

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Klamath County February, 2014

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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February 2014 Calendar Services and Events

February 2, Sunday

Rev. Stephen Ames, discussion and worship service

Discussion program – 9:30-10:20 a.m.

Theodore Parker: “On the Transient and the Permanent in Christianity”

For this program, we’ll discuss Parker’s sermon, “On the Transient and the Permanent in Christianity.” A copy of Parker’s sermon may be found at <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/etas/14/>

Worship service – 10:30 a.m.

“The Transient and the Permanent in Christianity - Finding and Living Real Religion for Today”

Rev. Ames will preach on one of the most important sermons in American Unitarian history.

REMINDER: If you are able, bring a little something to share for an informal potluck lunch after the service. All are welcome to stay, regardless if you brought food or not!

February 9, Sunday

Community Speaker, Judith Jensen

Ms. Jensen will discuss the book she is currently writing about religion’s strengths and weaknesses.

February 16, Sunday

Rev. Patt Herdklotz, *“Compassion - How We Saw it in Washington and Lincoln’s Presidencies”*

February 23, Sunday

Guest minister Rev. Alex Holt

(information regarding the content of this service will come later.)

Minister's Musings

This month I invite you to reflect on these words from the UUA website, introducing the theme of the 2014 General Assembly (of UU congregation) in Providence, RI, on June 25-29:

*The theme for General Assembly 2014 is **Love Reaches Out**.*

Religious life in America is changing dramatically and rapidly. Fewer people are identifying with specific denominations and most mainline religions are losing members in droves. People now find many outlets and places of engagement for their spiritual lives. Current studies of faith in America show that there is a movement toward a liberal, fluid kind of faith that doesn't fit with traditional denominational identity and structure. We already know that for every adult member of Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations, there are at least three non-members who also consider themselves to be Unitarian Universalist.

A core purpose of our faith is to help people grow in spirit and in service. We believe that our faith provides a path for each of us to unlock our transformational capacity to serve the world with love. We want to expand our faith not just to grow Unitarian Universalism, but also to better achieve this transformational purpose. Therefore, the General Assembly Planning Committee, the UUA Board of Trustees and the Administration want the General Assembly in 2014 help our association live into a future where our "Love Reaches Out" to share our faith both within and beyond our congregations' walls.

How do you see UUKFC living this "core purpose of our faith" – to grow in spirit and in service – for yourself and others? How does the theme, "Love Reaches Out" resonate with you? I'd like to hear from you on this, and I'm sure Rev. Patt and your Board and fellow members would like to hear as well.

I realize that Rhode Island is a long ways away – but do consider going, especially if a New England trip is something you are considering. I lived in Providence for six years and found its downtown quite beautiful. The 2015 General Assembly (GA) will be in Portland... Oregon, that is, not Maine. GA likely won't come back to the Pacific Northwest for some years, so late June 2015 is a great opportunity for you to learn from other Unitarian Universalists and experience large-scale UU worship services and other gatherings.

in faith,
Rev. Stephen Ames

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. This is a greatly appreciated service to the poor in our community.

Please take a moment to check out this exciting summer opportunity offered by some Alaska UU Fellowships:

WhaleCoast Alaska 2014

Have you ever dreamed of visiting Alaska? If so, **WhaleCoast Alaska 2014** is for you! Four Alaska UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program next summer! See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Sitka with friendly homestays and unique tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, seals, and sea otters. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture. Forget the cruise ships – our tour is the best way to visit Alaska! Programs led by Dave Frey, a member of the Fairbanks UU congregation and an expert in Alaska travel. To find out more about your Alaskan trip of a lifetime, visit www.WhaleCoastAK.org, email dfrey@whalecoastak.org, or call 907-322-4966. We would love to share our Alaska with you!

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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 Scott Wagner or Rev. Ames if you want to get involved in this.

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE OUR WEBSITE AT 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 ANY BOARD OR WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER

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.

If you have something you would like to include in this newsletter, please email to Julia Jackman, jackmanclan@charter.net

