

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Klamath County

## May, 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 9:30 a.m.**

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# May 2014 Calendar

## Services and Events

### May 4, Sunday

Member Led program, *"The Meaning of May Day"*

In this member-led service, we will focus on the meaning of May Day and the festival of Beltane. The celebration of the growing season will include a May pole dance!

### May 11, Sunday

Rev. Stephen Ames, discussion and worship service

#### Discussion program – 9:30-10:20 a.m.

*"Mother's Day Blessings"*

For Mother's Day, let us share blessings we received from our mothers or mother-figures in our lives... and blessings we've received from being a mother or mother-figure. (Mothers may share some of the challenges as well – it's your day!).

#### Worship service – 10:30 a.m.

*Emerson's "Beautiful Necessity"*

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!

### May 18, Sunday

Rev. Patt Herdklotz

TBD

### May 25, Sunday

The Eloquent Sally Wells will present and facilitate a *Poetry Slam and Reading*

## Minister's Musings

### May, 2014

As you may know, my contract with UUFKC expires in June. The congregation does not seem to be in a position to support my monthly ministry at this time. This is not to say that I won't be back at all – hopefully I will! Yet with the close of a monthly contracted ministry that extended to two full years, I feel it is nonetheless time to begin a process of closure. For me this mainly consists of saying thank you.

Thank you for inviting me to preach and lead programs with you, stretching yourselves financially to do so! This is no small feat for a congregation of this size. Thank you for entrusting me as your spiritual guide once a month, in worship services, worship workshops, classes, and discussions. Thank you for being a cheerful and able partner in these ventures, from arriving early to set up the room beautifully for worship, to being a worship leader, a newsletter editor, a Board member, a worship committee member or chair, or many other roles.

Thank you for trying something new – the worship leading trainings, lots of UU history, and more and different religious language on Sunday mornings. Undoubtedly you stretched yourself to try something new in ways of which I am unaware as well. Thank you for thinking of the potlucks and making it happen – that’s been wonderful. Thank you for hosting me overnight, and offering to do so many times, and for small kindnesses like asking how the drive from Eugene was. Thank you to the children, for participating so enthusiastically in our stories and talks together.

I’ve felt welcomed and reassured with a sense of mutual trust since the first day I visited here with my family – created with an approach by UUKFC that has been warm while also being above-the-board, open and professional. I’d like to thank especially Eric Jensen for handling the business of this arrangement so well. Dedicated board members really do make a difference.

Small kindnesses and courtesies go a long way. Yours have meant more than you imagine, restoring in me a faith in cultures of kindness and genuine, respectful curiosity. This has been a great gift. Thank you from my family as well as myself.

I hope this mirror and these thanks are a gift to you. The culture that I’ve encountered is the culture many others encounter as well, hopefully including you, the reader. I hope, trust, and believe that you will keep this culture vibrant.

gratefully,  
Rev. Stephen Ames

### **Other dates and items of note**

**WE ARE NOW COLLECTING AND DONATING ITEMS (AND CASH!) TO THE KLAMATH-LAKE COUNTIES FOOD BANK. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING SOMETHING WITH YOU ON SUNDAY TO FILL OUR BASKET!**

**Also, please note that Rev. Ames will be with us on the second Sunday of the month instead of the first through June.**

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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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Barb Turk sends along this bit of important information:

Members of Sons of Norway, Roald Lodge No. 39, also known as “Viking Volunteers” are available to help Klamath Falls residents with these tasks: Prescription pick-up; a ride to the store or a doctor's appointment.

Allow 24 hours notice before a ride is needed. For a prescription pick-up or ride call Carolyn Rarden, 541-883-3111.

*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](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 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](mailto:jackmanclan@charter.net)*