

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Klamath County September, 2013

## *Newsletter and Calendar*

*The mission of the UUFKC: We seek to offer a forum for religious freedom and pursuit of knowledge, to extend spiritual fellowship to all people, and provide a place of renewal to foster a life of community and action.*

**The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship now meets every Sunday for worship, fellowship, and discussion.**

### **WHERE:**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, **801 Jefferson Street**, Klamath Falls, OR. We meet in the upstairs community room. Please enter to the right side of the main entrance of St. Paul's. Handicapped accessible.

### **WHEN:**

Every Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

### **WHAT:**

Worship services begin at 10:30, often including a children's story. Children are normally excused before the sermon; childcare is provided. **Discussion group meets at 9:30 a.m. prior to services; topics vary and discussion usually led by members. Children's Religious Education meets at 9:45 a.m.**

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# September 2013 Calendar

## Services and Events

### September 8, Sunday

Rev. Stephen Ames "*The Water Communion*"

Remember to bring water from a special place in your life to this service. The water will be gathered together and later used for child blessings and other events. Rev. Stephen Ames will continue the theme of nonviolence from last year, reflecting on the soft power of water.

### September 15, Sunday

Community Speaker: Sally-Ann Palcovich

Ms. Palcovich was ordained as a Lutheran pastor after earning a B.A. in Greek and Hebrew and a Master of Divinity degree. After serving in a few churches, she found her real calling was fundraising. Fourteen years ago, what is now Sky Lakes Medical Center hired her as the Executive Director of their foundation, a position she still holds. Five years ago, the hospital asked her to take on the additional responsibility of providing Spiritual Care for the patients, families, and staff of Sky Lakes.

The Lutheran Church did not ordain women at the time Ms. Palcovich started on the road to ordination, so the journey was fraught with challenges. Her talk will focus on the history of women in organized religion and will share stories from her road to ordination. She has also been part of a liturgical dance group called Hot Cross Buns. Sally-Ann will explain this mode of expressing spirituality and will invite us to participate in what that entails. She suggests that we wear comfortable clothes and come ready to move!

### September 22, Sunday

Rev. Patt Herdklotz, "*Reflection on the Pillars of Faith*"

There are five pillars of faith kept by the people of Islam. Rev. Patt Herdklotz will offer a Unitarian Universalist reflection on these pillars and how they may be significant to our progressive faith which enjoys an open search for truth and meaning. The worship service will also include an illustrative story 'for all ages', and will close with a prayer for peace and celebration of the kindredhood of all people.

### September 29, Sunday

Guest UU minister Brad Carrier, "*Sacred Faith and Practical Religion*"

Originally from Michigan, Mr. Carrier has served in churches and fellowships in Michigan, Illinois, North Carolina, and Oregon. He served as the Ashland UU's first minister from 1986 to 1994 and the Grants Pass group from its inception in 1989 to the present. He is also currently active in the Southern Oregon Climate Action Now group.

In Mr. Carrier's service, he will reflect on American's tendency to favor practical thinking, yet cling to misplaced faith. He will reflect on what theologians Paul Tillich and Mircea Eliade had to say about faith and the sacred, integrating their insights with such practical visionaries as Bucky Fuller and Peter Diamandis. Religions can mislead, and yet they can, or could, and should, help humanity at this crucial time in our history. He asks how might this fellowship fulfill such faith and practicality?

## Other dates and items of note:

Members of the UU Fellowship are encouraged to help out at the PALM (Provide A Loving Meal) dinners at the Methodist Church downtown. Meals are provided on each Tuesday and Sunday of the week. If you are interested in helping to purchase and/or prepare food or help with serving and cleanup, please contact Vicki or Don Dumbeck at 541-884-0050 or [ragdfan@aol.com](mailto:ragdfan@aol.com). This is a greatly appreciated service to the poor in our community.

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### UUFKC ARCHIVES by Barbara Turk

September and school bells chime. Alas, not ours.

Over this summer lots of "stuff" was culled and donated to Goodwill or the Alliance of Portland's First Unitarian Church for its annual sale with all proceeds going to local social service /social justice organizations.

While sorting I came across a LIFE magazine from September 1986. Cost: \$2.50. On the cover was bride, Caroline Bouvier Kennedy. The "Fergie" and Prince Andrew wedding was also a feature piece.

This from another article: "The Great and General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony, meeting in 1636, ended a day of heavy business by passing an act 'to give 400 pounds towards a schoale...the next Court to appoint wheare and what building'.

Just 16 years after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, a school was established---on the banks of the Charles River in a new town called Cambridge. Two years later in 1638 minister John Harvard willed his 400-book library to the college, and it was named for him.

### THOREAU SLEPT HERE

Henry David Thoreau, over the years a FAV topic at UUFKC, roomed in Harvard's oldest dorm, Hollis Hall. Washington's troops had used the hall as barracks in 1776.

Thoreau's room, No. 23, had been occupied by Ralph Waldo Emerson, and later by John Updike. But in 1836 it was assigned to Thoreau, and he wrote, "Those hours that should have been devoted to study have been spent in roaming the woods." (What's a parent to do!?)

Harvard's first recorded campus rebellion took place ten years BEFORE the Revolution, when Asa Dunbar, Thoreau's grandfather, is said to have told a tutor, "Behold our butter stinketh!" The angry students walked out of commons and ate breakfast in town.

Let us wish all students a rewarding 2013-14 academic year, and have empathy for all instructors.

Mid-August Lou and I had the privilege of attending the graduation ceremony of Christy Davis, special UUFKC friend, as she accepted her Master of Library Science from Emporia State University (Kansas) School of Library Science and Information Management (in an OHSU auditorium). Marian the librarian is NO MORE! Just ask Christy. WAY TO GO GIRL!

Everyone have a safe Labor Day holiday.

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*If anyone is interested in planning our 4th and sometimes 5th services, you may choose to become involved in the Worship Associates Committee. Please speak to Rev. Ames or Carol Imani if you want to get involved in this.*

**PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE UNDER DEVELOPMENT! OUR VERY OWN MR. LEE LAWSON HAS KINDLY TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO HELP US OUT. PLEASE CHECK OUT THE SITE AT [WWW.UUKFALLS.ORG](http://WWW.UUKFALLS.ORG)**

**WE ARE ALWAYS SEEKING DISCUSSION GROUP IDEAS!**

We always need people to lead the Sunday morning discussion group! If you have an idea for a topic, or if you are willing to lead a discussion, please speak to Carol Imani (see contact info on first page).

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PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT THE UUFKC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM! WE WILL BEGIN ASKING PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR AN OCCASIONAL STINT HELPING OUT OUR RE TEACHER/SITTER. THE RULES OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH REQUIRE THAT TWO PEOPLE BE WITH THE CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES. VOLUNTEERS WOULD NEED TO HELP OUT DURING THE 45 MINUTE RE CLASS THAT BEGINS AT 9:30, AND THEN AGAIN AFTER THE CHILDREN LEAVE THE CHURCH SERVICE DURING THEIR PLAYTIME. PLEASE SPEAK TO MARYANN LUNDIN OR ERIC JENSEN FOR DETAILS AND TO SIGN UP.

***Please take note of the following information:***



**FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OREGON UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST VOICES FOR JUSTICE  
OCTOBER 19, 2013  
10 A.M TO 4 P.M  
EUGENE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH  
1685 W 13TH AVE, EUGENE, OR**

At our annual meeting UUs from around the state will gather in Eugene to decide statewide advocacy priorities for 2014 and to commit ourselves to working together on those social justice issues. In 2014 there will be a short session of the state legislature, and an election that will probably include a marriage equality ballot initiative. We want to know what you and your congregation are working on and how ORUUVfJ can help to make our UU values know in the public square.

We will look back at last year's activities, and will briefly discuss organizational issues. Other agenda items include time to nourish our spirits, hear a keynote address, break bread together, and enjoy each other's company. We'll order in lunch (donation \$5) or you can bring a sack lunch. Beverages and light refreshments will be on hand.

Oregon UU Voices for Justice is one of fifteen statewide UU advocacy networks. For more information about Oregon UU Voices or the annual meeting, and/or to suggest action issues contact [oregonuuvoices@yahoogroups.com](mailto:oregonuuvoices@yahoogroups.com) or visit [www.uuvoicesoregon.org](http://www.uuvoicesoregon.org)

*If you have something you would like to include in this newsletter, please email to Julia Jackman, [jackmanclan@charter.net](mailto:jackmanclan@charter.net)*

## **Minister's Musings**

### **Rev. Stephen Ames**

I look forward to seeing you soon and hearing about your summers!

For this fall, the Board requested, and I readily agreed to lead some sort of adult education program from 9:30 to 10:20 on the mornings I lead services. Last year my focus was starting a Worship Services Committee, with meeting following Sunday services. The Worship Services Committee has done a terrific job leading quality Sunday morning worship services and cultivating the ground for other quality services, even when members of the Committee are not directly involved.

While still supporting this group as it prepares to lead itself, I look forward to spending more time with a broader group as well. I've really enjoyed sitting in on your morning pre-service discussions and have been thinking about what I could offer you for the fall. Continuing such discussions is an obvious option, coming up with a theme and perhaps a quotation for people to discuss – a tried-and-true practice at UUKFC. But I feel drawn to offer you what you might not otherwise experience, to make the most of my education and experience, and what comes most often to mind is Unitarian Universalist history. Not UU history as you could read in a book (or online) – UU history as you can experience in this congregation's favorite medium: discussions. In this case, facilitated discussions based on readings known to the group (though nobody turned away if they hadn't completed or didn't know of the readings)

So, from September through November I plan to offer a UU read-and-discuss series on “the founding father” of Unitarianism in America, William Ellery Channing. On September 8 I'll offer an introduction to Channing and his context, with time for discussion, and hand out readings for October 6 and November 3. The readings will be sermons of Channing, with questions for reflection – including how Channing's sermons are relevant today, relevant to *you*.

Why UU history? It's important to know our roots. It helps us understand who we are now. Why Channing? Channing was profoundly influential, not only on Unitarianism but on Emerson and the Transcendentalist movement as a whole, and on American thought. He can be lyrical, inspiring, even as he is eminently reasonable and careful in his thinking. He honored the past, genuinely, even as he challenged and inspired new growth. Channing inspires and challenges me and I hope he does the same for you.

Looking forward to this fall in Klamath Falls,

Rev. Stephen Ames