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September 7, 9:30 & 11:15 am

A Theology of Security

Speaker: Rev. Kayle Rice

Celebrant: Brian Leekley

In the light of the Knoxville UU shooting, that puts us in a heightened sense of awareness that even sacred space is vulnerable. What fortresses do we hope to live behind in order to protect us from life? Can't be done-we must meet life with the same degree of openheartedness in bad times as in good times-it is about choosing hope and possibility over fear and dread. And there's not much more theological than making that choice.

September 14, 9:30 & 11:15 am *Ramadan, the Islamic Month of Fasting*

Speaker: Dr. S.M. Ghazanfar

Celebrant: Karen Faunce

Time for reflection, time for action. Adult Muslims must fast from dawn to sunset every day of this ninth month of Islamic calendar. Spiritual rejuvenation derived from fasting expresses remembrance of Allah, the unitarian God of all humanity. There is special emphasis on prayers of thanksgiving and acts of piety and charity.

September 21, 9:30 & 11:15 am

Peacemaking

Speaker: Rev. Kayle Rice

Celebrant: Donna Holmes Parks

Should the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association reject the use of any and all kinds of violence and war...and adopt a principle of seeking Just Peace through nonviolent means? We'll look at ways UUUCP can offer input into this UUA Congregational Study/Action Issue.

September 28, 9:30 & 11:15 am

Days of Awe: Right Relationship

Speaker: Rev. Kayle Rice

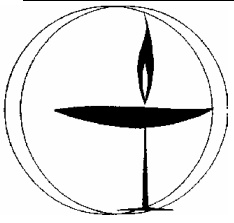
Celebrant: Judy Wallins

Sundown on Sept. 29th begins the 10 Days of Awe between Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). Can Unitarian Universalists also use this time to put ourselves into right relationship with the cosmos, each other and ourselves?

Celebrate Cheryl Weiss on Sunday, September 7!

Our wonderful music director is moving to North Dakota! She and John will be relocating to Bismarck, ND, where John has accepted a position. The congregation will be celebrating her five years of excellent service with a potluck luncheon after the second service on Sunday, September 7, 2008. Please bring a dish to share. We'll have a book for members and friends to write their memories and good wishes. Cards are welcome too!

And be sure to catch both John and Cheryl in the upcoming production of "Fiddler on the Roof" in Pullman on the weekend of Sept. 12th.



From the Pastor's Pad

Ah....September already?

This summer I spent some time in the office, tearing it apart, cleaning, rearranging, filing the mile-high pile that has accumulated in the past two years (yes, a two-year pile; can anyone top that? But alas I must report a new pile is starting!).

As I dusted the shelves and decided what to keep, what to take home, and what to send to a thrift store, it was interesting to note as I picked up mementos from my former congregation that I was able to set them aside to take home to be placed with my other archival stuff. Then a couple of weeks later a nametag I had also brought with me from Marquette fell into the sink and water destroyed the printing. Was it a sign or a simply something that happened? No matter. But these observations do say something to me. It says UUCP is now my ministry and the Palouse now my home. Connections are growing deeper. This is my home. You

are "my" people. I'm grateful.

I wish to extend a personal thank you and farewell to our Music Director Cheryl Weiss who is resigning effective September 15th. Her husband John, who many times came to sing with our choir, has begun his new position as Director of Choral Activities at Bismarck (ND) State College. Cheryl is also on the cusp of completing her Ph.D. A special era is ending...of all of our UUCP paid staff, Cheryl has been with us the longest providing over five years of excellence in music for our congregation.

Please come help to celebrate Cheryl's accomplishments on Sunday, September 7th with a potluck luncheon; more information on our cover page.

And welcome back to Tracy Springberry who's with us for her second and final year of her ministerial internship!

With great love and respect,
Kayle

Build Your Own Theology...In Pullman!

Kayle will facilitate the popular UU course "Building Your Own Theology" in Pullman this fall. We will be meeting for six Thursdays beginning October 9 at the home of Lori Rowlett and Marshall Mitchell (address info upon registration), from 7:00—8:45 p.m. Because of space there will be a 12 participant-limit; if you are interested in attending, please call the church office to register (882-4328).

Based on the assumption that everyone is their own theologian, this classic Unitarian Universalist adult religious education program invites participants to develop their personal credos: the fundamental religious beliefs, values and convictions that inform and direct the living of their lives. We'll look at human nature, ultimate reality, history, ethics and religious meaning.

Wholly Crones Gather Again!

Our noontime Wholly Crones will gather again on Tuesday, September 9 at 12:00 noon in the Yellow House. We need to decide on a book to read and discuss, pertaining to midlife and aging issues. Please bring a book that might be of interest to the group. Any woman in mid-life and beyond (?) is invited to attend!

Office Sangha

Beginning on Wednesday, September 10, come to Rev. Kayle's office every Wednesday for 30 minutes of meditation. No singing, reading, liturgy; just silence. The first bell will ring at 5:30 and the concluding bell at 6:00 p.m. If too many people attend or persons who are unable to climb the stairs to her office, we'll meet in the sanctuary.

September Feed of Dreams Coming soon - a Premier Dining Opportunity!

The PPQ will present the first Feed of Dreams of the fall on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm in the church basement. They will be presenting the highly acclaimed Locavore End-of-the-garden cuisine that can be done only on the Palouse.

Look for Eggplant Parmesan, Potato-leek soup, exotic zucchini dishes, lots of homegrown tomatoes. As a special treat, we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of Ferdinand's dairy at WSU with Ferdinand's ice cream.

Profits from this gourmet eat-a-thon will go to support the PPQ's planned renovation and general tidying-up of the room in the basement outside the bathroom and furnace room. This event will also give everyone a chance to purchase raffle tickets for the PPQ's current raffle quilt, a Dresden Plate pattern with a vintage quilt top and lots of hand quilting. What a win-win event!



From the President

Greetings,

Did you know that picking up dead plums off the UUCP patio is part of the board president's job description? Indeed, it is. I was attending to this duty on a recent Friday afternoon while my husband Ken shampooed the basement carpet, and my newsletter column muse tapped me on the shoulder. This column, in case you can't tell where this is going, is about stewardship. Not the ordinary dollars and cents stewardship that you will hear all about in upcoming months as we launch our Pledge Drive, but the more modest day-to-day stewardship that is essential to the care of our facility and our community.

This sort of stewardship has three simple steps: Noticing, Caring and Responding. And, it may interest you to know that this radical behavior has well-founded roots in many sage traditions, including, you guessed it, yoga. In the yoga tradition, pure service is called Kriya or Karma Yoga. In the Bhagavad Gita, for example, Krishna urges Arjuna onto the battlefield to act in service without attachment to the fruit of his labor. So, there is an added twist, for the advanced students of service: responding because something needs to be done, without regard for recognition or reward. And I assure you, as I picked up those mushy brown plums, I was completely unattached to the fruit of my labor.

Just in case this is not a compelling reference, or in case you are simply moaning in agony, I will only add that there's always plenty to do around the church. Here are some examples, though this is hardly exhaustive: one could put the lid back on the sandbox in the play area if one notices that it has been left open; one can take home the linens after a luncheon and wash them; one can bring snacks for the children in the Yellow House when the cupboard is getting bare; one can relocate the abundant spiders who make their homes in our window sills; one can take down expired notices and flyers on the bulletin boards; and one can always make coffee or clean the kitchen. Don't we have a sexton? Why yes, we do. His name is Gabe Baker, and he's doing a terrific job; but his few weekly hours do not allow him to get to some of these other matters—the ones that fall to the stewards of the church: All of us. Once again, if the sacred texts of yoga do not call to you, I'm sure your own mother mentioned this to you from time to time. And she wasn't lying to you. It feels good to serve.

Opportunities abound in a more formal sense, as well. On Sunday, September 28, there will be a Committee Fair in the church basement during coffee hour. Each committee will have a representative present to speak to those unfortunate members and friends who are currently separated from their *dharma* (translation: *righteous duty* or *meaningful work*) and need a committee to serve on to add meaning to their lives. I'm sure these same committees will also accept volunteers who are already really busy, but are just great about serving. So, please use this month to consider your gifts and talents and your family calendar. Find a committee that will benefit from your presence and in which service will be fulfilling to you. Was committee work mentioned in the ancient texts, you ask? Well, I'm no scholar of Sanskrit or Aramaic or Hebrew, but I'm pretty sure it's in there.

Blessings and Namaste,
Karen Faunce

Building and Grounds Update

This fall Building and Grounds will make the sanctuary more accessible. A ramp leading to the platform at the front of the sanctuary has been designed and construction will begin this month. This project will cost \$3000 and a generous donation has been made to the church to cover the cost.

We also determined that the ramp on the outside of the church is in poor condition and does not meet ADA standards. The sidewalks leading into the church and Yellow House are in poor condition as well.

Another issue is that the front door to the church is not accessible and is difficult to open for people using the ramp. Plans for a new ramp, new sidewalks and door opener have been developed. The cost of this project is \$13,500 and will begin this October. The Board of Trustees approved the project, and approved using \$13,500 from the Building Fund to cover the cost. This project is necessary for the safety of UUCP members and visitors, as well as meeting the standards of the ADA.

"Com-Com" Meets Oct. 4

Calling all committees: our new church start-up "Com-Com" (Committees on Committees) will meet on Saturday, October 4 in the church basement from 9:30—11:30 am; snacks and coffee will be provided.

Please send one or two of your committee members to attend this all important...and fun!....gathering to learn what's happening on each other's committees. Questions? Contact Rev. Kayle.

Tracy's Musings—From Tracy Springberry, Intern Minister

Each summer I have two grand visions. The first is to accomplish every thing I did not have time for all year. This summer I had a list of 20 such items, including reading six rather dense sociological, political and theological texts, writing two essays, and growing a stunning flower garden. My second summer vision is that I will rest, meander and do what calls me. I will read any novel that catches my eye, sleep when I wish, and go to the lake when the day is hot.

I have never let the fact that my two summer visions are completely incompatible stop me from believing in both. This summer, additionally, I did not let the complication that I had to work full-time as a grant writer deter my faith that I could accomplish everything I had not finished during the year while spending all of my time lounging.

Still each year it is the same: dismay when I crash into the beginning of September. What happened to my summer? Why didn't I get anything done? Why am I not more rested? This year I did manage to read one of the dense books (the shortest), but wrote no essays, and while I grew flowers, "stunning" is not an appropriate adjective; "weedy" might be better. I had more success resting, it's true, but even then only managed the fantasy of playing games, reading and napping for days during our family's annual retreat to Priest Lake.

You would think I would have learned to have different expectations of the summer, but, now, in my mid-40s, I am realizing that my summer plans and my annual disappointment are as much part of the way I do summer, as is watermelon. Fortunately, while I always feel the genuine shock of summer disappoint-

ment, now I can laugh at my folly almost immediately, and remember what the summer truly brought me. The books I did read were marvelous, so were outings with friends and the week at the lake. It was good. It was all good.

Our church year begins once again this month. I always have grand visions for the church year. This year I plan to help with the growing of our hunger ministry, the strengthening of the UUCP pastoral care program and the running of small group ministries. I would like to help the church develop a child care policy and begin discussions about starting regular all UUCP gatherings that so many miss from the past. I plan to teach the new Unitarian Universalist adult religious education class *Spirit of Life* this fall (see information in this newsletter), teach religious education to our children, and possibly lead a small group program for families. I will attend finance and stewardship committees as they plan and fund the budget as well as staff and Committee on Committee meetings. On Sundays I will also preach several times, serve as celebrant and tell the morning's story. I hope Janet and I will put on the Winter Lights Festival again in December as well as develop a spring intergenerational service.

The church year is just beginning, and I have the optimistic belief all my visions will come to be. Possibly, I think excitedly, even more will happen as we dream new ways of being together, growing our spirits and saving the world.

Well, whatever happens, I am sure our year together will be good. I'm sure it will be all good.

In the Family

Thank You to: The PPQ, especially Marguerite Thoreson Browne, for the beautiful new curtains in Rev. Kayle's office.

Congratulations to: Michael Kyte on turning 60, and Anesa Miller and her husband, who are both in remission.

Please hold in your thoughts: Kathy Barnard LaPointe, who is recovering from a broken leg; Debbie Landon's mother, who is failing; Janice Willard, who is struggling with decisions about medical treatments; John Pool, who has lost a friend to a heart attack; and Heather Nelson's mother, Jeanne Jacobsen, whose tumor is showing improvement on a CAT scan.

Our condolences to: Judy LaLonde, whose brother Brad Neuman has died, and Melodie Rai, whose father has died.

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



A Note From Our Music Director

Dear UUCP Members -

By now many of you know that I will be leaving the Palouse. My husband John has been hired to be the Director of Choral Activities at Bismarck State College in Bismarck, ND. I have sent my resignation, effective September 15th, to Rev. Kayle and the personnel committee. Once I have defended my dissertation, I will join him.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support of the music program over the past five years. Whether you sang in the choir, sang hymns with the congregation, provided special Call to Worship music, adopted a hymnal supplement, or simply listened with appreciation, you have all been part of the rich musical life at the UUCP. If you have a moment, please thank Barbara Greever, who has donated the new music file cabinets and much time helping me to file all the music owned by the church. There have been some growing pains along the way, but I believe our music program will be in good shape for my successor. In the interim, our wonderful Jonathan Mann will temporarily take charge until a new Director of Music is hired and I trust the transition will be smooth.

As I finish my tenure at the UUCP, I will cherish many memories. Music Sunday programs and Rev. Kayle's installation will be in the forefront. My trip to the UUMN Conference in Denver, where I was able to meet so many UU musical leaders, will also be an important event in my mind. I will really miss the members of the choir, who so patiently worked each week to provide Call to Worship music twice a month. The choir members have been the foundation of music at UUCP and their dedication in rehearsals and performances will forever be appreciated.

I will also remember some classic "bloopers" on my part (no need to recount them here!) which never cease to make me smile. The many other congregants and guests who have donated their time and talent have also contributed to my memory bank. How many other churches can claim to have a recorder choir, an accordion duo, and such a variety of vocal and instrumental groups? We even have singing quilters!! Who could ever forget the PPQ belting out "Lord, It's Hard to be Humble When You're Perfect in Every Way"?

Thanks for contributing to such a wonderful bank of memories. Thanks again for all your support. May the tradition of quality and variety continue here at the UUCP and may our paths cross again.

Cheryl Weiss, Music Director

Social Action Committee News

The Social Action committee met in August to develop the Social Action calendar for the upcoming year. We decided to focus on our traditional activities and keep open the option to add events as interest and enthusiasm warrants.



◆UUCP - Muslim Community Picnic: This event took place on August 24 and was a big success, as always.

◆Social Action Sunday in fall: This year the service will be on September 21 and will be a Peace Sunday. This is also the UN's International Day of Peace. To get involved with this service, contact Rev. Kayle Rice.

◆Christmas for Kids: Late November - early December. To participate in this activity, contact Carol Casavant.

◆Renaissance Fair: First weekend in May. To help with this event, contact Mary Jo Hamilton.

◆Palouse Pride Parade: Early August. For more information, contact Rebecca Rod.

A report was given on an upcoming film and lecture series on The Iraq War Today and Tomorrow, October 2-5. The main organizers of these events are the Palouse Peace Coalition. The committee decided to endorse the project and to send a donation to help defray expenses.

The next meeting of the Social Action Committee will be on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

Watch this space for future committee meeting dates and ways to get involved in the Social Justice work of the UUCP.

UUCP Mah Jongg returns

Refreshed from our summer hiatus and vacation travels, the Mah Jongg group will have its first meeting of the fall on Sunday evening, September 7, 6:30 pm at Joel and Mary Jo Hamilton's home, 1102 Orchard Avenue, Moscow. Please bring a Mah Jongg set if you have one and a snack to share.

Everyone is welcome, even if you have never played before. We'll teach you what you need to know, and we just play for fun. Call Mary Jo at 882-0443 with questions, or to RSVP for the September 7 meeting.

UUCP at Lentilfest

UUCP had a lovely booth at last month's Lentilfest and it turned out to be quite a success! The weather was perfect, the crowds were fun, we sold a number of tickets for the PPQ quilt, and piqued some interest about UUCP. Booth workers had a chance to check out the various festivities...and came up with new ideas for next time.

An especially fun moment was when three young women from Portland squealed when they saw us. They attend Wy'east UU Congregation and were in Pullman checking out WSU. A Muslim family walked by and saw our reference to the UUCP-Muslim picnic, so they were given a newsletter and an invitation to attend. A few folks who just moved to the area are looking for a spiritual community and expressed interest in attending, and several of these folks attended our Water Communion service. What an evening!

A big thank you made of lentils to Brent Jeffers for being the brain behind this activity and encouraging members of Communication Committee to do our first booth at Lentilfest. Social Action and PPQ also got involved. This particularly shows Pullman that there *is* a liberal presence on the Palouse.

A special thanks to Peggy Jenkins, Ellen Theim, Brian Leekley, Scott Eisenhower, Mary Jo Hamilton, Nancy Nelson and Margaret Dibble for loading up, setting up (and quite creatively too!), overseeing the booth, answering challenging questions and taking down. Who knew "evangelizing" could be so much fun?

Decisions, Groups, and Leaders Adult RE Class

Adult RE Class on "Decisions, Groups, and Leaders" starts Wednesday, September 17. This class, facilitated by Melodie Rai, will be on Wednesday evenings in the Yellow House main room from 7:00-8:30 pm and will go through October 22.

If a group has to make a decision, should they vote, use consensus, or have the leader make the decision? Are these the only ways groups make decisions? Once a decision has been made, does it matter HOW the decision was made? If decisions are made by a leader, how does that affect the group? Does that affect the way the decision is carried out? If you are interested in the answers to questions such as these, come to this six-week class and explore the answers. This class is interactive, so bring answers, questions, and your inquiring UU mind!

Register for the class by calling the church office at 882-4328 by September 10. If you have questions, contact Melodie at 883-2668.

Committee Fair

On Sunday, September 28, UUCP will host a Committee Fair in the church basement between services. This is an opportunity for all committees to showcase their wonderful works and to talk to potential volunteers.

Tables will be set up for your use; bring materials (your committee description) and people to show what you do to support the good works and ministry of this church.

How Much Do I Owe?

As the new church year gets off to a blazing start, some of you may be wondering about the status of your 2008 pledge or service auction payments. If you made a 2008 Pledge to UUCP, a brief report of your payment record and current balance will be available for pick up in the foyer as of Sunday, September 7th. If, in addition to your 2008 pledge, you made 2008 service auction purchases and/or an intern support pledge, these balances will be included. If you have other questions about UUCP donations, please email me at lashmun@hotmail.com or call me at 883-9502.

As always, an end-of-year tax statement of all 2008 donations will be available early in 2009.

Thanks for using the memo line on your checks and for your continued support of UUCP.
—Louise Ashmun, Collections Treasurer

Religious Education Volunteers Needed

Everyone has a gift to share with our most precious resource: our children. No matter how much or how little time you have there is a place for you! We still need teachers for the Fall semester, especially for the PreK-1 class. The **Sign-Up** sheet is in the church foyer awaiting your signatures....

In addition, there are countless ways to give to our children—from teaching songs, to volunteering to make snack, providing snack, being a guest speaker, and/or providing transportation for field trips. Contact the Director of Religious Education for more information at 882-4328 or dre@palouseuu.org.

From the DRE...



LEAVETAKING

Vacation is over;
It's time to depart
I must leave behind
(although it breaks my heart)

Tadpoles in the pond,
A can of eels,
A leaky rowboat,
Abandoned car wheels;

For I'm packing only
Necessities:

A month of sunsets
And two apple trees.

—Eve Merriam

From: It Doesn't Always Have to Rhyme

And so our vacation days draw to a close, and another autumn begins. I hope all of you enjoyed your summer vacations, and packed your own month of sunsets to take with you, as we head into the season that prepares us for winter. As I look over the last year that I have spent with you, I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me, and excited by the prospects of new things to come, and opportunities for reflection and discourse. Speaking of discourse and reflection, the RE program will be entering the year of the curriculum map that has historically used a curriculum entitled “*Our Judeo Christian Heritage*”.

But as one of our congregation members has pointed out, Western cultural heritage is not simply a Judeo-Christian Heritage, but a Judeo-Christian-Islamic Heritage, or more correctly, an “Abrahamic” heritage. From a cultural and civilization viewpoint, what we describe today as “Western” culture and civilization is the direct result of Jewish and Islamic scholarship, research, trade, discovery and invention, and intellectual discourse and exchange, all of which pulled medieval Europe out of the Dark Ages and propelled it into the Renaissance “Age of Reason”, and the Era of the *Reformation*—from which the Unitarian and Universalist faiths were born. So perhaps we should re-title any overall study of Unitarian and Universalist beliefs, let alone any larger cultural examination of the Western, even Christian world, “*Our Abrahamic Heritage*”.

However, the curriculum which we will be teaching this Fall (as described below) is more of a look at the life and teachings of the biblical figure Jesus, as well as a look of some of the Old Testament stories for their moral and human drama, and the lessons and values we can take away from them with 21st Century understanding. Since the curriculum is not really Jewish in nature, other than stories from the Old Testament (borrowed from Hebrew scriptures, and translated into English to boot), perhaps another appropriate name for the curriculum is to just call it what it is: *Biblical Parables: A UU Look at Stories from the Old and New Testaments*.

We say a sad farewell to last year's RE Assistant, **Ja-**

son Wellman as he journeys on to new adventures and opportunities. The children will never forget the poetry he inspired them to write, and the moments of spontaneous play and conversation that he engaged them in.

The RE Committee and the Board have approved combining our Nursery Coordinator and RE Assistant job roles into one position. This new RE and Nursery Assistant will oversee Nursery and Church event child-care staffing, participate in Nursery childcare twice a month to provide oversight and direction, and provide assistance with lesson and snack preparation and instruction as the RE Assistant.

We are lucky to have filled this new position with an energetic U of I student, **Jessica Hayes**, who comes to our little community from Southern California, and is now pursuing her degree in history at the University. She has worked as a Teacher's Assistant, loves working with children, and has even done volunteer work designing bulletin boards for the Coeur d'Alene Public Library! I could almost hear the bulletin boards in the Yellow House sigh with anticipation when they discovered that piece of news....

Our plot at the **Community Garden** weathered well over the summer, with UU families providing lots of TLC through the long summer days. Our little plot full of flowers and vegetables looks very happy in its corner location welcoming visitors to the Garden, with the Sunflowers standing tall as Greeters in the rows, and the Prince William flowers acting sentinel in the four corners. The children that I worked with during a summer camp were able to harvest lettuce, tomatoes, arugula and snow peas to donate to the *Backyard Harvest*, and this seasons' beets, baby onions and squash should be ready to harvest soon. We are planning on taking a field trip to the Garden to do weeding and some harvesting on Sept. 7, at the 9:15 service. There will be no RE classes that service, as we will be leaving about 9:30 and will return about 10:45. Transportation will be provided by parent volunteers (mostly RE Committee members), and permission forms need to accompany your child for the trip.

You will find a permission slip in this newsletter, which you can print out and bring with you. There will also be copies of the permission slips available in the foyer to pick up and sign over the next couple of weeks.

Funds for the **Heifer Project** fundraiser from the *Read to Feed* and *Fill the Ark Bank* projects, continued to trickle in over the summer, and at the time of this printing \$558.65 had been donated and sent off to purchase a menagerie of chickens, sheep, rabbits, & pigs, as well as a hive of bees and a group of tree seedlings to help disadvantaged people all over the world become self-sufficient in environmentally sustainable ways. A PAWS-UP to the congregation for their sponsorship and support of our children's fundraising efforts. Way to go, UU Kids!

Respectfully Yours,
Janet Granja

The Summer Curriculum of the UUA's new curriculum set of *Toolbox of Faith* for grades 3-6 and *Moral Tales* for PreK-K to 2 was test-piloted, with mixed reviews for the *Moral Tales* lessons, but a resounding thumbs up for the *Toolbox of Faith*, in which children explored UU principles through the symbols and activities involving "tools" that represented various aspects of the UU faith. For example, children discussed and performed different activities with *mirrors* to represent reflection; a *magnifying glass* to represent questioning; *hammers* to represent power to make positive change; and a *water bottle* to represent the Spirit of Life, complete with a children's version of *Water Communion* which they participated in during RE class on Water Communion Sunday. This will be a definite mainstay on the curriculum circuit—perhaps as a complimentary "tool" for the *UU Identity* curriculum.

Elementary Grades: Our new Fall curriculum will begin on Sept. 21, with a look at some of the Bible stories that precede and shape Christian thought, and the life and teachings of Jesus through the lens of the Four Gospels of the New Testament.

A look at some of the Old Testament Bible stories serve, as Bernhard Anderson writes, "not as factual accounts of the sort that the modern historian or scientist demands..." but as poetic and pictorial mythology that examines "the ultimate source of the human drama in the initiative and purpose of [the human perception of] God".

A look at our Christian heritage will use the UU curriculum, *A Kingdom of Equals—Jesus' Radical Path to Love and Justice* by Cheryl Gibbs Binkley and Jane M. McKeel. This curriculum introduces the life and teachings of the Biblical figure Jesus, through New Testament writings enlightened by 20th Century archeological, linguistic and theological findings and interpretations regarding biblical periods and the life of Jesus.

In the authors own words:

"The guiding premises of this course include the following:

- ◆ *The character of Jesus of Nazareth is a pivotal figure in both secular and religious history.*
- ◆ *The ideas of equality and radical love as taught in the Jesus stories are still an ideal and spiritual path worthy of study.*
- ◆ *The Jesus stories are universal and, therefore, open to interpretation and definition. We make no attempt to accept or refute any other church's beliefs or dogmas related to these stories.*

◆ *As basic familiarity with major people and events of the Bible is part of any Westerner's heritage, we wish to provide our young people with biblical literacy.*

- ◆ *The lessons attempt to deal with the life of the person Jesus of Nazareth, as best we can perceive him, and not with Jesus the Christ as developed after his death by Christian theology."*

There will also be a new grade configuration for the 9:15 class this Fall, with the PreK-K class in the Yellow House basement now including First graders, leaving a 2/3 grade class on the Main Floor, and the 4/5/6 class on the top floor. The large numbers of second grade students last year, and the small number of PreK-K students necessitated this adjustment. I will continue to teach the 11:15 session along with volunteer RE Assistants in a multiage setting—PreK to sixth grade, using the same curriculum as the 9:15 class, but hoping to offer occasional community service activities and opportunities.

We hope to have an exciting year, with a few changes to the routines and rituals of the education program, and some more community related activities involving the Food Bank and a children's program in a homeless shelter in Spokane, St. Margaret's Shelter.

Jr. High Class: The Jr. High curriculum for this Fall will be *Popcorn Theology*, which will use current and past movies to explore contemporary issues of the day as they relate to UU principles and values. Ken Faunce will be leading this very popular course, which was began last year as a prelude to the *OWL* class, and is back now due to popular demand.

Teacher Orientation: *Teacher Orientation* for this Fall's teachers will be on September 14, at 12:30 in the Yellow House. Lunch will be provided by the RE Committee members, which is reason enough to sign on to be a teacher. The cost of admission is only 2 hours a month teaching and engaging with our community's children. Good food and good company will be shared by all, so don't miss your opportunity to join in the fun!!

RE Committee: We are pleased to welcome two new RE Committee members, Donna Bradberry and Donald Stanziano, who joined us this summer. We are looking forward to their contributions and the new energy they bring to the Committee, as we launch a new year filled with all manner of possibilities!

Office Hours: My Fall office hours will be **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1:00-5:00** p.m. Feel free to drop by for a chat and some tea, and share some of your ideas for the religious education of our children.

September 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
7	9:30 & 11:15 am Services 9:30 am RE Community Garden field trip 12:30 pm Celebrate Cheryl Weiss potluck, CB 6:30 pm Youth Group, YHB 6:30 pm Pagan Soul, CS 6:30 pm UUCP Mah Jongg group meets, Hamiltons' home	1 7:30 pm PPO, CB	2 12:00 noon Wholly Crones, YHM 7:00 Social Action Comm. Mtg, YHM	3 7:00 pm Men's Group II, YH2	4 12:00 noon, Retirees' Luncheon, Best Western Appaloosa Room	5	6 10:00 am Choir, CS
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Dates to Remember

- Mondays:** PPQ, 7:30 pm, CB
- Wednesdays:** Men's Group II, 7:00 pm, YH2
- Sundays:** Youth Group, 6:30 pm, CB
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- Thursday September 4** UU Retirees' Luncheon, 12:00 noon, University Inn Best Western (p. 10)
- Saturday September 6** Choir, 10:00 am, CS
- Sunday September 7** RE Field Trip to Community Garden, 9:30 am departure (p. 7)
- Sunday September 7** Celebrate Cheryl Weiss Potluck Lunch, 12:30 pm, CB (p. 1)
- Sunday September 7** Pagan Soul, 6:30 pm, CS
- Sunday September 7** UUCP Mah Jongg group meets, 6:30 pm, Hamiltons' home (p. 5)
- Tuesday September 9** Wholly Crones, 12:00 noon, YHM (p. 2)
- Tuesday September 9** Social Action Committee meeting, 7:00 pm, CB (p. 5)
- Wednesday September 10** Office Sangha meditation begins, 5:30 pm, Rev. Kayle's Office (p. 2)
- Wednesday September 10** Sunday Services Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, CB
- Saturday September 13** Choir, 10:00 am, CS
- Saturday September 13** Lunch w/Rev. Kayle in Pullman, 11:45 am, Rico's Pub in Pullman (p. 10)
- Sunday September 14** RE Teacher Orientation, 12:30 pm, YH (p. 8)
- Tuesday September 16** Board Meeting, 7:15 pm, YHM
- Wednesday September 17** PPQ Locavore Feed of Dreams, 6:00 pm, CB (p. 13)
- Wednesday September 17** Decisions, Groups, & Leaders Adult RE class begins, 7:00 pm, YHM (p. 6)
- Saturday September 20** Board of Trustees Policy Review meeting, 8:00 am, YHM
- Sunday September 21** Social Action Committee Luncheon, 12:30 pm, CB
- Tuesday September 23** Spirit of Life Adult RE class begins, 7:00 pm, CB (p. 15)
- Wednesday September 24** Decisions, Groups, & Leaders Adult RE class, 7:00 pm, YHM (p. 6)
- Sunday September 28** Committee Fair, 12:30 pm, CB (p. 3, p. 6)

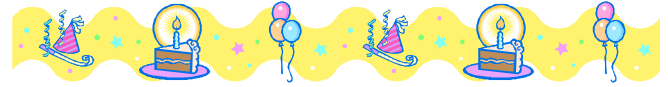
Lunch with Kayle in Pullman

Rev. Kayle would love to meet folks for lunch in Pullman at Rico's Pub on Saturday, September 13 at 11:45 am. Other fall dates will be October 18, November 15 and December 13. Hope to see you there!!

UU Retirees Luncheon

The retirees will meet for lunch in the Appaloosa Room at the Best Western at 12:00 noon on **Thursday, September 4.**

All are welcome!



Belated Happy Birthday

To our August-Born RE Participants:

Forrest DePhelps	Petra Jackson
Reed Ellsworth	Zoe Pallen Richard
Karl Erhard Hudson	Riley Tinney

Happy Birthday

To our September- Born RE Participants:

Katie Barnes	Benjamin McMurtry
Cassidy Cole	Bryn Ohlgren-Evans
Abbey Gilliland-King	Patrick Old
Laura Hannon	Katie Roche
Mikaela Hannon	Lara Roche
Lisa LaPaglia	Alden Wegner

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Call for *Coming Of Age* Program Participants!

Attention 8th and 9th Grade Students: In the next few weeks, you will be receiving a letter inviting you to participate in our congregation's *Coming of Age* program. This Year's program will be a year-long program from mid October to May, to allow an expanded period of time for mentoring, scholarship, preparation, and building relations. The program is voluntary, will begin in October and last until May, and will take place outside of regular RE time.

Coming of Age in a Unitarian Universalist congregation is a rite of passage that recognizes a youth's new phase of development—adolescence. You are at an important life stage, which has been recognized in many cultures and religions all over the world for thousands of years through various *Coming of Age* rituals. For example, Judaism's *Bar mitzvah* celebrates the time when a person is held responsible for his/her actions. In Native American traditions, youth who come of age are told to "Leave your *dah nei*, (toys) behind."

Coming of Age is one step in a youth's preparation for adulthood. This "coming of age" process can provide you with allies for your journey, tools and resources for your education, and with a support system to encourage your growth in the coming years. Our program is intended to be a fun and meaningful way to acknowledge your journey toward adulthood.

Should you choose to participate, you will be paired with an adult "mentor" of your choosing. You and your mentor will spend the next several months getting to

know each other, participating in group and individual activities and exploring different issues.

Some of the possible components of this program are: monthly get-togethers with your mentor; mini-retreats; movie nights; social action projects; Credo writing; indoor and outdoor activities; exploration of your identity as an individual, as part of your family, and as part of this church; and, because people are eligible to join the church as full members at age 14, an introduction to what membership in our church means. There will be a celebration by a recognition ceremony at the end of the program in June.

For Parents, Mentors and Possible Committee Members: Our *Coming of Age* program generally consists of several activities planned that include components of *Knowledge, Service, Relationships, Spirituality* and *Celebration*. Several retreats, including one overnight, are also held. The retreats will incorporate several of these activity areas. If possible, the Spokane youth will be included at least once in the program, offering our youth the connection with UUs outside of our congregation. Each youth is paired with an adult mentor, and the youth/mentor pairs engage in one on one and group activities as decided by the participants in the program, parents, and the *COA* committee.

***If you are interested in being on the Coming of Age Committee, please contact Janet at (208) 882-4328, or dre@palouseuu.org**

UUCP Permission Form

Name of Child or Youth _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Primary Physician: _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____

Allergies _____

Other important information: _____

My child has permission to attend off site activities with his/her Religious Education Class. S/he has permission to ride with designated adult drivers to and from the *Community Garden* for the Sept. 7 RE class. Adult leaders have permission to administer first aid in case of minor injuries. Leaders have permission to seek medical treatment for my child at Gritman, or the nearest hospital, in case of emergency.

Signature of Parent _____ Date: _____

In The Neighborhood

You are all invited to the Grand Opening of the Heart of the Arts West Wing Project at our neighbor building, the 1912 Center. Come by on Friday, September 12, 5:00-7:00 pm for refreshments and a tour of the newly restored rooms.









Many UUs have been involved in the campaign to save and renovate this gracious old historic building. Two new rooms will be available for the public to use. The first is a wet art/lab room designed for messy projects. It can be used for children's art classes, artists in residence art workshops, clay work, painting and printing, and also for science projects and demonstrations that are occasionally a bit messy.

The second room is a community meeting room fully appointed with computer hookups and projectors for all sorts of presentations. The best part is that the meeting room will be named for a member of our UU community, Janet Fiske, and her family.

Other parts of the project include restoration of the building entry way on the west end of the front of the building, restoration and upgrading of all the windows, finishing the hallway, and creation of a large rest room that can act as a bride's changing room when weddings are happening in the Great Room. Please come and help celebrate these new amenities to our community. For more information, contact Jenny Sheneman at jenny@mccreight.com.

UUCP Library News

Welcome back! Here's the scoop on the UUCP Library:

-  It's located on the main floor of the Yellow House
-  It features a self-serve checkout; just fill out a form and drop it in the checkout box.
-  Items can be checked out for 1 month
-  Visit the library Mon-Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon (see Summer in the Office for access) and whenever the Yellow House is open and the main floor is not in use (but not during RE classes, please).
-  Browse the library online by category at: <http://www.librarything.com/tags/uucplibrary> (click on tags of interest)
-  Search the library online at: <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/uucplibrary> (type your search terms (author, title, subject) into the blank box to the left of the "all fields" box)
-  Return your books either in the bin in the church foyer or on the library's return shelf. (*If you have any books you checked out more than a month ago, please return them soon*)
-  To request a book be held for you, or if you have any questions, write: library@palouseuu.org

Thanks to all who've donated books. We've got an exciting selection of new books, tapes, and children's books -- too many to mention here. Look for tables featuring the new additions between Sunday services in the church basement.

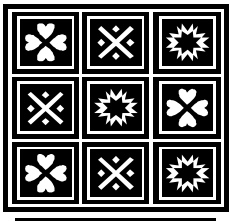
CONNECTING AT UUCP

No matter how long you've been in the UUCP community there are always new people to explore, old people to meet in new ways, and new paths to being connected. This is the beauty of Small Group Ministry. It's a chance for a group of less than 10 people to meet regularly and talk openly about issues great and small, about topics near to their hearts and minds. It's a way to get to know people who probably share many of your values but who may have a different perspective on how to live and celebrate those values.

At UUCP many of us have been exploring the Small Group Ministry concept for several years. We have groups meeting most nights of week, and some during the day and on the weekend. Once each year, in the fall, we sort of do a reshuffle and open house – a formal, publicized chance for people to change groups, join an existing group, start up new groups, or take a breather from SGM. Of course all groups are always open for newcomers, but this time of year we especially try to invite people to investigate whether Small Group Ministry can be meaningful for their lives.

If you think you might be interested in joining a Small Group, please contact Reverend Kayle, Janice Boughton or Laurie Gardes. Each group leaves an empty chair in the discussion circle at each meeting to symbolize their openness to welcoming new participants, and maybe it's time to see how comfortable that chair is for you!





Purple Paisley Quilters (PPQ) News

Things are picking up, as they always do in the fall, for PPQ. We have been down at the Farmer's Market selling raffle tickets on our Dresden Plate quilt. If you haven't gotten yours yet, there is still time - the drawing is not until Quilt Sunday in November. We also participated in UUCP's first ever booth at the Lentil Festival on September 22.

We are working on the large landscape quilt and making some progress. It will be a long term investment. There are a lot of small pieces to be hand-appliquéd. Come help us! It's a great way to develop your appliqué skills. And it is really beautiful.

Our commission from Jana Argersinger is also getting started. Jana and I met with Arlene Jonas, professor emeritus in Home Economics from the University of Idaho and an expert on quilt fabrics and patterns, particularly old ones. She showed us quilts from her collection that were of the same era as Jana's quilts and we could compare the fabrics. Look for a photo of Arlene and Jana with the quilt on the UUCP website quilting section. We also found the piecing pattern in one of Arlene's collection of quilt pattern books. It is called "Olive's Yellow Tulips". Now we are trying to find out who Olive was. We have purchased fabric for the rest of the quilt top and are ready to start putting on the borders. Jana promises to come by occasionally and quilt with us.

The PPQ mourns along with Judy LaLonde the loss of her brother, Brad. He was the kindest and most generous of men, admired by all who knew him. His absence is felt by us all. The PPQ organized the reception following his memorial service at the church. Thanks to all who helped.

The PPQ finished one of our summer projects, thanks to Marguerite Thoreson. Kayle had requested some curtains for her office, for privacy when she used that area for counseling. She came one Monday night and picked out a cheerful chintz on a black background of polished cotton. Remember to stop in the foyer and look up to see the finished product. They look great and give Kayle's office a homey feel. Check out the photo on the church website.

Marguerite is also responsible for another nice thing for the PPQ. She and her family were attending the Raspberry Shortcake Festival at St. Gertrude's monastery in Cottonwood, and she started chatting with a woman who was selling quilts. She told her

about the PPQ, and how we give a handmade quilt to each new baby who comes into the congregation. The woman was so taken with the idea that she gave Marguerite a baby quilt from her own collection to give to a UU baby. Her name is Patti Haviland, and she is from Post Falls, Idaho. We will have to send her a photo of her quilt with the lucky new baby. Aren't people (particularly quilters) nice?

We had an interesting speaker at church on Sunday, August 10. Jessica Bearman spoke about Moscow's Women's Giving Circle, a group of women who each pledge a set amount of money to a pool, then solicit project requests from the community and give all the money away in grants. She spoke of how working together empowers the members to do significant good in the community that is not possible individually. It made me think of the PPQ, and how we are like a giving circle. There are some differences - we are not all women, and we earn our money, not donate it. Also, we fund projects all around the world. Nevertheless, the concept is the same. Brian Leekley, bless his heart, had the same thought, and got up in front of the congregation and said so. Thank you, Brian. If you missed the talk, you might want to check out the website, www.moscowgivingcircle.org. If you have questions, contact Jessica at jessica.bearman@gmail.com.

The PPQ has scheduled their fall retreat this year for October 10-12. Dan and Joyce Leonard have graciously invited us to their newly purchased B&B in Joseph, Oregon. We stayed at their lovely Rose Cabin several years ago and had a great time. We all look forward to the weekend. We might even take our quilting.

The PPQ would like to invite you all to a Feed of Dreams on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm. This will be a Locavore event, with many delicious end-of-the-garden dishes. This is also the 60th anniversary of Ferdinand's Ice Cream shop on the WSU campus, so look for some delicious locally made ice cream for dessert. Any profit from this dinner will go to the PPQ's project to renovate the back room where the quilting supplies and the tables are stored. We will put doors on the cabinets, which will theoretically eliminate a lot of the mess. We will also have our latest raffle quilt, a beautiful Dresden Plate pattern with lots of hand quilting, on display. Bring your wallets! Purchase raffle tickets early and often.

Coffee Worship: Fact or Fiction?

While it may not be true that Unitarian Universalists worship the coffee pot, one might be excused for thinking it. Certainly the time between the services, variously known as Fellowship Time or Coffee Hour is vital to the life of this congregation. This true even it is really only half an hour and you are a tea drinker. This is time when you reconnect with everyone, catch up on the weeks doings and meet newcomers to the church; they are the ones with the blue mugs. Often you can get a little snack brought in from Wheatberies by Michael Tarabulski to keep your strength up until lunch. Your donation for leftover baked goods goes into the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Look into the kitchen, usually there are several people enjoying animated conversation as they wash the cups and dishes.

On the first and third Sundays of every month, thanks to Ana Dodgen, Marguerite Thoreson and Carol Casavant, you can buy some of high quality, sustainable Coffee Mann that we serve. Your purchase of this coffee pays for the church coffee. Look for the article about it in this newsletter.

If you are a tea drinker, and many of us are, there is a selection of fine teas in the basket by the lovely new, silvery grey hot water pot provided by Ken Faunce.

And while you are drinking your coffee or sipping your tea, talking to your fellow UU's and munching the day old cinnamon rolls, see if you can spot that mysterious and elusive personage, The Kwaphy Kwean. The Kwaphy Kwean is the person to talk to if we are out of your favorite type of tea, or there is no more sugar or you would like know how you can join those happy people washing dishes in the kitchen. The Kwaphy Kwean can be recognized by the clipboard in her hand and the people she has backed into a corner as she interrogates them as to their phone numbers and email addresses so she can recruit them into the elite ranks of Sunday Hospitality Helpers. It is only through the hard work of the Sunday Hospitality Helpers that we have our wonderful Coffee Half Hour. If you some how cannot find the Kwaphy Kwean, she can be contacted care of Margaret Dibble mdibble@uidaho.edu or 882-4749. [Sign up now, your Church needs you!](#)

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.

Spirit of Life: Exploring Spirituality for Unitarian Universalists

A series of workshops for youth and adults to explore spiritual life that is welcoming to Unitarian Universalists of many spiritual and theological persuasions.

Facilitated by Tracy Springberry, Intern Minister

Everyone is Welcome!

Participants will:

- Become familiar with a broad and inclusive definition of spirituality—one that includes those who do and don't affirm the existence of spirit or deity;
- Evaluate their experiences of the spiritual during turning points in their lives and during day-to-day living;
- Consider the value of spiritual practice;
- Participate in the spiritual practices of speaking and listening with respect;
- Explore a vocabulary of reverence drawn from the Unitarian Universalist hymnbook *Singing the Living Tradition* and *Singing the Journey*;
- Explore possibilities for deepening experiences of spirituality for themselves and for others in the context of their Unitarian Universalist congregation
- *Spirit of Life* is a series of nine workshops. They will be held once a month for nine months. Participants can attend one or all workshops.
- Each class will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 in either the Yellow House or Church Basement.

<i>Spirit of Life: Exploring Spirituality for Unitarian Universalists</i>	Tuesday, September 23
<i>Sing In My Heart: Celebrations And Rituals</i>	Tuesday, October 21
<i>The Stirrings Of Compassion: Caring For One Another</i>	Wednesday, November 19,
<i>Blow In The Wind, Rise In The Sea: Nature And Spirit</i>	Tuesday, December 2
<i>Move in the Hand: Living Our Spirituality in Our Day-to-day Lives</i>	Tuesday, January 27
<i>Giving Life The Shape Of Justice: Loving Your Neighbor And Yourself</i>	Tuesday, February 17
<i>Roots Hold Me Close: Tradition, Teachers, and Spiritual Formation</i>	Tuesday, March 17
<i>Wings Set Me Free: Hopes, Dreams, and Expanding Vision</i>	Tuesday, April 28
<i>Come to Us: Closing and Continuing On</i>	Tuesday, May 26

Childcare will be provided if requested.

Contact Tracy Springberry at (509) 638-5316 or tracyspringberry@comcast.net for more information.

DRE SEARCH

UU Fellowship of Manhattan, Kansas

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan, Kansas, is seeking a half time (20 hours per week) Director of Religious Education. UUFM is an active and growing congregation with a strong commitment to liberal religious education for our children and youth. Manhattan is a pleasant community of about 50,000 in the Flint Hills of northeast Kansas, and home to Kansas State University.

For detailed information and a position description, please go to www.uufm.net and click on the "Director of Religious Education" link at the bottom of the page. The application deadline is September 5, 2008, and questions may be directed to Carolyn Ferguson at dre-search@uufm.net

Special Notice: Infant Care Needed!

One of our RE teachers from last Spring is happily expecting her first child at the end of September, and is having a hard time lining up child care for infants. If any of you know of a child care provider who cares for infants, please contact Gail Glaab at 509-592-7584 or gailglaab@hotmail.com

Express Yourself Festival

September 27 2:30-9:00 pm, East City Park, Free

Like a color in a kaleidoscope, come be a part of the Express Yourself Festival at the East City Park on September 27th. The Express Yourself Festival is free to the public and is designed as an opportunity for people from the campus and community to come together and have a good time.

The event is also a place for local artists and activists to express themselves. There will be a stage show featuring awesome live music and speeches by local social justice and environmental rights groups who will also have tables to promote their causes. There will also be tables for local visual artist such as sculptors and painters to share and sell their work (if you would like to show your work contact me).

The event is also a harvest potluck so bring some food to share (also bring silverware and dishes so that we don't have to waste styrofoam and paper plates.) We are working on setting up a co-opted daycare for the event and there will also be games to make the event family friendly.

Also, the event will end with a free-for-all jam in which everyone is invited to share the stage together. I hope to see you there, expressing yourself and getting inspired by others who choose to express themselves.

Peace, Love, Understanding

—Jasun "Plaedo" Wellman, event organizer and performer; contact: Plaedo13@hotmail.com; 208 669 0781

UUA Fact of the Month

Next June's UUA General Assembly in Salt Lake City will be watershed event in the history of Unitarian Universalism. Voting delegates from the Association's more than one thousand congregations will elect a new president, moderator, and financial advisor as well as members of decision making boards, commissions, and committees.

As with the national political elections taking place this year, UUA elections will focus on a variety of issues as well as the candidates' experience and approaches to leadership. Please take a few minutes to get to know each of the candidates for president, moderator, and financial advisor by visiting the UUA's election website and joining the UUA Election-1 email list. Managed by Election Campaign Practices Committee Chair John Gibbons and UUA Secretary Paul Rickter, the list is a neutral place for open discussion of the 2009 UUA elections for President, Moderator, Financial Advisor, and other positions that will be elected at 2009 General Assembly.

To subscribe to election-1, go to <http://lists.uua.org/mailman/listinfo/election-1>.

And for information on UUA elections, visit <http://www.uua.org/aboutus/governance/elections/index.shtml>.

You can also view the UUA Candidates' Forum as it occurred at GA 2008 - go to <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/2008/commonthreads/115753.shtml> for links to the video as well as a transcript of the forum!

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

This course, led by Dave Potter, is based on Jon Kabat-Zinn's work and is an intensive training combining Mindfulness Meditation with the latest research in mind-body interaction. Through participation in this course, you will increase your ability to:

- Cope with stress, pain, and the challenges of everyday life
- Deal with disturbing events in a way that doesn't de-rail you
- Be fully present and alive in this moment

Introduction/Orientation: Tuesday 6:30pm, September 16

FREE introduction for anyone wanting to learn about Mindfulness Meditation. No obligation, but all wishing to participate in the full course must attend.

Course Meetings: Tuesdays 6:30pm-9:15pm, Sep 23 – Nov 18, plus one all-day retreat Saturday, Nov 1

All classes held at UI Business Technology Incubator, 121 Sweet Ave.

The registration fee includes class meetings, class manual, two practice CDs, and lunch at the all-day retreat. For comfort, we suggest you bring a blanket and flat pillow, and wear comfortable clothes (not necessary for Orientation).

The cost is \$260, due by Sep 23. To register, or for additional information contact Dave Potter at depotter@moscow.com or (208) 883-0619.

New ways to learn at Meadville Lombard, a Unitarian Universalist Seminary

Weekend and Week-long formats allow flexibility for Ministers and Lay Leaders

Meadville Lombard is now offering courses in formats that make it easier for working religious professionals and lay leaders to broaden or deepen their theological and congregational understanding. These on-campus courses were designed in a format best suited to developing religious leadership skills--a format that is face-to-face and heart-to-heart.

Weekend Courses

Lay Leadership Development with Rev. Brian Covell; Oct. 3-4 and 24-25, and Nov. 14-15, 2008

Designed to help ministers, lay leaders and post-internship seminarians become acquainted with the paradigms, problem-solving and relational skills necessary for effective lay leadership development. Because of the nature of this course, we offer this incentive for congregational teams: **Pay for two team members from your congregations, and register a third for free.** Audit: \$700.00/Credit: \$1400.00.

Real Peace/Real Security: UU Perspectives on Peace and War with Dr. Sharon Welch; Jan. 17-18, 2009

In this half-credit course, address the issues posed by the UUA CSAI study/action issue on peacemaking. Examine options for enhancing peace and security in our contemporary world and explore perspectives held by Unitarian Universalists on: strategic peacebuilding, just peace, just war, preventive defense, nonviolence and pacifism. Then discuss the concrete ways in which congregations best foster open dialogue and informed engagement on these crucial issues of peacemaking and conflict transformation at all levels: interpersonal, congregational, national and international. Audit: \$375.00/Credit: \$750.00.

Problems in Public Ethics with Rev. Dr. William Schulz and Dr. Sharon Welch; January 23-25, 2009

Learn to clarify the theological and ethical underpinnings of your approaches to public problems; consider five of the most pressing such problems on the national and world stage today: torture, military intervention, abortion, death penalty, and poverty and learn how to articulate your perspective and navigate the complexities of dealing with such issues in an institutional context. Audit: \$750.00/ Credit: \$1500.00.

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Fling Wide the Doors: Children and Church Growth with Rev. Greg Stewart; January 12-16, 2009

How well do we welcome children into the church family and what impact does that have on church growth? Audit: \$750.00/Credit: \$1500.00.

Afro-Americans and the Universalists, Unitarians, and Unitarian Universalists with Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed; January 26-30, 2009

Become familiar with both the Afro-American experience within the liberal religious community and the community's attitudes toward Afro-Americans. Who were these Afro-American women and men and when and how did they become part of this religious movement? What were the attitudes they met among Anglo-Americans and what was the institutional response to them? One objective of the course is for students to create a historical record of their home congregation with regard to race. Audit: \$750.00/Credit: \$1500.00.

Visit our website for a full listing and course syllabi and to register online. Please note that the tuition does not include lodging, and registrants will need to apply for Student at Large status (\$45.00) and pay a registration fee of \$50.00.

Contact Erika Chavez, Director of Admissions, at 773.256.3000 x 250 for more information.

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