

# UUUCP News

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**August 2, 10:00 am** *The Old Gospel Ship*

**Celebrants:** Rev. Jim-Bob Weddell & Holly McCollister  
This service is “a shameless excuse for singing” old favorites in the gospel tradition. Please bring a dish for everyone to share at the potluck “dinner on the ground” after the service.

**August 9, 10:00 am** *TBA*

**Speaker:** TBA **Celebrant:** TBA

**August 16, 10:00 am** *Islamic Religion: Some Basics*

**Speaker:** Dr. S.M. Ghazanfar **Celebrant:** Judy LaLonde  
Followed by about 1.5 billion people, Islam originated in the same crucible as the other two Abrahamic traditions. This conversation focuses on some key elements of the Islamic faith: continuity, articles of faith, pillars of Islam, sacred/secular, family, social, etc. Islamic presence in America goes back to pre-Columbus era, but our post-9/11 world necessitates greater interfaith interactions, particularly with the world of Islam, so as to promote better understanding and appreciation. Pluralistic tolerance/acceptance of the "other" is essential to Islam, as it is also the essence of Unitarian-Universalist mission.

**August 23, 10:00 am** *Our Blue Boat Home: Water Communion/Ingathering Sunday*

**Speaker:** Rev. Kayle Rice **Celebrant:** Peggy Jenkins  
Bring water from your summer experiences (we will also have water available) to pour into our community bowl as we begin our new church and academic year.

**August 30, 10:00 am** *Tweets, Blogs and Friend Requests*

**Speaker:** Rev. Kayle Rice **Celebrant:** Ehren Moler  
You-Tube, Twitter, Facebook, etc.: Do these hi-tech tools mean low touch spiritual community?

**“Believing that reason is part of faith; action, the result of prayer; inquiry, part of tradition; knowledge of the past, part of the promise of the future: we gather together to gain strength in diversity and to worship the seen, the unseen, and the generosity of spirit we help into being. And we laugh. A lot.”**

**Ruth Bragg, First Parish in Bedford Bedford, MA**



**September Newsletter—Please Plan Ahead!**

The Secretary will be out of the office August 20-30, so if at all possible, please submit your newsletter items early so formatting of the September newsletter can be started. The Secretary will be in the office Monday August 31 to work on the September newsletter and get it out as quickly as possible, but it will probably be 1-2 days late.

*To explore UUUCP, browse [www.palouseuu.org](http://www.palouseuu.org)*



## From the Pastor's Pad

Greetings dear friends....in this last month of our oh, so brief summer, I offer you a poem. May you always look up and see brilliance.

Namaste,

Kayle

### Brilliant Sky

Never between the branches has the sky  
burned with such brilliance, as if  
it were offering all of its light to me,  
to say – what? what urgent mystery  
strains at that transparent mouth?  
No leaf, no rustle . . . It's in winter,  
in cold emptiness and silence, that the air  
suddenly arches itself like this into infinity,  
and glitters.

This evening, far from here,  
a friend is entering his death,  
he knows it, he walks  
under bare trees alone,  
perhaps for the last time. So much love,  
so much struggle, spent and worn thin.  
But when he looks up, suddenly the sky  
is arrayed in this same vertiginous clarity.

~ Jean Joubert ~

(Trans. by Denise Levertov, In  
The Gift of Tongues, ed. by Sam Hamill)

**“There is room on our path for any person who seeks a more complete understanding of what is true and good in life. The answers can’t be found if you ask only men. They can’t be found if you ask only gay people. They can’t be found if you ask just yourself. The answers come from listening to people of great diversity and weaving their small truth into a larger tapestry of Meaning.”**

**David Blanchard, Unitarian Universalist Lesbian Gay Caucus Newsletter**



## Social Action Committee News

The Social Action Committee met on Tuesday, July 21 with a full agenda. There are lots of social action events coming up in the next few weeks.

1. **Palouse Pride** is coming up on Saturday, August 15. There will be a rally at Friendship Square at 11:00 am, then a parade at 11:30 am to East City Park. There will be booths in the park, vendors selling food and merchandise, music by the Kingpins, and a beer garden. UUCP will be participating in the parade, and will have a booth at the park. If you are interested in participating in the parade, just show up in Friendship Square - wear your UUCP Social Action T shirt! If you would like to work in the booth, contact Peggy Jenkins (301-5099) for more information.
2. **Lentil Festival** - Last year the UUCP had a very successful booth at Lentil Fest, and we plan to repeat that success. We will have a booth on Friday, August 21 in downtown Pullman, with information on UUCP for newcomers to the area. The festivities start at 5:30 pm in downtown Pullman. Contact Brent Jeffers (509-339-3270) if you would like to help, or just show up. We are particularly interested in getting Pullman UUCP volunteers.
3. **UUCP - Muslim Community Picnic**. This will be held on Sunday, October 4 at 12:30 pm at the 1912 Center across from the church. UUCP is responsible for main dishes this year; the Muslim community will provide desserts. The congregation will be contacted later to coordinate our food offerings. Everyone is welcome. This is always a wonderful meal and great chance to get to know our Muslim neighbors. Call Mary Jo Hamilton for more information (882-0443).
4. **Crop Walk**. This is an activity that has been going on on the Palouse for 25 years, but UUCP has not been a participant. This year the event will take place on October 11 in Pullman, with walks of 6 and 12 kilometers available. The event is sponsored nationally by Church World Services, and funds raised go to projects to alleviate hunger around the world. 25% of funds raised stay in our community. We are hoping to have a good showing for UUCP this year. For more information, contact Mary Jo Hamilton or Brian Leekley. You will be hearing more about this as the time gets closer.
5. **UUCP Discussion topic - Ethical Eating**. More information on this topic will be coming out in October.

The Social Action Committee's next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11, 7:00 pm in the church basement. All are welcome.

## From the President



Greetings,

By the time you are reading this, it may seem like you're looking at the caboose end of the train of summer. It has felt like a bullet express for me at times, and no amount of hanky waving is going to slow it down. Be that as it may, it's been a good summer for me and my family, for the most part. Intense is another good descriptor. And as life goes these days, the good and the intense follow one on top of the other, rapid-fire. Among the good things were our annual trip to Priest Lake, huckleberries, putting river rock down in areas of our yard, relaxing evenings with friends and family, watching my ten-year-old develop her front crawl stroke, raspberries, receiving 18,000 ladybugs special order in the mail, seeing my fifteen-year-old's ecstasy at meeting Josh Ritter (and receiving a Coca-Cola and a hug from him), teaching the little ones in RE, and of course, teaching yoga.

Ken and I have launched ourselves into a renewed meditation practice this summer. We sit together each morning and have built up to an hour of practice. This has been especially good. The thing about meditation practice is that it demonstrates how long a moment is, or can be. And you can interpret that in a couple of ways: a moment in meditation is a long time; or, a moment in meditation is a verrrry lonnnnggg time. Regardless, it is instructive. If we were constantly in a state of meditation as we moved through life, more than likely it would not seem so much like a bullet train (which tells you something of my recent state of mind.) But the teaching is that in the space of an inhalation or exhalation, or in the space *between* an inhalation and exhalation, a whole lot of things can happen. And the key is to be paying attention closely enough to notice it. Just like matter is made up mostly of space, so is life, if you're paying attention. The transition between good and intense is longer than we think, if we can be present to the space between. This space offers, if we let it, a big opportunity to relax, to reset our nervous systems and to notice what's happening. So, if it's helpful, while it seems like summer has almost ended, there is, in fact, time for approximately 600,000 breaths until school starts.

Besides, August will be a fun and low-key month in our UUCP community. It begins with our very own Rev. Jim Bob Weddell, who will set our souls "a-fahr" and give our spirits "whangs" with Gospel Music Sunday, an annual summer favorite. Lunch on the grounds follows, so bring your sangin' voice, paper fan and dish to pass. And on August 23, Water Communion calls us back in. We'll collect water from your summer journeys and kick off the new church year. Jon Anderson will begin as our new music director, and the rest of the church staff will resume their active duty. It's all good. Let's just pay attention and enjoy it.

Blessings and Namaste,

Karen Faunce

### Purple Paisley Quilters (PPQ) News

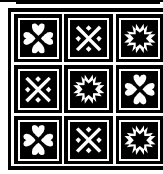
It appears that the PPQ is mostly taking the summer off, so I have little to report. It's partly my own fault - I have missed quite a few Mondays as well. I can tell you what I do know.

Tina Bredeson is in her new home and is working on getting organizing. Last I talked with her, she was planning a yard sale.

Mayme Trumble came back for a visit and for a Palouse LaTrek reunion. She was also spotted at the Farmer's Market and at Rendezvous in the Park.

Rita Styer has been diagnosed with small cell lung cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy in Ashville NC. She is feeling well and has lots of support from her family. She would love your healing thoughts and kind wishes. Her address is : Rita Styer, 75 Allman Hill, Weaverville NC 28787. She would love to hear from you.

I hope that next month's PPQ news will be more informative, if not entertaining. Meanwhile, come and meet with us on Monday nights, 7:30 pm in the church basement. We'd love to see you.



**“Man was not made subject to woman, nor should woman be subject to man. Neither men’s rights nor women’s rights should be considered, but human rights, the right of each, the rights of all. Men and women rise or fail together.**

**Phoebe A. Hanaford (1829-1921), a Universalist and feminist: the first woman ordained to the ministry in New England.**

## UUCP Library



Marti Ford and Lynn Cantrell have resigned as UUCP co-librarians after two and a half years in those positions. Library Group member Ami Scott has volunteered to be Librarian for awhile. Assisting her is Library Group member Brian Leekley.

This summer the UUCP Library Group has moved the church library from the Yellow House main floor to the Yellow House basement. This will allow more (and more convenient) library hours. Probably starting towards the end of August, the library will be open before and after each Sunday service. It will probably also be open some of the time during the week. To help the Library Group decide what the new library hours will be, please send an email to [library@palouseuu.org](mailto:library@palouseuu.org) saying on what weekday or weekend morning, afternoon, or evening you and others in your household would most likely use the library--or speak about this with Ami or Brian.

The Library Group is seeking additional members. We have one "maybe" who will decide in September. We would like to have half a dozen participants. The work is easy and pleasant--some data entry, some sticking of color-coded labels on books, some shelving, some decision making, etc.--and many tasks can be done at home. More helpers will mean each of us needing to contribute just a little time per week to keep up with maintaining and expanding the church library.

If you would like to help, please send an email to [library@palouseuu.org](mailto:library@palouseuu.org) or speak with Ami or Brian.

Brian Leekley for the UUCP Library Group

### In the Family

Fare-thee-well to: the **Tarabulski/O'Brien family** who have moved to El Paso, TX –thank you for your loyal "bun runs" every weekend to Wheatberries; **Marshall Mitchell and Lori Rowlett** who have moved to Austin, TX—they are looking forwards to getting involved in the large UU church there; **Maggie McCormack** and her son **Andy** who have moved to San Francisco where Maggie is going to nursing school; and **Demere Woolway** who is moving to Ohio to a new job at Miami University.

Thank you to: **JD Stevens, Glen Butters and Ellen Thiem** for representing UUCP as delegates to the General Assembly recently held in Salt Lake City.

Congratulations to: **Tom Salisbury's** mother, whose kidney "tumor" was found to be a cyst; **JD Stevens** on his 30th birthday earlier this summer;

Please hold in your thoughts: JD Stevens, who was hospitalized earlier this summer; Diane Prorak's father, who was hospitalized earlier this summer; Rod Sprague's father, who fell again in mid-June; Joseph Erhard-Hudson's 89-year-old grandmother, who had a heart attack in early July; and **Leslie Leeper** who is recovering from a severely broken leg and is now recuperating at her sister's in Lewiston. We're delighted that **Anesa Miller** and her husband **Jaak Panksepp** are back in Pullman from many months in Seattle for their cancer treatments — please continue to keep them both in your hearts and thoughts. **Rita Styer**, a member of our congregation for many years, has been diagnosed with small cell lung cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy in North Carolina. She says she feels well now, her children and her sister are taking turns being with her during the course of treatment, and she would appreciate your healing thoughts. Cards and notes can be sent to her at 75 Allman Hill, Weaverville NC 28787. Also to Rebecca Rod, Anne Bowler, and Martha Schmidt, who all have beloved relatives going through tough times; Brian Leekley, whose brother Guy has cancer on the spine; and Cindy Magnuson whose son-in-law has started treatment for MS.

Our Sympathies to: **Donna Holmes Parks** on the tragic deaths of her cousins Byrd and Melanie Billings; **Doug McFall** on the recent death of his 98-year old mother;

*Please notify the office, 882-4328 or [uuchurch@moscow.com](mailto:uuchurch@moscow.com), of any family news to be included in this section.*

# August 2009

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 10:00 am Service 11:15 am Jr. High RE, YHB 12:00 noon Youth Group, YH 2:00 pm Palouse Nature Covenant, CS	<b>3</b> 7:30 pm PPQ, CB	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30 pm Sunday Svcs Comm Mtg, CB	<b>6</b> 12:00 noon Retirees' Luncheon, Best Western Appaloosa Rm	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm Rock-n-Roll Dance Concert w/The Senders, 1912 Center	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:00 am Service 11:15 am Jr. High RE, YHB 12:00 noon Youth Group, YH 7:00 pm Bridge Group, CB	<b>10</b> 7:30 pm PPQ, CB	<b>11</b> 7:00 Social Action Committee Mtg, CB	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 11:00 Palouse Pride rally, Friendship Square; 11:30 parade to East City Park
<b>16</b> 10:00 am Service 11:15 am Jr. High RE, YHB 12:00 noon Youth Group, YH 12:00 noon Buddhist Study Group, CS 2:00 pm Palouse Nature Covenant, CS	<b>17</b> 7:30 pm PPQ, CB	<b>18</b> 7:15 pm Board Meeting, YHM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30 pm, Lentil Festival, downtown Pullman	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10:00 am Service <i>Water Communion</i> 11:15 am Jr. High RE, YHB 12:00 noon Youth Group, YH 12:00 noon Buddhist Study	<b>24</b> 7:30 pm PPQ, CB	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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## Dates to Remember

**Mondays:** Purple Paisley Quilters, 7:30 pm, CB  
**Thursdays:** Choir, 7:00 pm, CS (begins mid-August)  
**Sundays:** Service, 10:00 am, CS  
Jr. High RE, 11:15 am, YH  
Youth Group, 12:00 noon, YH  
Buddhist Study Group, 12:00 noon, CS  
(resumes August 16)

**Sunday August 2** Palouse Nature Covenant, 2:00 pm, CS

**Wednesday August 5** Sunday Services Comm Mtg, 7:30 pm, CB

**Thursday August 6** Retirees' Luncheon, 12:00 noon, Best Western Appaloosa Room

**Friday August 7** Rock-n-Roll Dance Concert with The Senders, 7:00 pm, 1912 Center

**Sunday August 9** UUCP Bridge Group, 7:00 pm CB

**Tuesday August 11** Social Action Committee meeting, 7:00 pm, CB

**Saturday August 15** Palouse Pride, 11:00 am, Friendship Square rally; 11:30 am parade to East City Park

**Sunday August 16** Buddhist Study Group meetings resume, 12:00 noon, CS

**Sunday August 16** Palouse Nature Covenant, 2:00 pm, CS

**Tuesday August 18** Board Meeting, 7:15 pm, YHM

**Friday August 21** Lentil Festival, 5:30 pm, downtown Pullman

**Sunday August 23** Water Communion & Ingathering, 10:00 am, CS

## UU Retirees' Luncheon

The retirees will meet for lunch in the Appaloosa Room at the Best Western at 12:00 noon on Thursday August 6. All are welcome!



**“Why should there be women ministers? To the mother, sister and daughter she carries with her peculiar favor and irresistible influence of the authority of a high priestess. Through this she leads and guides, she comforts and console, and thus the community and individual comes to realize “why a woman minister”.**

—Florence Kollock Crooker (1848-1924), a universalist and pioneer in ministry, advocating equal rights for women in the workplace.



Happy Birthday  
to our August-born RE Participants:



**Dylan Gassa**  
**Elijah Altman**  
**Forrest DePhelps**  
**Joseph Haycock**

**Karl Erhard**  
**Hudson**  
**Petra Jackson**  
**Zoe Pallen-Richard**



## UUCP Mah Jongg

The Mah Jongg group has been taking the summer off. We will start meeting again the first Sunday in October. Watch for an update in the September newsletter. For more information, call or email Mary Jo Hamilton - 882-0443, maryjofs@moscow.com. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary. We play for fun.



## UUCP Staff Information

### Rev. Kayle Rice, Minister

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Thursday, 9:00 am—12:00 noon

*Starting Aug. 25:*

Tues., Weds., & Thurs. 9:00 am—1:00 pm

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*Summer Office Hours:* by arrangement

### Summer Stevens, Admin. Secretary

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*Email:* uuchurch@moscow.com

*Summer Office Hours:*

Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 9:00 am—12:00 noon

*On vacation August 20-30*

*Starting Aug. 31:* Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am-12:00 noon

### Jon Anderson, Music Director

*(beginning mid-August 2009)*

*Email:* frodo@moscow.com

## UU Youth Rafting Trip Taking a Year Off

The UU Youth Rafting Trip is taking a year off. We promise to be back next year with sand, sun and waves.

In the meantime, if you are interested in taking over leadership of this church activity, we are offering a free training session: just join us next year! At the completion of the training weekend, you'll receive an electronic copy of menus and shopping lists.

Nancy & David Nelson, Kimberly Green, & Margaret Dibble



## Policy for Announcements & Inserts in Church Order of Service and Church-related Email List

As a general policy, announcements and inserts in the order of service and messages sent to the church-wide email\* should pertain directly to the service or to church-related events coming up in the next two weeks. Examples would include:

- Descriptions of art on the pedestal
- Special readings or music for the current service
- Announcements of upcoming church-related events
- Requests for volunteers, services or materials for upcoming church-related events
- Information on a special money collection authorized by the Board of Trustees
- Materials related to a congregational meeting, such as a copy of a proposed budget
- Materials related to the Pledge Drive or Service Auction
- Announcements of social action events sponsored by the Social Action Committee
- RE-related information

Material not appropriate for inserts or announcements in order of service:

- ◆ Advertising for personal or commercial purposes
- ◆ Announcements of non-church-related events
- ◆ Political announcements

Exceptions may be made at the discretionary request of the minister, the DRE, or a Board of Trustees officer.

\* There are two different e mail lists. One is reserved only for church-related activities and information, and the above guidelines apply. The second e mail list may be used for non-church-related announcements of community and other events that may be of interest to UU church members.

## Dance with The Senders Aug. 7

The Senders are back in Moscow! Put your dancing shoes on and get ready for a premium Rock 'n' Roll dance concert from 7:00 pm to 12:00 midnight on Friday, August 7 at the 1912 Center.



Jon Anderson, our new UUCP Music Director, is featured on vocals and keyboard. The Senders have been an institution in the Pacific Northwest for 20 years, off and on. Come celebrate hot weather and good music. Admission is \$5.00 per person, cash bar available. This event is sponsored by Heart of the Arts.

**“We cannot see how impartially Nature gives of her riches to all, without loving all, and helping all. There will come with greater love of science greater love to one another.”**

**Maria Mitchell (1818-1889). Unitarian pioneer in astronomy, who discovered a comet in 1847.**

## Tyre Newton

Tyre and Ellie Newton were longtime members of the UUCP, active in the church until Tyre's retirement from the WSU Department of Mathematics and their subsequent move to the other side of the state. As some of you may know, Tyre had a fractured spine that was repaired and other bones were disintegrating. In April he was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. He decided not to undergo chemo again, and he was being cared at home with the help of hospice. He is to be cremated and will have a private funeral with military honors. A community celebration will be held in August in Graham south of Seattle.

Professor Emeritus Tyre A. Newton of the WSU Department of Mathematics passed away June 16, 2009. Newton joined WSU in 1958, rising through the ranks to become a Professor in 1977. He was known as an early exponent for integrating the computer into the mathematics curriculum. Newton started with an analog system and later incorporated the digital computer. Newton retired in 1987, but continued to have an active role in mathematics research. In 2002, he and his wife Eleanor moved to Graham, WA.

(Submitted by Duane De Temple & Mary Jo Hamilton)

## From the Director of Religious Education....

[In honor of our resident wasps]

### BUMBLE BEE

Humble bumble bee a-humming  
Sitting in the summer sun,  
Sipping nectar, going, coming  
From the clovers every one—  
Sometimes on your head you tumble,  
Fumble through the weedy way  
But we never hear you grumble,  
Though you toil the livelong day.  
Visiting the flowers cheery,  
All day long you come and go.  
Do you never grow a-weary  
Busily a buzzing so?

by Barbara Dawson Betteridge, Whittle Your Ears

## RE Registration

August is also the time to **register** your children for *Fall RE* classes. The registration process is an important part of running the RE program, and is essential for planning, budgeting, and having important updated emergency and contact information on file.

Fall registration forms will be available the first week of August in the Church foyer. Please take the time to fill out a form if you plan on having your children attend RE classes, whether your child is a new or returning student. After completing the form, simply drop it off in the yellow RE Registration box next to the forms, or you can take it home to fill out and later drop it in the front porch mailbox at the Yellow House.

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## Call for Fall RE Teachers

Teachers will be needed for this Fall, with the curriculum being “UU Identity” for children in grades PreK through Sixth, and “Neighboring Faiths” for grades 7—9. The elementary grades will be divided into the following classes: PreK/K, 1/2/3 and 4/5/6, and will take place on the main and top floors of the Yellow House after the *Children’s Story*. The Jr. High class curriculum of Neighboring Faiths (led by Ken Faunce), will take a look at other religious practices on the Palouse. As the class will involve the Youth in visiting different places of worship and houses of faith throughout the semester, the class-starting times will vary.

Our first Fall Sunday in the Yellow House will be September 6, which will be a *Multi-Age* class for the elementary children. The regular age-grouped classes and lesson instruction will begin the following Sunday, September 13. I look forward to meeting all of you, and especially in working with your children.

A Fall RE Teacher Sign-Up sheet will be available starting Sunday, **August 9**--2 weeks before *Water Communion* (Aug. 23).



The “UU Identity” curriculum is designed to introduce children to the history, traditions and basic tenants of Unitarian Universalism, in a way which involves lots of discussion and hands-on activities. As the *Introductory Guide* to the curriculum notes:


“There is perhaps no religion as hard to explain to young people as Unitarian Universalism. This difficulty is understandable. As we are a creedless faith, there is no simple statement that fully captures the dynamic fluidity that gives our democratic religion its vitality....As a young person grows in understanding and articulating his/her identity as a Unitarian Universalism (an ability to make positive statements about our religious positions), the freer the person is to make decisions for action that fit the UU lifestyle—a life characterized by abundant living. [*This curriculum,*] is written to be of help...in that portion of children’s development dealing with the facts of our UU identity and the facts of our differences from other religions....”


I hope that parents and congregation members will take this opportunity to learn more about Unitarian Universalism themselves, as they help our children grow and learn about the church and the community of which they are a part. **Please consider being a part of our children’s religious education, and sign up to help teach this fall.**


Contact Janet Granja, the Director of Religious Education for more information: dre@palouseuu.org, or leave a message at (208) 882-4328.

## **Yellow House News**

A big “Thank You” goes out to the hearty volunteers who are giving of their time, love and energy to guide our children through exciting and wondrous summer adventures. For the stories-with-the-glories, thank you Dr. Seuss storytellers Melodie Rai, Ami Scott, Karen Faunce and Donna Mills. “Merci” and “Gracias” to our UU Travelers Ralph Nielsen, John Pool, Tony Allison, Lysa Salsbury, Tara Brandenberry, and Karen & Steve Flint.

 So far, our *UU Traveler’s Curriculum* for grades 3—6 has taken our children for a “Trip Around the World in 30 days” through Greece, Egypt, Oman, United Arab Emirates, India, Thailand and Singapore; through the hinterlands of France which ended with a sailboat to Marseilles; a visit south to meet the jungle peoples of Ecuador; and a journey through revolutionary Nicaragua. The PreK and Kinder set have taken some looks-in-some-books with Dr. Seuss’ works *Cat in the Hat*, *Horton Hatches the Egg*, and *Oh, the Thinks you Can Think!*

 The Church Library is in the process of being moved to the basement of the Yellow House, by the UUCP Church Library Group, and is planning on sprucing up that hallowed hall with some fresh paint and some new surprises.

 In cleaning out the shelves, many a student-made treasure was found that had been left behind over the years. I will be leaving these items out during the month of August--on a table in the foyer of the Yellow House-- for all past RE participants (many who may have moved out and on to lives beyond the boundaries of childhood) to stop by, take a look, and gather up any items that you remember making, and that must return home to their rightful places on the mantel. **Youth and Young Adults, many of these priceless artifacts were probably made by you, so come on by the Yellow House, stroll down Memory Lane, remembering to take your art work home with you!!**

**“Universalists are often asked to tell where they stand. The only true answer to give to this question is that we do not stand at all... we move.”**  
-- Rev. Lewis B. Fisher

## A Letter From UUA President Peter Morales

June 28, 2009

Friends,

As you know, I have just been elected President of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). I have trouble expressing how profoundly I am touched by the confidence people have placed in me.



I can only say, in the Spanish phrase, *mil gracias*, “a thousand thanks.”

I am humbled and grateful. The challenges before us are great. We continue to live in a world where fear and hatred cause suffering and violence. Greed and acquisitiveness threaten life on our planet. We are surrounded by millions of people seeking a spiritual home that is free and open. We face historic cultural and ethnic change in America.

We must learn to express our love and values in new cultural contexts. We will build on the great achievement of President Bill Sinkford in social witness. Ours will be a presidency passionately engaged in the great moral issues of our time: economic justice, peace, and human rights. I would like to thank and praise the Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman, the other candidate for president, for her deep insights and inspiring contributions to our faith. Her concerns for spiritual depth, covenantal relationships and stewardship are values I share.

To Laurel's supporters, I offer my warmest welcome. There are no divisions in our movement, only complementarities. Your call for spiritual depth has always been a call that leads us to work together to make a better world. Together, we are answering the same call heard by Servetus, Ballou, Channing, Parker and Susan B. Anthony—a call to leave behind what is outmoded and to let compassion guide us as we shape a future together.

The challenges we face are great. However, together we have the passion, the spirit, the determination and love to face the tests of our times. Together, we can grow our faith and help heal the world. We can be, we must be, the religion for our time. Together we are beginning an exciting new chapter in Unitarian Universalism. We are on a journey of faith together.

—Peter Morales

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