

# Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

December 2006

## December Sunday Services

### **December 3, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.**

“Hope Is Not a Strategy”

Rev. Bode. On this second Sunday of the Christmas season we light the Candle of Hope. The sermon will be a reflection on what hope is and what it isn't, on what it does and doesn't do.

### **December 10, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.**

“What Moves Us Emotionally”

Rev. Bode. Do you ever find yourself while watching a syrupy movie or even a TV advertisement both weeping and castigating yourself for weeping at the same time? This sermon, in this season of the human heart, will explore what moves us emotionally and what it means for us as human beings.

### **December 17, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.**

“Evolving Christmas”

Rev. Bode and Paul Becker. On this fourth Sunday of the Christmas season, we light the Candle of Joy. Paul Becker, from a Jewish heritage, and Bruce Bode, from a Protestant heritage, will speak about the evolution of Christmas in their lives.

### **December 24, 5:00 P.M.**

Children's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

This service is geared to children, their parents and grandparents. Each child will receive his or her own candle for the service.

### **December 24, 7:00 & 9:00 P.M.**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Since Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year, there will be **no** services on Christmas Day, but instead two Christmas Eve Candlelight services for all ages in the evening (in addition to the earlier children's service at 5 p.m.). Rev. Bode will speak at both services under the title, “Everything Is Holy Now,” with Beatus Meier and Kristine Janssen providing the special music. Each service will conclude with the lighting of individual candles and the singing of “Silent Night.”

### **December 31, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.**

Seventh Annual Holiday Music Service

We end our calendar year with our Seventh Annual Holiday Music Service featuring the QUUF choir, directed by Marj Iuro, and guest soloists from the Port Townsend area. Join us to in saying goodbye to the holiday season and hello to the coming year.

The official event calendar is available on our website: [www.quuf.org](http://www.quuf.org).

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## Candles for the Heart



I don't know about you, but for me these opening months of the church year have been both a busy and an exciting time – more so than usual because of so many meetings relating to plans for a new building. And now the Christmas and holiday season begins. Will this just add to the busyness and swirl, or will it provide a time to stop and attend to the qualities of the human heart?

Attending to the qualities of the human heart is what Christmas and this holiday season is about for me, or at least what I want it to be about. Long ago I got past fretting about the literalness of both Santa Claus and the Child of Bethlehem. To me, they are equally mythological in content: the Child of Bethlehem is as little related to the historical reality of Rabbi Yeshua bar-Yusef as Santa Claus is to St. Nicholas. Rather, these figures are symbols of the human heart, images filled with the deepest and most tender longings, dreams, and hopes for human life: Santa Claus embodying for children the qualities of warmth, goodness, and generosity; and the Child of Bethlehem embodying for adults the freshness, potentiality, and divinity of new-born life.

Whether or not these symbols are still valued by you or important for you, they may still set a tone for the season. They call to us saying, "Take a little time now for your interior side, your imaginative side, your tender side; take some time with your very human heart."

By the time you read this, we will have already lit the first candle of the Christmas season in our Sunday services. And with each succeeding Sunday we will light additional candles representing bedrock qualities of our humanity – faith, hope, love, and joy – until on Christmas Eve we will each light our own candle, symbol of all that is holy in our hearts and lives.

The lighting of these candles in our services is both a reminder and an invitation to take the time to light candles in our homes, candles relating to this season of the human heart: candles for Christmases past that may bring a mixture of joy and sorrow, candles for Christmases future that speak of possibility, but most of all candles for Christmas present that slow us down so the sound of our beating human heart can be heard and honored.

November 22, 2006  
Bruce A. Bode

### **December 25, Christmas Day Fellowship Potluck Dinner, 2:00 p.m.**

Last year's Christmas Day Fellowship Potluck Dinner was such a success that the staff is suggesting a similar event this year. If you wish to be part of such a gathering, please indicate your interest by signing up at the back of the sanctuary by Sunday, December 10, or by calling the church office, 379-0609, by that date.

## Office Offerings

One perfect moon  
and the uncountable stars  
drowned in an indigo sky.

(Shiki)

I hope in the busy month ahead you get a chance to slip out into a cold, clear night to do some stargazing. May you be blessed with their light and inspiration and a season of joy.

THANKS go to the November Newsletter assembly team of Helen Oakland and Mona Stefflre.

## Growth News

You in the QUUF congregation have been expressing through several venues your hopes and wishes for the configuration and uses of our proposed new building. Discussion meetings, private conversations, notes in the Imagine mailbox and e-mails to [Imagine@quuf.org](mailto:Imagine@quuf.org): all of these opportunities have invited your attention.

Next **Saturday, December 2, at 10 a.m.**, the Aesthetics Task Force will host a session for everyone interested in the design of the new sanctuary. You can bring pictures, textures, verbal descriptions to brainstorm with Richard Berg, our architect, and committee members. If you need child care, call Carol Collins at 379-3299.

On **Sunday morning, December 3**, there will be a celebration of the ending of the capital campaign after each worship service. If you've never seen a real live cupcake tree, this is your chance. Be there.

And on **Monday evening, December 18, at 7 p.m.**, you are invited to listen in when all the task forces give their reports to the Steering and Building committees. These groups have been charged with the task of prioritizing all of our wishes to discover what comes first and what can wait awhile.

Then the building project will move from the dreams phase into what could be called the reality phase, when the priorities meet the budget and decisions must be made on how to get the most bang for the buck.

If you have not yet returned your pledge card, now is the time. Knowing how many bucks we have for the bang is vital to the planning process.

Marcia Lewton

## Music Notes



The Spaghetti dinner talent/no talent show was a great success with over 15 performances and 70 attendees. Poems, songs, stories, jokes and other entertainment made for a varied evening. Garlic bread in particular was in abundance and \$225 was raised to add to the Music Program Committee's discretionary fund. Thanks to all who helped with the evening.

## Designated Offerings

Since the beginning of this church year, on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, our congregation has been giving away our offerings to organizations that are doing work in our community and world that we value and want to support. The generosity of our congregation in contributing to such organizations has been most evident. On October 8, we collected \$763.00 for the Jumping Mouse Children's Center; on October 22, \$559 for the Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization (ECHHO); and, on November 12, \$819 for the Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation.

For **December 10**, the Designated Offering Committee has decided to do something a bit different, namely, to take an offering to defray the expenses of our high-school age youth who are planning a week's trip in February to help rebuild houses in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, as part of Port Townsend's Sister City Project. Details for this trip are still being worked out, but by December 10 we should be able to give a fuller picture of how many of our young people will be able to go and what the overall costs are.

On **Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve** – there will be no day services – the offerings from our three evenings services at 5, 7, and 9 p.m. will go to support the Emergency Fund of the East Jefferson County Ministerial Association and the Church Hospitality for the Homeless Project, with which our congregation is involved.

Members of the Designated Offering Committee are Pam Daly, chair, Don Berg, Sue Estes, Jan Forrest, Gayle Kaune, Rod Mitchell, and Bruce Bode, staff liaison. They both welcome and encourage your suggestions of organizations to whom to designate these twice-monthly offerings.

## Children & Youth Religious Education

DRE Kathy Stevenson [kstevenson@olympus.net](mailto:kstevenson@olympus.net)

### CYRE Calendar

Every Sunday: RE at 9:15 and 11:15  
YRUU 6:00-8:00 (High School Youth)

Advent Sundays: Dec 3, 10, 17

Dec 1	7:00 Middle School Party and overnight
Dec 3	Guest At Your Table Kickoff
Dec 8	6:30 Christmas/Solstice Party
Dec 12	CYRE Committee meeting
Dec 17	9:15 sings Super Hero Song Multi-age Hanukah party
Dec 19	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Dec 24	No morning services Services at 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Dec 31	Multi-age game day

**Housekeeping:** Please send me an update of any allergies your child/ren have.

**Christmas & Solstice Party:** December 8 is our annual ornament making and caroling party. This is for families, singles, all ages. It is a fun way to be together as a community during the holiday season, 6:30-8:30. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. This is not a dinner event.

**Hanukah Party:** During class time all ages will gather to hear the Hanukah Story, play dreidl, and if we have willing cooks, eat potato latkes. This is always a joyful event. Do we have volunteers to cook the latkes?

**Christmas Pageant:** Our Christmas Eve 5:00 service will again have children in grades 1 and above telling the story in costume. The roles will be given out in a first come, first choice method. Contact Kathy via phone or email. We also need a 6th grade Reader. High Schoolers are needed for Ushers. A rehearsal for the pageant is December 19th at 4:30. This is the deadline for joining the cast.

**Love From Kathy:** Christmas can be a complex time for Unitarian Universalists. Some enjoy it fully, happy to celebrate the rich tradition of our religion and culture.

They are comfortable with the metaphor of the birth story, and with the blending of winter solstice traditions. Though they wrestle with the commercialism, they work with it, and it doesn't spoil the pleasure. On the other end of the spectrum are those who find it difficult to celebrate knowing the historical inaccuracies of the Jesus story, and the usurping of Celtic solstice traditions from long ago. And, of course the commercialism. These UUs have difficulty making peace with the contradictions and confusion of the messages. In my 19 years at QUUF, I have found myself moving back and forth between these two places. Mostly now, I embrace the holiness of the time: both the darkness and cold of the season that calls for deeper connections with each other, and the joy and hope that all births bring to us. And yet another time to wish for peace on earth, goodwill to all. Merry Christmas and Happy Solstice to my loving, lovely QUUF community.



### Sanctuary Flowers

Thank you for helping to bring the beauty of nature into our recent Sunday Services:

Carolyn Latteier	La Vaughn Snel
Lars Watson	Donna Logan
Jeanette Richeaux	Nancy Graham

Please contact Donna at coffee hour, 385-0164, or [drlogan@olypen.com](mailto:drlogan@olypen.com) when you have greens, poinsettias, or other flowers for Sunday.

Sincerely, Sunday Services Committee



## From the Board

### PND Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Pacific Northwest District of the UUA will take place in Boise, Idaho, February 16-18. This year's theme is "Knowledge, Compassion, and Commitment." Rev. William G. Sinkford, President of UUA will be the keynote speaker. Anyone interested in joining a group from QUUF traveling to Boise for this conference contact Kendra Golden at 379-3419 or [jim\\_kendra@bigfoot.com](mailto:jim_kendra@bigfoot.com).

## QUUF Events

### REMEMBER THIS?

It's the logo for the QUUF Service and Stuff Auction, **Quid Pro Quo** (Something For Something).



**We need more volunteers** to help make **Quid Pro Quo** a fabulous, fun, and profitable event for everyone involved – members, friends and others from the community.

**We need your donation of services and/or stuff** to get the event rolling... for example: weekend at your cabin; pet sitting; dinner at your home; art/art or music lessons; your favorite painting; homemade desserts; even your mother's old bathrobe. Any **"stuff"** that you think would be of value for an auction or anything wild and crazy. Donation forms can be found in back of the church.

**Quid Pro Quo** will take place on **Saturday, January 27, 2007, at 6 PM** at the Erickson Building at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds with food, drink and merriment. It will be your chance to deepen relationships with others in our fellowship and to donate in a painless way to replenish our **QUUF General Fund** and to build our **New Building Fund**.

To help with **Quid Pro Quo**, please contact Celeste Dybeck at 385-2590 or e-mail: [buckwheat@cablespeed.com](mailto:buckwheat@cablespeed.com).

Watch for more information!

**Friendship Supper is ALWAYS the 3rd Saturday** of the month, December 16th! Start "thinking" about December 16th, i.e., hosting the supper or bringing food. A chance to talk and TALK and TALK while sharing scrumptious food. Just ask coordinator, Jenifer Taylor, 385-3666, or [jentaylor@olympus.net](mailto:jentaylor@olympus.net). **Please try to sign up by Dec 10th (Sun), a week early or final deadline, Dec 13th (Wed).**

**February 10 is the date of The Big Annual QUUF Used Book and Media Sale.** Please set aside your good, clean books, videos, tapes, and DVDs to donate that week.

**COUNTDOWN! December 10th to 17th**, the first week for QUUF to participate in the Church Hospitality for the Homeless project. Unless something drastic happens, the men will be housed in the American Legion Hall, corner of Water/Monroe streets. QUUF is taking **a second week, January 7th to 13th!**

QUUF is responsible for providing hot suppers, breakfast and sack lunches during the week starting the evening of Dec 10th (Sun) and ending the morning of Dec 17th (Sat).

Because QUUF does not have commercial kitchen facilities, Nancy Shipley and Diane Bommer shopped/cooked meals at 1st Presbyterian Church for seven men in the pilot program last year.

The men are screened by Olympic Community Action Program (OlyCAP) before approval for the shelter. They can sleep on cots, will have individual lockers for personal items, and will be allowed to come into the shelter at 4 p.m. at the Legion.

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve food. Night monitors are needed and will be trained by OlyCAP before Dec 10th. A sign-up sheet is available. Dave Ditzler, Don Berg, Bruce Bode and Joyce O'Neal may be contacted for additional information.

### News from the Greening Kitchen

**Men's Retreat moves forward:** Cheers to the guys who rejected paper towels and took cloth napkins and purchased tea towels!

**Napkin Laundry Volunteers:** Five have each made a one week commitment for 3 months to wash Sunday coffee and RE napkins. Our appreciation to Barb Boelling, Donna Logan, Deb Hammond, Kate Madson, and Kathy Stevenson.

**Spaghetti Dinner :** Thank you to Marj and her set up crew, dish washing and clean up crew who are promoting reusables and also to Karen Forbes who is renewing the tomato-stained napkins.

Caring for the earth has its inconvenient reality, Kitchen Witch, a distant relative of Glinda, good witch of the NW.

## Adult Ed Programs Adult Learning Programs (ALPs)

### Ongoing Groups:

**Science and Religion Discussion Group: Sunday, 7:00pm, December 3**, sanctuary. We will continue to discuss Daniel Dennett's book, *Breaking The Spell*, focusing on chapters 3, 4 and 5 which address the evolution of religion. Anyone interested in this topic is welcome to attend. Contact Jim Tough, 385-3065 or tough@olympus.net.

**QUUF Book Club:** This month we will meet on **Tuesday, 7:00pm, December 12** at the Discovery View Apartments Lounge, 1051 Hancock Street. Marilyn Muller, coordinator, 379-9553, mmuller@cablespeed.com. The book for this meeting is *The Bonesetters' Daughter* by Amy Tan. Future books and the dates they are to be discussed are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Early Bird Sunday Book Discussion:** Rev. Bode, facilitator. **Sundays, 7:50-8:50am**, QUUF RE 2. Contact Rev. Bode at [bruce@olympus.net](mailto:bruce@olympus.net) or Elaine Nelson, 379-9949, [elaine@zynrgy.com](mailto:elaine@zynrgy.com) for information.

**Meditation: Mondays, 7-8:30pm.** An ongoing meditation group meeting at the home of Clara Klug, 5515 Hendricks. Meditation for 45 minutes, then selected readings and discussion. Call Clara at 385-1084 for current information.

### Other Activities:

**Thursday Breakfast Club: Thursdays, 8:30am.** Enjoy breakfast, support and friendship. Call Nancy Shipley, 385-9024 or Lars Watson, 385-5577.

**Knitting: Tuesdays, 3-5pm.** Conversation, friendship, advice on knitting projects. Beginners welcome! Call Nancy Shipley, 385-9024.

**Contract Bridge:** Call Barbara Jensen, 379-0556 for information.

**Women's Support Groups:** Confidential peer support groups for women. For information call Lee Faulkner, 379-3612.

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*Winter Adult Ed Courses,  
January-March, 2007  
(A brochure with descriptions will be  
available at QUUF on Dec. 3)*

**Darwinian Evolution**, Fred Weinmann, 379-0986  
Jan 11 - Feb 1: Four Thursdays, 7-9pm

**Healthy Children, Healthy Planet**, Helen Kolff, 379-4858  
Jan 18 - Mar 15: Nine Thursdays, 7-9pm

**The Poetry of Emily Dickinson**, Bruce Bode, 379-0609  
(8 wks)  
Feb 2 - Mar 30 except 2/16: Eight Fridays, 10am-12noon

**Our American Roots--a History of Unitarians and Universalists in America**, Jan Forrest, 385-2994  
Feb 3 - Mar 31 BIWEEKLY: Five Saturdays, 2-3:30pm

**Intentional Communities: Condos, CoHousing, EcoVillages and Communes**, Kees Kolff, 379-4858  
Feb 6 - 27: Four Tuesdays, 7-9pm

**The Poetry of Emily Dickinson**, Bruce Bode, 379-0609  
(8 wks)  
Feb 6 - Apr 2 except 2/20: Eight Tuesdays, 7-9pm

**Brain and Mind**, Jim Oakland, 379-6561  
Feb 8 - Mar 15: Six Thursdays, 3-5pm

**At The Root Of This Longing: Reconciling a Spiritual Hunger and a Feminist Thirst**, Robin Stemen, 385-5854  
Feb 8 - 22: Three Thursdays, 7-9pm

**Mozart and Mahler**, Beatus Meier, 379-2920 (Note: the course, "Opera" has been postponed until fall.)  
Feb 16 - Mar 9: Four Fridays, 7-9pm

### OTHER MEETINGS (irregular ones not listed)

Building & Grounds	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs.	4:30 p.m. R.E. 2
Hosp. Comm.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.	3:30-5:30 p.m. R.E. 2
C.Y.R.E.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues.	7-9 p.m. R.E. 3 & 5

## Changes to QUUF Evening Book Group Schedule:

Tuesday Dec 12: The Bonesetters' Daughter by Amy Tan  
 Monday Jan 15: Founding Mothers by Cokie Roberts  
 Sunday Feb 11: The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood  
 Sunday Mar 11: Read any book by John McPhee  
 Sunday April 8: Corelli's Mandolin by Louis De Berniers  
 Sunday May 13: Hello Gorgeous by Marcia Lewton  
 Sunday June 10: To be decided later

Meetings (except December and January) are on the second Sunday at 7 PM at Discovery View, 1051 Hancock Street).

Anyone is welcome to attend this group. Contact Marilyn Muller (379-9553) for information.

## New Members

We welcomed thirteen new members in November. All had attended the October orientation programs or an earlier one. **Jeff and Beth Logan** live in Sequim and have two sons, Ben, age five, and Charlie, age two. Jeff and Beth have developed and own a website, Insideout Solutions.

**Rob and Abby Roose** have lived in New Mexico, Spokane, and now Port Townsend. Rob was raised in western Washington by parents who emigrated from Belgium. He has worked in libraries since 1982. Abby was born in Colorado to a Boeing family that moved frequently. She has held a variety of jobs but is now a stay-at-home mom with the Rooses' daughter, Robin, age four. The Rooses will be welcoming a new baby in early February.

**Dan and Susan Petrenchak**, who live in Port Ludlow, have been interested in UU for many years and have now decided to join a church. Dan is retired from Associated Grocers and Central Market. He has been a warehouse sales and production manager, and a sign painter. Susan has done secretarial work and now enjoys sewing and knitting. Petrenchaks have a son in Port Townsend, another in Juneau. Their daughter Donna lives in Poulsbo.

**Diane Haas** was raised a UU. She moved to Port Townsend in September and recently belonged to the Kitsap Fellowship. Diane works as a pediatric occupational therapist and enjoys gardening and weaving. She has already joined a covenant group and is active on the social action and education committee. Her daughter Kristin attends graduate school.

**David and Pat Hundhausen** moved here in June from Waukesha, Wisconsin. David taught speech and theater at a university. He is an actor, director and playwright, lover of music, art, literature, nature and people. David sings in our choir. Pat is a retired special education teacher. She reports that she and Dave decided to move here six days after visiting friends in 2005. Hundhausens have three adult children and two granddaughters.

**Lucille Pendergast** was born into a Navy family in Long Beach, California, and has lived in many stations around the world. In Shanghai she married a US Marine. They had three sons and continued travels through 60 years of marriage. They retired to Gold Beach, Oregon, where her husband died in 1990. Lucille moved to Discovery View in Port Townsend last April to be near her son Donald. Sadly, he passed away on November first. Quilting and reading are just two of Lucille's many interests.

**Daniel Nidzgorski** grew up in New Jersey and lived in California, Oregon, Alaska and Maine before moving to Port Townsend in 2005. He works for Jefferson County Environmental Health and has a background in ecology and youth services. Dan enjoys hiking, cycling, and sailing. He can also be found performing in various theater and music groups around town. He is a QUUF youth (YRUU) leader.

**David and Robin Ditzler** moved to Port Ludlow from San Diego this past April. Dave grew up a Navy brat, graduated from high school and UW, and is a retired US Navy Reservist and realtor. He is already involved here, taking on the co-chairmanship of the Social Action and Education committee, serving on Building and Grounds, and learning to staff the sound equipment. He also enjoys playing golf. Robin grew up in Southern California, but feels at home in the Northwest. After a long career in high-tech marketing, Robin left the corporate world and now works from home as a freelance consultant. She volunteers at Centrum and can be spotted in the QUUF kitchen making coffee. She enjoys reading and home projects with Dave. Ditzlers have previously belonged to UU congregations in Vancouver and Spokane, Washington.

The membership committee will again offer a new member orientation on Saturday, February 3, 2007. Anyone interested in knowing more about UU and this fellowship, or considering becoming a member, is encouraged to attend this program.

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