

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Klamath County

December, 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 to 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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Services and Events

December 7, Sunday

9:30 Discussion Group:

Wendy Millard will lead a “show and tell” discussion: bring an interesting or meaningful object, photo, or story that you would like to share with the group, just for fun!

10:30 Worship Service:

Member Chuck Wells, “*Society – Its Military and Veterans*”; with service leader Bob Millard

December 14, Sunday

9:30 Discussion Group:

Sally Wells will lead the discussion, topic TBD

10:30 Worship Service:

Rev. Patt Herdklotz, “*Turning Toward the Light*”; with service leader Sally Wells

It's the season when we move to the shortest day, and at the winter solstice, we get to turn again toward longer days. Many cultures and religions celebrate this turning, and so shall the Rev. Patt Herdklotz bring a Celebration of Light, as she lifts the Jewish miracle story of Hanukah, the Christian telling of the birth of Jesus, and the Earth-Centered Spiritual traditions' joy in bringing back the light. And with the joy of light, comes hope.

December 21, Sunday

9:30 Discussion Group:

Julia Jackman will lead a discussion focusing on the meanings and traditions of the Winter Solstice. (Subject to change)

10:30 Worship Service:

A Holiday Musical Program

A very special holiday music program put on by Mike Fritschi and Glenn Justus. Mike will be playing steel guitar/dobro style and has an amazing blues voice. Glenn will be playing the harp. The duo will be performing a variety of holiday favorites in various styles, including solos and acoustic pieces. Come join us in a musical celebration of the holiday season.

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be any services on December 28!!!

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!

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TWO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR FELLOWSHIP:

1. SERVE AS A “GREETER” FOR OUR SERVICES.

A Greeter is simply a smiling, friendly person to say hello to people as they enter our space for Sunday services, direct them to the sign-in sheets, offer a name tag, answer questions, etc. This is an easy way to make newcomers feel welcome, and to put a smile on the faces of our regular attendees! Please speak to Zelda Langdale to offer your time.

2. COFFEE HOUR COORDINATOR

We need people to coordinate coffee hours following the service, as well as assigning folks for particular dates, being sure we have the needed supplies (including refreshments), and seeing that it's all set up. Sally will do it for Sept. 7th. Please speak to Sally or Zelda if you are interested in doing this.

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ARCHIVES and REFLECTIONS
by Barbara Turk

Rosie O'Donnell's, "Carry on in the light"---how perfect for UU's and our chalice.

But alas, and for good, we're not alone. "Light is a universal symbol of spirituality shared by all great traditions."

- In Hinduism, "In the lotus of the heart dwells Braham the Light of Lights".
- In Judaism, "The Lord is my light; whom shall I fear?"
- The Shinto tradition states, "The light of Divine Amaterasu shines forever."
- In Taoism, "Following the light, the sage takes care of all."
- In Buddhism, "The radiance of Buddha shines ceaselessly."
- In Christianity, "I have come into the world as light."
- In Islam, "Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth."
- In Sikhism, "God, being Truth, is the one Light of all."
- A Native African saying is, "God is the sun beaming light everywhere."
- And from the Native American, "The light of Wakan-Tanka is upon my people."

These quotes may be seen inside a temple in Buckingham, Virginia, built to honor spiritual traditions of human kind. I found them noted in, WE CAN ALL GET ALONG (1994), by Clyde W. Ford.

"If you have knowledge let others light their candles at it."
Margaret Fuller

"The ornaments of our house are the friends that frequent it."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

HAPPY, HAPPY DECEMBER!

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

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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.

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