. BioRegional Animism will appeal to people interested in Deep Ecology, Modern Paganism, Shaman practices, and Eco-Spirituality. To learn more visit bioregionalanimism.org

Spirit of Place

Celebrant: JD Stevens

August 10, 9:30 am

Speaker: Jessica Bearman

Philanthropy is usually practiced by individuals, but giving circles allow individual donors to pool their resources, learn together, and give back to their communities in substantial ways. We will discuss the Moscow Women Giving Together giving circle in the context of the national growth of giving circles and shared giving.

Giving Together

Celebrant: Laurie Gardes

August 17, 9:30 am *Myth, Metaphor and Meaning: An Artist's Pilgrimage*

Speaker: Gerri Saylor

An installation artist, Gerri Saylor returned to college to earn a BFA in studio art, graduating in May 2007. Little did she know that her art studies would morph into a joyful and profound sacred journey. She will describe how her art fused with myth and metaphor to emerge as a celebration of the cycles of nature, and more importantly, of being truly alive in this world.

Celebrant: Laurie Gardes

August 24, 9:30 & 11:15 am

Speaker: Rev. Kayle Rice

In today's annual Water Communion and Ingathering service, we will also celebrate the regrouping of our community. All of us: tiny drops of water; our community: the "sea" to which we return. Note: two services begin on this Sunday: 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

All Rivers Return to the Sea

Celebrant: Tracy Springberry, Intern Minister

August 31, 9:30 & 11:15 am

Speaker: Tracy Springberry, Intern Minister

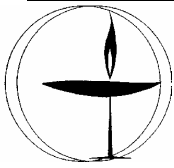
Come reflect on the sweetness of life.

Chocolate and Fruit Communion

Celebrant: Rebecca Rod

First Draft of the Behavioral Covenant on Page 11!!

Your hard-working BC Team: Melodie Rai, Janice Willard, Gene Trainor, Rod Sprague and Kayle Rice happily presents to the congregation the first draft of the proposed Behavioral Covenant. We are developing a process which over the next few months will empower the members and friends of the congregation to offer feedback on various portions of the covenant as well as how the covenant appears overall. The process will be detailed in the September newsletter, but in the meantime you are invited to jot down your thoughts and give them to any one of the team members. Feel free to email it to the church at uuchurch@moscow.com or drop it in Kayle's folder in the foyer.



From the Pastor's Pad

At press time, I felt I needed to address the recent shooting tragedy at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. I am grateful to all of you who sent me emails alerting me to this horrific event. Our Board President Karen Faunce informed me minutes before our church service began and as I dashed up to my computer, shaking in my shoes, my first thought was: how can we protect our own congregation, esp. our children? With the memory of the Moscow shooting of 15 months ago still fresh in our collective memories it's very easy to feel skittish about the possibility of such an incident occurring in our congregation.

I've asked our Board of Trustees to create a plan for appropriate emergency responses in case such an incident like this should take place in our church. We don't want to create a culture or aura of fear but instead have some protocol in hand. We've become accustomed to thinking that a church is a safe place...a sanctuary for all who enter through our doors, but in these times, this is sadly no longer true.

Your children may hear about this incident. Because this happened in a UU congregation, they may wonder if they will be safe at UUCP. This kind of anxiety is common, and open and honest communication is always the best. The UU Trauma Response Ministry website has some resources on responding to children in these situations, which can be found at <http://www.traumaministry.org/resources.htm>.

Coincidentally and most appropriately, the morning after this tragedy I received this poem in my inbox by Denise Levertov:

The Love of Morning

*It is hard sometimes to drag ourselves
back to the love of morning
after we've lain in the dark crying out
O God, save us from the horror*

*God has saved the world one more day
even with its leaden burden of human evil;
we wake to birdsong.
And if sunlight's gossamer lifts in its net
the weight of all that is solid,
our hearts, too, are lifted,
swung like laughing infants;*

*but on gray mornings,
all incident - our own hunger,
the dear tasks of continuance,
the footsteps before us in the earth's
beloved dust, leading the way - all,
is hard to love again
for we resent a summons
that disregards our sloth, and this
calls us, calls us.*

Let us keep our co-religionists in Knoxville foremost in our prayers and thoughts in the days to come, but let us also greet each new day with hope.

With great love and respect,

Kayle

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, tofu, 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.



UUCP at Lentil Festival

Planning is progressing for UUCP to have an information booth at the Pullman, Washington, Lentilfest Friday Night Street Fair on August 22.

An ad hoc committee with members from the Communications, Social Action, and Outreach committees has been meeting, planning, and getting ready for the event, which the UUCP Board of Trustees approved at its July meeting.

More help is needed to prepare for the event and at the event. This is an opportunity to say we are proud of our UU congregation and that we seek members, friends, and allies to help manifest our principles. To offer to help with planning and preparations and/or at the UUCP booth, contact project leader Brent Jeffers, (email: jeffersbrent@yahoo.com) who is in the church directory, or contact the church office.

Brian Leekley



From the President

Greetings,

It's been a few years since I've taken up the "pen" for this particular publication. It's exciting to do so again. As the new president of the UUCP Board of Trustees, I should probably do a brief introduction for those who do not know me before proceeding.

My husband Ken and I came to Moscow and to UUCP in 1997 with our three children. We moved here from El Paso, Texas and our fourth child was born here in 1998. There have really been two constants in my life, besides my family, since we moved to Moscow. One is the study and practice of Yoga, and the other is my involvement in the UUCP. So, you will likely detect a strong "Yogic Influence" to my outlook and style as a congregation member and in leadership. But the thing that best recommends me to this entrusted position is just a lot of years of involvement at different levels during our time at UUCP. I'm kind of a church lady, and I come from a long tradition of church lady-ship: mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, etc. I've served on committees, starting out on the Caring Team. I was the interim secretary one summer. I served as the Religious Education Director for five years. I've helped out on the Religious Education committee and the personnel committee, participated in Social Justice Committee activities, dropped in on the industrious Purple Paisley Quilters for wisdom and brownies, made coffee and volunteered in the RE program as a teacher. In fact, if you haven't met me, it's probably because I was over in the Yellow House.

My husband has also served in many leadership roles here. He's currently the chair of Buildings and Grounds. If this fact raises caution in your heart as you think "nepotism!" I assure you, that as much as we have tried, Ken and I have discerned no political or financial advantage to our mutual high involvement—just the usual intangibles of service. Ken, however, says he is excited to finally be "First Husband." I think

he's just looking forward to the diplomatic luncheons and to christening all those ships.

Our children still living at home are Audrey, age 14, frequently found helping in the nursery; and Eleanor, age 9, a regular participant in RE classes, but shy about lighting the chalice during the service.

On to business. There are always lots of exciting things going on in our church community, and I'll always try to spotlight some of them via this column. The thing that I'd like to mention this month is the Board's renewed commitment to Long Range Planning. Recently, long-time members Scott Cardell and Roger Wallins met with the Board to get guidance on proceeding with the re-invigoration of a formal Long Range Planning Committee. Questions of growth, facilities and mission highlighted this discussion. The Board is looking into scheduling a professionally facilitated Long Range Planning workshop, during which interested members and friends can join in the discussion and express their interest in participating in a permanent Long Range Planning Committee. So, please keep this in mind if you have experience on a previous incarnation of this committee, or if LRP is just dear to your heart. I promise to keep you apprised of future steps as they are formulated. For now, Roger and Scott have requested, and been granted, permission to seek out preliminary information on many subjects related to Long Range Planning for congregations. Their findings will no doubt be of use to the future committee.

There is always a lot going on at UUCP, and I will focus more on current activities and be less autobiographical in my next column. I hope you are enjoying the sweet summertime of the Palouse, and I look forward to seeing you in the sanctuary, in the basement, out on the grounds, in the Yellow House and out in our fine community.

Blessings and Namaste
Karen Faunce

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.



UUCP Youth Raft Trip

The UU Youth rafting trip is coming Labor Day Weekend, leaving Friday afternoon, August 29, and returning Sunday evening, August 31.

All youth – from 7th through 12th grade – are welcome and sure to have a great time on this camping/rafting trip. We set up at the Spring Bar campground up river from Riggins and drive up the Salmon River for repeated trips down the river with plenty of splashing and swimming. Food, rafts and rides are provided for approximately \$50 per person (same price for youth and adult helpers); campers bring their own tents and sleeping bags, although equipment to borrow can be found if needed.

This is a great chance to splash and swim and celebrate the last days of summer with UU youth. Everyone gets to paddle rafts together for instant team building. Lifejackets are worn at all times when in and on the water, keeping us safe as we enjoy get the river.

Adult drivers and helpers are always needed. Contact Margaret Dibble, Kimberly Green, or David and Nancy Nelson with any questions or to come along.

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

In the Family

Thank You to: Donna Holmes Park for donating a stereo player to the nursery; and Barbara Greever for purchasing the new file cabinets for the music program and for all the re-filing of the music!

Congratulations and farewell to Greg Smith and Elaine Green; Greg took a job in Corvallis, OR and Elaine will follow him at the end of the summer; and also to Tami Moore and Cathy Green, who have now moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma. We will miss these fine, super-talented folks!

Welcome back Amanda Nelson!! Amanda has returned from a year in Australia as an exchange student and a surfer wanna-be.

Congratulations to: Lysa Salsbury on her new niece, born in early June; Ana Dodgen's daughter, who has received a scholarship; Susan & Michael Irvin, whose son was married in late June; the Willis Family, who have moved into a new home; Neil Marzolf, who placed first runner-up in a music competition; and Karen Faunce, who completed 300 hours of training in Anusara Yoga and is now a certified yoga instructor.

Please hold in your thoughts: Betsy Goodman's daughter Kindra who was very ill earlier this summer but is now recovering at home; Joann Muneta's sister-in-law, who has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma; Janice Willard's step-father, who had a stroke in late June; Sarah Foster's great-aunt, who is having heart problems; Jeanne Jacobsen, who is recovering from gall bladder surgery & shingles; Cindy Magnason's son-in-law, who has been deployed to Iraq; Jim Weddell, whose testing after an abnormal blood report has gone well & is not as bad as had been feared; Tami Moore's uncle, whose health is failing; Emily Poor, who is recovering from a serious car accident; and Jenny Rod, who is laid up with plantar fasciitis.

Our condolences to: Tina and Jeff Bredeson on the recent death of his mother; Terry Grieb and his family on the recent death of his younger brother Roger; Laurie Gardes on the death of her brother-in-law; friends and family of Lois Butterfield, who died in early June; and Michael and Susan Irvin on the death of Michael's mother.

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

Pastoral Care in Our Congregation

On September 29 - October 2, there will be a workshop hosted by BeFriender Ministries at the Community Congregation United Church of Christ in Pullman. This is a "train the trainers" program.

Our own UUCP Caring Committee is limited in the scope of the kind of care they provide to our members. As we grow larger and more complex, it's becoming a necessity to formalize a Pastoral Care Team. Imagine my delight when it was brought to my attention that a training workshop is going to be right "next door". I plan to attend.

This training will help us to extend high quality pastoral care to more people, build and deepen the sense of community in our church, provide ministry opportunities for people who feel called to contribute to our church, enhance lay members' leadership skills and encourage spiritual growth for those involved in this important ministry. For complete information about the program, please check out www.befrienderministry.org. I also have information in my office.

It's important that two to five persons from our

congregation attend the workshop. There are four days of training and a packet of materials will be given as well. The cost for one person to attend is \$649, which I will pay for myself. Anyone else from our congregation who wishes to attend this workshop receives \$150 off this price which brings it down to \$499. Still steep and unfortunately our budget doesn't have the money to send anyone, but I believe it'll be worthwhile for those who wish to be trained as a leader creating a Pastoral Care Team in our congregation. Registration deadline is September 8th. **Please contact me if you wish to attend!**

Rev. Kayle



Backyard Harvest Drop Off at UUCP

Have extra garden produce to share? There is now a Backyard Harvest drop off at the UUCP!

The drop off is located on the West side of the patio between the church and the Yellow House, near the Yellow House deck. Pick up information is posted on the drop off bin.

An Election Year Reminder

The Unitarian Universalist Association is pleased to announce two important resources to help congregations carry out effective, nonpartisan electoral activities in 2008 and beyond.

"Elections are a great opportunity for Unitarian Universalists to get out into the community and make an impact, from registering and mobilizing voters to raising important issues," says Rob Keithan, Director of the Association's Washington Office for Advocacy. "The IRS places certain restriction on what congregations can do, and those boundaries need to be respected. However, there is a wide range of totally acceptable activities, and I sincerely hope that many congregations will choose to get involved. These two resources should help."

1. Updated Version of "The Real Rules" Now Available

In order to provide congregations with the best guidance possible, the UUA has released an updated edition of "The Real Rules: Congregation and IRS Guidelines on Advocacy, Lobbying, and Elections." The new version provides clear, up-to-date information on what congregation can and cannot do, drawing heavily on a binding decision issued by the IRS in June 2007. Most of the text comes straight from IRS publications, with sources clearly footnoted. Please discard previous editions and use the new one! You can access "The Real Rules" and other key social justice resources (see <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/resources/64711.shtml>.)

2. Election-Year Resources and Opportunities from Faithful Democracy

Faithful Democracy (<http://www.faithfuldemocracy.org/>) is a nonpartisan online clearinghouse made up of national faith-based organizations. The goal of Faithful Democracy is to educate and engage people of faith about the role they can and should play in the democratic process, thereby increasing the number of informed faith-based voters in elections.

The Faithful Democracy website features resources from member organizations on what religious groups can do and how they can do it, including voter registration, education, mobilization, and poll monitoring. The site also features theological reflections from a variety of religious leaders on the connections between civic participation and religious values. The Unitarian Universalist Association helped to form Faithful Democracy in 2004 and remains an active participant.

3rd Annual UUCP-Muslim Community Picnic

The Muslim Community of the Palouse deeply appreciates UUCP's kindness in hosting the potluck/picnic during the last two years, and the Community is keen to reciprocate. In that spirit, the Muslim Community (Pullman-Moscow) invites the UUCP members (and others from the Pullman-Moscow Interfaith Councils), to a potluck/picnic, to be held Sunday, August 24, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., Kruegel Park, Pullman, Washington. The Muslim Community will provide the main food dishes and beverages, and the UUCP has volunteered to provide dessert items. Kruegel Park has been reserved for the occasion, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., August 24, 2008. All are invited to join.

Note: According to the Pullman Chamber of Commerce, the best way to get to the Park is this: Coming from Moscow, soon after the bridge and the first stop light, turn left at Spring Street, and follow this street uphill--and then take a left at South Street; after a few blocks, there is the Kruegel Park. Or follow your instincts--there is a map in phone-books.

A Note from the Music Director

Dear UUCP members -

Here we are in the waning days of summer. I hope you all have had time for rest and relaxation as the new academic/school year approaches.

Although he has left, many thanks to Greg Smith for playing the piano earlier this summer. Thanks also to Jonathan Mann for filling in when Greg was not available.

The staff involvement in music starts again with Water Communion Sunday. Because so many people are still on vacation, choir will not begin rehearsals until after Labor Day. Look for information in the September newsletter for rehearsal times and dates.

Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Cheryl Weiss, Music Director

Adult RE Class:

Decisions, Groups, and Leaders

Beginning Wednesday, September 17, look for the 6-week class on decisions, groups and leaders, facilitated by Melodie Rai!

So much of our life occurs in groups. Come explore the dynamics of making a decision with more than 1 person! There will be more information in the September newsletter. Please contact Melodie at 883-2668 for more information.

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.



Summer's End 2008 Convergence

The Summer's End 2008 Convergence in North-Central Idaho is a gathering to promote developing meaningful relationships with the place where you live. It is a celebration of life and the end of summer and will be held at Mary Minerva McCroskey State Park, about 30 miles North of Moscow.

The gathering will take place on September 5, 6, and 7. You can come for all three days, or just an evening. Convergences are co-creative processes with the aid of the land and is brought forth from the basic principles of Bioregional Animism - this event is for anyone interested in Deep Ecology, Eco-Spirituality, Modern Shamanism, or Modern Paganism, and this is a special invitation extended to members and friends of the UUCP.

Go to www.bioregionalanimism.org for more information.

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.



August 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 5:00 pm 2nd Annual Pastor's Hot Dog Roast, Sunnyside Park (Pullman)	2 Palouse Pride 11:30 am Friendship Square, march begins 12:00 noon East City Park, Diversity Festival begins
3 9:30 am Service 6:30 pm Youth Group, YHB 6:30 pm Pagan Soul, CS 8:00 Moscow Conversation/Socrates Café, Book People in Moscow	4 7:30 pm PPO, CB	5 7:00 Social Action Comm. Mtg, YHM	6 7:00 pm Men's Group II, YH2	7 12:00 noon, Retirees' Luncheon, Best Western Appa- loosa Room	8		9
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24 9:30 & 11:15 am Services 1:30 pm 3rd Annual UUUCP-Muslim Com- munity Picnic, Kruegel Park (Pullman) 6:30 pm Youth Group, YHB Water Communion & Ingathering	25 7:30 pm PPO, CB	26 7:00 pm Living by Heart, YHB (final class)	27 7:00 pm Men's Group II, YH2	28	29 UU Youth Raft Trip begins		30
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Dates to Remember

- Mondays:** P PQ, 7:30 pm, CB
Wednesdays: Men's Group II, 7:00 pm, YH2
Thursdays: Choir, 7:00 pm, CS (resumes Sept. 4)
Sundays: Youth Group, 6:30 pm, CB
- Friday August 1** Second Annual Pastor's Hot Dog Roast, 5:00, Sunnyside Park in Pullman (p. 2)
Saturday August 2 Palouse Pride 2008: 11:30 March begins at Friendship Square; 12:00 noon Diversity Festival in East City Park
Sunday August 3 Pagan Soul, 6:30 pm, CS
Sunday August 3 Moscow Conversation/Socrates Café meets, 8:00 pm, Book People in Moscow (p. 10)
Thursday August 7 UU Retirees' Luncheon, 12:00 noon, University Inn Best Western (p. ??)
Wednesday August 13 Sunday Services Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, CB
Thursday August 12 Social Action Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, YHM
Sunday August 17 Moscow Conversation/Socrates Café meets, 8:00 pm, Book People in Moscow (p. 10)
Tuesday August 19 Board Meeting, 7:15 pm, YHM
Friday August 22 UUCP at the Lentil Festival, Pullman (p. 2)
Sunday August 24 Water Communion & Ingathering; two-Service Sundays resume, with services at 9:30 and 11:15 am.
Sunday August 24 3rd Annual UUCP-Muslim Community Picnic, 1:30 pm, Kruegel Park in Pullman (p. 6)
Friday August 29—Sunday August 31 UU Youth Raft Trip (p. 4)

Piano for Sale

Kawai UST-8C Studio Upright - Professional musician's model, oak cabinet and bench. The piano of choice for schools and churches; responsive action, fine tone quality. 5 years old - used lovingly and well. It's the next best thing to a baby grand.

Retails for \$5,600—asking \$4,000 o.b.o. Contact Cheryl Weiss at clweiss@juno.com or 338-3414.



UU Retirees Luncheon

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

All are welcome!

Coffee Changes

Changes are coming for your choices of coffee. We are currently making arrangements to purchase coffee from the Co-op. Although the price to you will be a little more per bag than the "Grounds for Change" coffee, it will be cheaper per pound.

By purchasing the coffee from the Co-op, we will be able to purchase in smaller quantities thus giving you fresher choices. We will also no longer have transportation costs. Remember that purchasing coffee from us subsidizes the pot of coffee you enjoy every Sunday.

Book Discussion Group



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

UUCP Staff Information

Rev. Kayle Rice, Minister

Home Study: 208-883-3205

Email: minister@palouseuu.org

Office Hours starting August 19:

Tuesday 8:00 am—12:00 noon

Wednesday 1:30 pm—5:30 pm

Thursday 8:00 am—12:00 noon

Tracy Springberry, Intern Minister

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Office Hours: by arrangement

Janet Guthrie-Granja,

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Summer Stevens, Administrative Secretary

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Office Hours:

Through August 15:

Monday-Friday, 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Starting August 17:

Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

To explore UUCP, browse www.palouseuu.org

Social Action Committee News

August is a busy month, with a lot of opportunities to get involved in the Moscow and Pullman communities.

The Palouse Pride Event will take place August 2d in Moscow. We need UUCP members and friends to march in the Pride parade, and to help staff the UUCP table at East City Park. The UUCP is a welcoming congregation and has been an enthusiastic participant at past Pride events. We need your help to make another strong showing of support this year.

The UUCP will also be hosting a table this year at the Lentil Festival on August 22 in Pullman. See page 2 for further information.

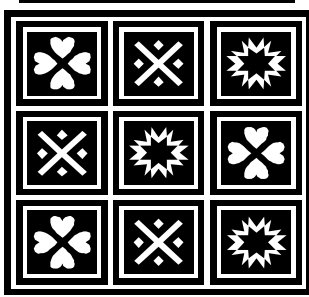
The UUCP-Muslim Community picnic will take place in on August 24 at 1:30 P.M. in Kruegel Park. See page 6 for further information. This year the Muslim Community will be hosting the event (we bring deserts). We can all look forward to another great day of sun, conversation and good food. We'll plan on car-pooling to the event, so look forward to announcements and emails later in the month.



On September 21 the Social Action Committee will be helping to facilitate a peace-building Sunday at the UUCP. This event will follow up from our conversations last Spring about the concept of just war and peaceful response to conflict. Many of you expressed interest in continuing this conversation, and we hope you'll get involved as we enter the next phase.

Our next Social Action meeting will be August 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Yellow House.

One item on the agenda will be **CALLING OUT FOR NEW LEADERSHIP**. Peggy Jenkins is ready to assume a supporting role on the committee, and to turn over her leadership responsibilities to one or more UUCP members or friends with a passion for social action. You won't be alone: the wonderful Mary Jo Hamilton will be available to mentor and guide, and there are many other loyal and passionate committee members who will help make your visions for social action and social justice a reality. Is now your time? Please contact Peggy or Mary Jo if you have questions or think you might be interested.



Purple Paisley Quilters (PPQ) News

Summer has been slow for the PPQ. Lots of people are traveling or involved in big projects of their own. People have been working on smaller projects, such as socks and baby quilts.

Perhaps some of you don't know that the PPQ gives every new baby who comes into our congregation his or her own hand made quilt. It's our small gesture towards evangelical UUCPism. We know people aren't going to change churches on the basis of a quilt, but we think it creates a nice atmosphere for young families. Anyway, we like to do it.

We are starting to do some of the hand repair on our new commission quilt. It will take a while to finish it, then back and quilt it. Meanwhile, we are starting to work on finishing a large landscape quilt started by Elle Boughton and donated to us by Mike Boughton for our next raffle quilt. It will require a lot of cutting and appliqué to finish, but it is a gorgeous piece, and we will enjoy working on it.

We are selling quilt raffle tickets on our Dresden

Plate quilt. Look for us down at the Farmer's Market. If you don't get your quilt tickets there, or even if you do, you will have more opportunities this fall to take a chance on winning this heavily hand quilted traditionally patched and appliquéd quilt.

The PPQ has decided to put doors on the shelves just inside the back room in the basement, and has been given the go-ahead by the Building and Grounds Committee. Sage Premo will be our contractor for this project, but I suspect there will be jobs that the rest of us can do, at least under supervision. It will make the quilting supplies more secure, and will make that back room look tidier. Now if we could only do something with that tacky pink carpet back there...

Our other current project is to make curtains for Kayle's office. She picked out a beautiful polished cotton chintz print that will go well with the red carpet in her office and the foyer.

We welcome anyone interested in quilting and good company to come join us every Monday evening at 7:30 pm in the church basement. All equipment supplied, no experience necessary.

Moscow Conversation / Socrates Cafe

The UUCP Friends of Moscow Conversation / Socrates Cafe endorses and encourages participation in this community-based group, which meets at Book People, 521 S. Main St., Moscow, Idaho, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., on first and third Sundays.

This month Moscow Conversation / Socrates Cafe meets on Sunday, August 3 and Sunday, August 17.

History: Moscow Socrates Cafe was started in December 2006 by UUCP members Mike Browne, Marguerite Thoreson Browne, and Brian Leekley.

The group met in the Jack In The Box meeting room on first and third Wednesdays for about a year. Usual attendance was in a range of 4 to 8, with extremes of 12 and 0.

This past winter, when Mike and Marguerite made some out of town trips, Brian attended a Wednesday evening class, and the Palouse region got lots of snow, attendance dwindled to zero and the group lost the use of the Jack In The Box meeting room. An April reorganization meeting decided to meet in an open, unreserved public place and chose the present location and schedule, with Book People owner Bob Greene enthusiastically welcoming the bi-monthly meetings in his shop. The group has been meeting there regularly since April.

A recent innovation is that Brian learned about the Conversation Cafe concept from a magazine article and has been introducing some of those practices -- such as using a talking object, which helps guarantee that everyone gets their uninterrupted say and is heard.

Concept: This is a "group" in a very loose sense. There is no formal membership, and there are no dues.

Attendance is optional, with some coming often, others sometimes, and others rarely. Each meeting stands alone, with the question or topic of discussion decided at the start of the meeting and with no required homework or preparation.

Missing a meeting does not affect benefiting from the next meeting.

The general idea is to civilly converse about a question or topic of interest to those at the meeting, looking at it from diverse viewpoints. The premises are that every person has a personal philosophy to express and develop and that we can all learn from each other. For more about the concept, see www.philosopher.org and www.conversationcafe.org. The book *Socrates Cafe* by Phillips is in the church library.

Plans: Participants in Moscow Conversation / Socrates Cafe are still predominantly UUs. All of the people of the Palouse region are welcome and encouraged to participate. This is where those with different and even opposing viewpoints and worldviews can civilly converse and thereby give and gain knowledge and insight. When you come, if you bring along both UU and non-UU friends, to help make the meetings increasingly representative of a cross-section of the Moscow-area community. Another main intention is to give birth to more conversation cafes as attendance grows too large for only one.

UU Principles: This activity puts into practice all of them.

Brian Leekley

Email Pen Pals Wanted!

Wanted: e-mail pen pals for ESOL (English as a Second or Other Language) students in Costa Rica! Want to help someone improve his/her English and make a new friend at the same time? Jan Proctor, UUCP member now teaching English in Turrialba, Costa Rica, is looking for about 18 volunteers. Prefer non-Spanish speakers, please!

The students in the course are professionals and support staff of a small agricultural institute. Their English abilities range from beginner to advanced and all are eager to have the opportunity to write to someone from the U.S. If interested, please contact Jan at mielmani@yahoo.com. Thanks!

(Kayle & Brian are now enjoying their email pen pals.)

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.



Behavioral Covenant for UUCP – FIRST DRAFT August 2008

Because we appreciate what we have in this community, we express our appreciation for, and celebrate the individuals and benefits of the UUCP. We neither take for granted that which works well, nor ignore that which is not working well. We each accept our individual and collective responsibility for the health and well-being of the UUCP.

Because we are committed to and value our principles: (Alternative wording – We are committed to and value our principles, therefore:)

We welcome, support, honor, respect, appreciate, and actively engage diverse individuals, perspectives, gifts, talents, and experiences into our church community.

We encourage individuals to take initiative and risks.

We acknowledge that although a diverse community will not always think alike, express ourselves alike, or live alike; we value our differences and seek to work through the challenges those differences create.

We strive to provide an atmosphere that nurtures the wellbeing and personal growth of ourselves and one another, realizing that each of us is both helper and helped, knowledgeable and naive.

We appreciate each person's search for truth and meaning, and are willing to discuss all aspects of that search, whether they are spiritual (sacred?), mundane, rational, or religious.

Because we are a diverse community committed to our principles and each other, each of us is committed and actively works to: (Alternative wording – We are a diverse community committed to our principles and each other; therefore each of us is committed and actively works to:)

Build mutual respect rather than unanimity.

Be mindful in all I do and say, and to act with intentionality.

Maintain integrity with myself and with the community, speaking my own truth honestly, and taking responsibility for my own feelings, perceptions, and shortcomings

Communicate honestly, respectfully, clearly, non-judgmentally, and with kindness and compassion

Accept my own and other's ambivalence about important issues.

Understand other points of view.

?Create mutual benefit and synergy.

Be open to change and new ways of doing things.

Because we choose to be a part of a vital and strong church community, each of us is committed and actively works to: (Alternative wording – We choose to be a part of a vital and strong church community, therefore each of us is committed and actively works to:)

Support and respect all policies, contracts, and agreements.

Take ownership and personal responsibility within the UUCP, whether or not I am a formal member.

Give generously of my time, talent and money, as I am able.

(Work/participate?) together to support our church community.

Reach out to the larger community as individuals and as a part of this church.

Consider and discuss our shared values and purpose to maintain a shared vision for our church.

Because I recognize that we are humans in a human community, I am committed and actively work to: (Alternative wording – I recognize that we are humans in a human community, therefore each of us is committed and actively works to:)

Forgive when I or others have not lived up to expectations.

Understand that neat solutions cannot always be found.

Take responsibility for letting others know when I am concerned or in pain.

Acknowledge signs of pain, concern, or discomfort in members or the community.

Stay engaged and resist the temptation to become offended.

?Continue to improve my skills.

Seek and accept skilled help as needed.

In order to better care for the relationships in this congregation, we choose to create and maintain a healthy congregation team.

This is a living document and will be reviewed regularly.

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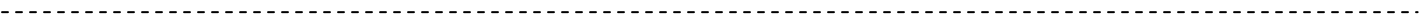
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Knoxville Relief Fund

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Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations July 29, 2008

Dear Friends,

We are all deeply saddened by the news this weekend of the tragedy at the Tennessee Valley UU Church (TVUUC), which also affected members of the Westside Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

President Sinkford and the UU Trauma Response Ministry Team are now on the ground in Knoxville. For more information on the UU response, go to <http://www.uua.org/news/newssubmissions/117156.shtml>

Below, you will find a copy of the press release from President Sinkford. Information is also available at www.uua.org.

What you can do to help:

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations in collaboration with the Thomas Jefferson District has established the **Knoxville Relief Fund** to bring ministry, spiritual care, and practical financial assistance to those affected by the tragedy in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Read more or donate now at <http://www.uua.org/giving/donatenow/117168.shtml>

Those killed and injured were from two area congregations that were participating in a joint worship service at TVUUC. Letters of sympathy may be mailed to both Knoxville congregations:

Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church
2931 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37919-4624

Westside Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
616 Fretz Road
Knoxville, TN 37934-1604

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have at (888) 792-5885 or campaign@uua.org.

In faith,
Catherine Lynch
Director of Campaigning

UUA President William G. Sinkford Released this Statement on July 27, 2008:

"I am shocked and sorrowed by the terrible shootings in the sanctuary of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. My heart is heavy and my prayers are with our injured sisters and brothers in Knoxville. While many details of this tragedy remain unclear, our Association will do all we can to support Unitarian Universalists in Knoxville in the hard days to come.

A tragedy such as this makes us acutely conscious of the beauty and fragility of our lives and those of our loved ones. I am especially saddened by this intrusion of violence into a worship service involving children and youth. I know that many people, both in Knoxville and around the country, are struggling with shock and grief right now. I pray those so affected will find strength and comfort.

Members of the Unitarian Universalist Trauma Response Ministry are on their way to Knoxville to offer additional ministry to the congregation as it grieves. And Unitarian Universalists around the world are sending love and prayers to the Tennessee Valley congregation to tell them they are not alone on this dark day."