

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Klamath County

May, 2016

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.



We are a Welcoming Congregation!

A Welcoming Congregation is a Unitarian Universalist congregation that embraces people of any age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, class, ability, language, or cultural background. We affirm, celebrate and promote the full inclusion of our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender members and friends, and have completed a Welcoming Congregation Program to increase understanding and inclusion.

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 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. Wheelchair accessible.

WHEN:

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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There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

<u>1</u>	The inherent worth and dignity of every person
<u>2</u>	Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
<u>3</u>	Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
<u>4</u>	A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
<u>5</u>	The right of conscience & the use of the democratic process within our congregations & in society at large
<u>6</u>	The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
<u>7</u>	Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

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May 2016 CALENDAR

Services and Events

An updated calendar is always available online!
<http://www.uukfalls.org/calendar-2/>

May 1, Sunday

9:30 Discussion Group:

Cherie Swenson leads a discussion on “Speaking Up”.

10:30 Worship Service:

Jack Coffey, “What do we presume?”

May 8, Sunday

9:30 Discussion Group:

Michal Kawka will discuss “Positive thinking” and its impact on success.

10:30 Worship Service:

Rev. Patt Herdklotz

After the service, there will be a potluck, and all are encouraged to stay. There will also be a Board Meeting.

May 15, Sunday

9:30 Discussion Group:

Eric Jensen leads discussion.

10:30 Worship Service:

Engineers without borders: Oregon Tech’s water project in Tanzania.

May 22, Sunday

9:30 Discussion Group:

Barbara Turk leads discussion on a Symbol or Memento that you cherish. Share about that special something that you always keep in your pocket, purse, bedside, whatever!

10:30 Worship Service:

Todd Kepple, Director of Klamath County Museum, “Myths of Klamath”

May 29, Sunday

9:30 Discussion Group:

Volunteer needed! contact BARBARA TURK

10:30 Worship Service:

Chuck Wells will lead a participatory service about “Personal Heroes & Heroines”. The congregation is encouraged to share something about their own personal heroes.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

"WALK FOR THE MIND OF AMERICA"

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness is sponsoring a fund-raising walk on Saturday, May 21st, 11 am to 2 pm. Registration is 10:30 at the museum, 1451 Main St.

The walk concludes at Veterans' Park. For a walk packet, call **541-885-4909**.

NAMI is the largest grassroots mental health organization in America. It is dedicated to building better lives, advocating for access to services, advocating for access to treatment; it supports research, and is steadfast to a commitment of raising awareness and building a community of hope for all in need.

The Walk is the 13th annual, and titled, "Walk For The Mind Of America". I champion the title, and I like the fact that funds raised stay & help IN Klamath County. - Submitted by Barbara Turk

VOICES FOR JUSTICE: Next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for June 5, after the service with the Reverend Larsell. It is our hope that she will be able to meet with the group.

We are still in need of a leader for Voices of Justice. Contact Zelda or Sue if you're interested in chairing this committee. More info about this group is on the website!

<http://www.uukfalls.org/voices-for-justice/>



KLAMATH-LAKE COUNTY FOOD BANK: Please remember to bring non-perishable food or cash to donate to our local food bank. If you don't, Zelda has threatened to wear the basket on her head. **Most needed items continue to be peanut butter, rice, beans, and canned meat.**

ANNUAL UUKFC PLEDGE DRIVE: Your generosity enables us to maintain our presence and be the voice of liberal religion in Klamath County. Pledge forms can be printed from the website. <http://www.uukfalls.org/leadership/pledge/>

♥ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR FELLOWSHIP ♥

View available dates:

<http://www.uukfalls.org/calendar-2/>

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!

2. COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The coffee host brings some goodies to share after the service, (enough for about 20 people), sets up the coffee pot and mugs before the service and helps clean up the refreshments after the service.

3. DISCUSSION GROUP LEADER

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 BARBARA TURK.

4. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Please consider helping out the UUFKC Religious Education Program! Katie Kohler is the teacher, so assistants do not need to do any prep. The rules of the Episcopal church require that two people be with the children at all times. Volunteers 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 ERIC JENSEN for details.

~ MAY ARCHIVES ~

It has been a year since our county museum dedicated its research library in the names of Marjorie and Carrol Howe. Our UUFKC has a memorable connection to the Howes as well. Marjorie was a student in the Pine Grove School, our former home.

In 1996 I said, “Let’s have an open house and invite former students and their families. Ben Kerns looked at me and said,” You’re the chair!”

At the reunion Carrol Howe walked up to Ben and handed him an envelope. In it was a \$50 check—a THANKS for opening the wonderful old building, allowing memories wide open space, and just for maintaining the building and grounds.

When we planned the building’s 2010 centennial one of our sources was a booklet by Marjorie about former one-room school houses, like Pine Grove (later 2 classrooms).

From the Herald and News of May 13, 2015 we learned our county museum's research library was to be dedicated May 15, 2015, in memory of Carrol and Marjorie. Both had "devoted much of their lives to education and history in the community".

At the dedication the museum advisory board chair, Bill Nicholson, shared, "Carrol played an active role in the design of many of our museum exhibits, and his legacy is helping us maintain those exhibits".

Before their deaths the Howes established a trust fund for financial support, with annual distributions made to the county museum, and Southern Oregon University. Museum manager Todd Kepple noted from 2005-2015 the museum received nearly \$400,000.

Carrol came to KF in 1930, taught, and was a coach at Henley High. Later he was superintendent of Klamath County Schools. Long active in local organizations, he also researched and authored several books. And from 1960-1972 he served as state representative to the legislature for Klamath County.

Marjorie was also a county schools teacher, and served as Carrol's legislative assistant. He died in 1998; she in 2000.

The museum's research library is open by appointment, "for anyone wishing to conduct research". Call 541-882-1000. (And ask Todd the story of that interesting phone number.)

Barbara Turk



BLUE ZONES

Blue Zones for Faith-based organizations update:

We are looking for a UU member to represent us with the Blue Zones project to build a healthier Klamath. If you are interested, please contact a Board member. The meetings are also open to members who are interested but are not ready to commit to being our official 'delegate'.

If you have something you would like to include in this newsletter, please email Anya at klamathuu@gmail.com