

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

January 2006

January Worship Schedule:

January 1, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

The Way It Is

Rev. Bode. This Sunday falls on the very first day of the new calendar year. It also falls near the end of the celebration of Hanukkah. Thus, we will be celebrating both the beginning of the new calendar year and the lighting of the Hanukkah candles. My New Year's sermon will use as its text a poem by the Oregon poet William Stafford that has recently come my way titled, "The Way It Is."

January 8, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Sixth Annual Holiday Music Service

This special music service features the QUUF choir, directed by Marj Iuro, with guest soloists from the Port Townsend area. Join us to say goodbye to the holiday season and hello to the coming year.

January 15, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Peace in Our Hearts, Peace in Our Laws

Guest Speaker: Dr. Robert Schultz. Professor Bob Schultz taught ethics and social philosophy for 35 years, at the University of Denver during the 70s and 80s, and, prior to his retirement in 2000, as a member of the founding faculty of the University of Washington, Bothell. Since the mid-80s he has been an active committee volunteer with the Friends Committee on National Legislation, the Quaker lobby in Washington, D.C. He lives in Port Townsend with his wife, Phyllis, a retired nurse-sociologist, and is active in the local Friends Meeting and the Peace Movement. Dr. Schultz will ask, from a Quaker point of view, what are some ways to think about peace, what citizens can do to work for peace, and whether peace is an attainable end.

January 22, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Tse whit zen Sacred Circle of Life

Guest Speaker: Carmen Charles. Carmen is the Cultural Resource Liaison Assistant for the Lower Elwha S'Klallam Tribe. She has worked at the Port Angeles Graving Site since the beginning – her first job as "grave digger" and, since then, working on every part of the dig. Her message will begin with the early history of her people – "pre-contact with the Spanish and Europeans – leading up to today. Carmen will also talk about the future of the Tribe. Since the discovery of the burial site, the Tribe's goal has been to create an understanding of the site and inform others about the culture and religious beliefs of the Lower Elwha S'Klallam Tribe. Accompanying Carmen will be Chairwoman of the Tribe, Francis Charles, and Cultural Resource Liaison/Grant Writer, Arlene Wheeler.

January 29, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Dying with Dignity: An Activist's Perspective

Guest Speaker: Dr. Len Mandelbaum. After several years of public law practice, including work with the space agency, the ACLU, and the Puget Sound Governmental Conference, Dr. Mandelbaum taught law, ethics and public administration at Seattle University, where he also organized the Institute of Public Service and the Ethics Institute. In Port Townsend, he has been a mediator and has served on the Planning Commission and the Ethics Committee at Jefferson General Hospital. Dr. Mandelbaum's sermon will reflect on the personal, political, legal, religious, and institutional issues we face if we choose to define some of the terms of our exit.

The complete event calendar is available on our website: www.quuf.org.

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The Quiet Heart



I'm writing this – somewhat hastily at our Newsletter deadline – in the middle of preparations for the services on Christmas Eve. I call this time of the year “the season of the human heart,” a time when more than any other we celebrate those values and qualities that make us most fully human. But the celebration of these values and qualities, as has been noted before, can be a bit frenzied.

And now in the midst of this whirl there comes to my mind a lovely anthem I first heard sung about twenty-five years ago titled, “The Quiet Heart.” The lyrics and music of this anthem, as I recall, are beautifully matched, and well they might be since both come from the same hand, namely that of composer John Ness Beck.

The quiet heart
Knows the pace of kindness.
The quiet heart
Measures love in gentleness.
The quiet heart
Sees beauty in reality.
The quiet heart
Survives in understanding.
The quiet heart
Waits in yearning patience
To find
The mind
Of God.

Ah, simply reading these lyrics – each sentence of which could be the basis for a meditation of its own – quiets me. And recalling the delicious music that accompanies these lyrics quiets me. And now I find I have also just met the deadline for my January ministerial column. And that quiets me as well.

I hope each of you have found some time in this festival season for “the quiet heart.” And I greet you at the beginning of a new year and look forward, after a vacation and study break, to being with you in it.

December 22, 2005
Bruce A. Bode

OTHER MEETINGS (irregular ones not listed)

Building & Grounds	2 nd Thurs.	4:30 p.m. R.E. 2
Membership / Hosp. Comm.	3 rd Thurs.	3:30-5:30 p.m. R.E. 2
C.Y.R.E.	2 nd Tues.	7-9 p.m. R.E. 3 & 5
Y.R.U.U.	2 nd & 4 th Sun.	7-8:30 p.m. R.E. 2

Office Offerings

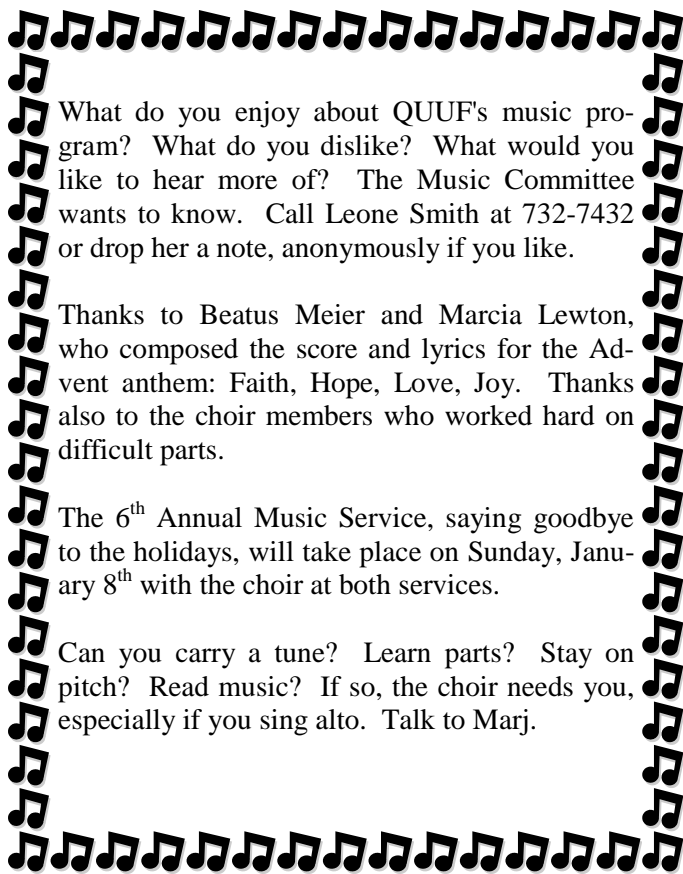
No matter what's happening in our life, each new year relentlessly brings with it the symbolism of starting anew. New hope, new promises, a "clean page" to put our writing on. 2006 will be off to an exciting start in February with QUUF acting as hosts for the Annual General Meeting at Ft. Worden. Happy New Year!!

Thank you to the Newsletter-put-together-get-together (NLPTGT) team for the December issue: Marilyn Lovell, Helen Oakland, Mona Steffire, Donna Logan and Joyce O'Neal.

KEY-LOCKED OUT???

As per board policy, our keylock security code is changed each year. It was changed on January 2nd, 2006. If you are a member or person who needs to have this number to access the church contact Nancy in the office. Committee Chairs, board members and staff have all been notified.

Music Notes



What do you enjoy about QUUF's music program? What do you dislike? What would you like to hear more of? The Music Committee wants to know. Call Leone Smith at 732-7432 or drop her a note, anonymously if you like.

Thanks to Beatus Meier and Marcia Lewton, who composed the score and lyrics for the Advent anthem: Faith, Hope, Love, Joy. Thanks also to the choir members who worked hard on difficult parts.

The 6th Annual Music Service, saying goodbye to the holidays, will take place on Sunday, January 8th with the choir at both services.

Can you carry a tune? Learn parts? Stay on pitch? Read music? If so, the choir needs you, especially if you sing alto. Talk to Marj.

From the Board

On December 19 about 20 UU's attended the PT City Council meeting to hear the deliberation and vote on our request to vacate the portion of 23rd Street that runs (on paper) between our existing and new property. By a unanimous vote the Council granted our request. We must pay approximately \$350 for an appraisal to value the 66 x 150 ft. strip (the appraisal will be done within 6 months of the date we pay the city the fair market value of the strip). The vacation ordinance will not be final until we have submitted and had approved a Conditional Use Permit and State Environmental Policy Act Permit and until we have submitted a complete building permit (each permit has a cost as well), a Lot Line Adjustment to merge the vacated right-of-way, and paid the city the value set forth in the appraisal (could be as high as \$18-20,000). We must retain, somewhere on the property near the vacated street, a 20 ft easement for a non-motorized trail and for utilities. Finally, we have a 5 year deadline to complete this process. This is great news because it opens up possibilities for where/how we expand our facilities. Many thanks go to Jean Walat for her great assistance in this effort.

The Long Range Planning Committee was also busy in December, holding three small group meetings to gather additional ideas on the future growth of QUUF. If you have suggestions on programs or building for our future, please email Megan Cate (megcate@cablespeed.com) by January 13th for inclusion in LRP's "brainstorming tool", a copy of which is on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary and at our website along with a timeline, and other information under "Growth News".

Also in December the QUUF board unanimously voted to open our sanctuary to homeless men for a week in February. We are joining with OlyCap and other area churches to provide food as well as shelter. Details are still being worked out but if you are interested there will be signups to help. Also in February, the Pacific Northwest Annual General Meeting will be held at Fort Worden (Feb. 17-19). Plan to attend and to help!



Children & Youth Religious Education

DRE Kathy Walker kwalker@olympus.net

CYRE Calendar

Jan 1	2 Services RE Game Day
Jan 4	OWL orientation for 5th grade
Jan 11	Parenting as UUs begins
Jan 14	OWL orientation 9:30 - 11:30
Feb 26 - Mar 12	Mystery Pal Exchanges
Mar 19	Mystery Pal Find Out Social

Programs

Parenting as UUs: Why is QUUF important to my family? What do I seek in the way of parenting support? How do I answer those questions about 'Worrisome Words' like hell, sin, prayer and soul? This is a 6 session class for parents and other interested adults which will provide us with an opportunity to explore theological questions our children ask, and consider what Unitarian Universalism has to offer our families. There will be a time each session for the sharing of specific parenting issues. Wednesdays, Jan 11- Feb 15, from 7-8:45. Sign up on clipboard or contact Kathy. Childcare available.

Annual General Meeting, February 17-19: This is our Pacific Northwest District annual event. It pulls us together with neighbors who share our zest for UUism. There is a children's component to it, so check the information to see if it is an event for you and your family.

Sacred Space and Demonstrating our Values: We have all been invited to brainstorm ideas for possible expanded facilities. What do YOU think would enhance RE in terms of space? What activities could we develop to demonstrate our values? The Children and Youth RE Committee would like to add your ideas to the document we submit to Long Range Planning. Please speak to Kathy or a committee member, or email your thoughts by January 10th.

Mystery Pal Program is back!!! This popular inter-generational program will return in February. Watch for specific information in January and be ready to sign up.

QUUF Events

Book Sale January 21

Bring books, videos, records, DVDs and CDs to the church on Thursday and early Friday before this Saturday sale. Sign up to assist with picking up items, setting up on Friday, working during sale hours of 9 to 2 and taking down on Saturday. This is hard work, but fun and a good fund-raiser. To arrange for pick-ups, phone Barb Dyer (379-0353) or Carol Collins (379-3299). Please do not donate electronic equipment, catalogs, old textbooks, etc.

Friendship Supper Alert

The first gathering of the new year will be 21 January, Saturday evening. Join some other people interested in QUUF for an evening of good food, pleasant conversation and sometimes good jokes. (What did the zero say to the 8?) This is a potluck meal that happens almost every month, bringing together from six to ten people for a few hours of socializing.

Usually we have enough people interested in hosting so don't feel delinquent if you are not in a position to host. Guests are an important part of this function!

The clipboard with signup sheets is in the back of the Sanctuary or you can call or email Jenifer Taylor 385-3666 or jentaylor@olympus.net. ("Nice belt")

New Date for Decadent Desserts/Volunteer Training: Feb. 12

This is a training/refresher course for our Sunday morning volunteers: ushers, greeters, coffee-makers, chalice-lighters. Knowing the location of supplies and being familiar with the procedures, you will make guests and members feel welcome at our worship services. You will be able to step in and give a hand when needed. These tasks are rewarding: you get to know new or long-time members, and they to recognize you. Sign up to learn about all of these (some have changed) so we know how many luscious desserts to provide. **Time is 3 to 5**, Sunday, Feb. 12. Call Elaine Nelson (379-9949) or Barb Dyer (379-0353) if you have questions.

Orientation is Saturday, February 11

If you want to learn more about this congregation and the Unitarian Universalist approach to religion, register for this one-day program. From **9:30 a.m. to approximately 2:30**, Rev. Bode will lead a discussion of religious philosophy and representatives from religious education, the board and committee members will answer your questions. The membership committee will serve a light lunch. Childcare is available. Those who decide to become members will be welcomed at a service on March 5th. If you have questions, please phone Barb Dyer at 379-0353.

Snacks for First Sunday

We have been serving snacks to people at both services on the first Sunday of the month. If two people contribute cookies or grapes or graham crackers or what-have-you, we can serve close to 200 people without excessive effort. That makes 24 people who are on duty only once per year. If you can help with this project, please sign up on the sheet in the kitchen.

Note that the goodies should be at the church by about 10:15 for the tea/coffee time between services. If you aren't an early service person, you can put them in the kitchen, carefully labeled FOR SUNDAY, earlier in the week.

This is your chance to make your favorite cookies to share!

Register Now for AGM 2006

**"Creative Community"
Fort Worden State Park
Presidents' Day Weekend
February 17-19**



This year's PNWD Annual General Meeting is a wonderful opportunity for family fun and UU connection in one of the world's most beautiful spots. **Early registration ends January 16**, so don't miss it. Go to www.pnwd.org for all the details. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Vivian Mulligan at VLM98765@yahoo.com

ALPs Adult Learning Programs

NEW CLASSES

BIOETHICS: After with a brief overview of traditional ethical systems and an introduction to the components of ethical decision-making models, participants will use these models to respond to case histories requiring bioethical decisions, e.g., cloning, stem cell use, reproductive rights, & environmental ethics. Rod Mitchell, facilitator. Mondays biweekly, 5-6:30PM, RE 2&3, beginning 1/9. Contact Rod, 385-3277, rodm90@cablespeed.com

BUILDING YOUR OWN THEOLOGY: We will consider liberal religious theology, our spiritual autobiographies, the varieties of liberal religious experience, human nature, ultimate reality, ethics, and meaning. By the end of the class we will be able to articulate and share our own beliefs. You will learn a lot about yourself and become more deeply acquainted with the others. Marcia Lewton, facilitator. 8 Sundays 1:30-3:30PM, beginning 1/15, (2/19 excluded), RE 2-3. Contact Marcia, 385-4560, mlewton@olympus.net

EXPLORING DEEP ECOLOGY: This NW Earth Institute discussion course explores: 1.) the philosophy of Deep Ecology, 2.) the Gaia Hypothesis, 3.) Spirituality and the Earth, 4.) a New Story from Science, 5.) Native American Wisdom, 6.) Ecopsychology, 7.) Simplicity, and 8.) Bioregionalism. Learn more at the introductory meeting with Helen Kolff on Monday, 1/23/06 at 7:00 PM. 9 Mondays, beginning 1/30, 7-8:30PM, QUUF sanctuary. Fee: \$15 for the book of readings. Contact Helen, 379-4858, helenk@olympus.net

SUSTAINABILITY IN OUR HOMES AND FELLOWSHIP A Northwest Earth Institute Eco-Party in the QUUF sanctuary **Friday, January 6, 2006 at 10-12:00** with a late breakfast snack. Barb Boelling, Donna Logan, Norma Davidson, and Melissa Bowers will present ways to voluntarily live sustainably by looking at energy use, recycling practices & cleaning products for home and Fellowship. Come share your ideas. Please sign up on the clipboard & take an invitation and party info form with you or email Donna or Barb for reservation and the form. drlgan@olypen.com or mbell@webtv.net

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ISLAM: The focus of this course will be to better understand Islam's role as a religion and a way of life. Utilizing the Teaching Company's 12-lecture video course by Prof. John L. Esposito, we will look at a variety of issues including the Islamic worldview, jihad, mysticism, role of women, and future of Islam. Jan Forrest, facilitator. 6 Tuesdays biweekly, 5-7:00PM, 1/17 - 3/21, RE 2&3. Contact Jan, 379-4858, jackandjan@tenforward.com

JUNG AND THE PSYCHE: A viewing and discussion of three, one-hour long videos of Marie Louise von Franz, Ph.D., entitled "Remembering Jung". She was a colleague of C. G. Jung and considered by many to have been Jung's foremost analyst and scholar. Lorna Wood, facilitator, is a Jungian Analyst Candidate and a physical therapist. She leads two Jungian study groups in B.C. and is the president of the Edinger Society, Port Townsend, a small group working with Jung's concepts. Thursdays biweekly, Feb. 9, 23, Mar. 9: 10AM-12N. Class min. 7, max. 20. \$20 donation. Contact Bruce Bode, 379-0609, bruce@olympus.net

MINDS, BRAINS & HOW CHILDREN LEARN: The course is a discussion group focused on this wonderfully readable book "The Scientist In The Crib", by Alison Gopnik, et al., (purchase necessary, \$14.00/\$5.00+, new/used). This is cognitive science at its most accessible. Jim Oakland, facilitator. Wednesdays: 1/4 - 2/1, 5-6:30PM, RE 2&3. Contact Jim, 379-6561, jhoakland@olympus.net

COGNITIVE SCIENCE: A PHILOSOPHER'S INPUT: How do we account for "our commonsense conception of ourselves as conscious, free, mindful, rational agents in a world consisting entirely of mindless, meaningless, blind, purposeless, physical particles in fields of physical force?" Audio lectures by John Searle, Prof. of Philosophy, UC Berkeley will start our discussions. Jim Oakland, facilitator. Wednesdays, 2/8 - 3/29, 5-6:30PM, RE 2&3. Contact Jim, 379-6561, jhoakland@olympus.net

PARENTING AS UUs: A class for parents and other interested adults to provide an exploration of theological questions our children ask. There will be time each session for the sharing of other parenting issues. Kathy Walker, facilitator. Wednesday evenings, 1/11 - 2/15, 7-8:45PM, RE 4. Childcare available. Contact Kathy, 385-4565, kwalker@mail.olympus.net

THE POETRY OF ROBINSON JEFFERS: Robinson Jeffers wrote generally accessible, naturalistic poetry. Sometimes disturbing, (he was greatly upset at the human destruction of the natural world), it is also incredibly powerful and beautiful in praise of the natural world, and in its tender expressions of love. Facilitator, Bruce Bode, Minister, QUUF. **TWO CLASSES:** 1) 6 Fridays, 10 AM-12, 2/3 - 3/17 (excluding 2/17); OR 2) 6 Tuesdays, 7-9PM, 2/7 - 3/14. RE 2&3. Min. 7; max. 20. Book purchase required. Contact Bruce, 379-0609, bruce@olympus.net

WEAVING THE FABRIC OF DIVERSITY: In eight highly participatory sessions, this workshop asks us to examine and challenge some of our "isms" - classism, racism, ableism, heterosexualism and ageism, to share feelings and experiences, to understand the language we use, and to gain anti-oppression skills. Facilitators: Marilyn Mitchell and Kathy Walker. Wednesdays 7-9PM, 3/1 - 4/19, RE 3&4. Contact Marilyn, 385-3277, mmitchell@cablespeed.com or Kathy, 385-4565, kwalker@mail.olympus.net

ONGOING GROUPS

SCIENCE AND RELIGION. Sunday, January 8, 7PM, Sanctuary. Continuing discussion of "THE TOWER OF BABEL, THE EVIDENCE AGAINST THE NEW CREATIONISM" by Robert Pennock: chapter 6 (the Creationists' belief that evolution is false and morally evil), chapter 7 (Creationism in the Science classroom). All are welcome. Contact Jim Tough 385-3065, tough@olympus.net

CONTRACT BRIDGE: Contact Barbara Jensen, 379-0556.

GROWING OLDER ("GO"): Contact Joyce O'Neal, 385-9659, joyjoy@olypen.com

QUUF BOOK CLUB: Second Sunday each month, 7PM at Discovery View Apts, lounge, 1051 Hancock Street. Contact Barbara Dyer, 379-0353; dyer@olympus.net

EARLY BIRD SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION: Sundays, 8AM, RE-1. Rev. Bruce Bode, facilitator, bruce@olympus.net, 379-0609.

KNITTING: Tuesdays, 3-5PM. Contact Nancy Shipley 385-9024 or Nancy Richards 385-2797.

MEDITATION: Monday evenings 7-8:30PM. Contact Clara Klug, 385-1084.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS: Call Lee Faulkner, 379-3612, for information.

WIDOW/WIDOWER BREAKFAST CLUB: Thursdays, 8:30AM. Nancy Shipley, 385-9024 or Lars Watson, 385-5577.

New From Skinner House

The 2006 catalog is now available from Skinner House, the UUA imprint that publishes titles on Unitarian Universalist history, theology, biography, and worship. The catalog is on the web at www.uua.org/skinner or call (617) 742-2100 Ext. 601. New titles from Skinner include:

[Bless This Child: A Treasury of Poems, Quotations and Readings to Celebrate Birth.](#) Collected by Edward Searl. \$14.00. Poetry and prose on new life. Part of a four-volume series marking life's great rites of passage: birth, coming of age, marriage and death. Selections also offer spiritual sustenance to new and expecting parents.

[Beyond Absence: A Treasury of Poems, Quotations and Readings On Death and Remembrance.](#) Collected by Edward Searl. \$15.00. Words ancient and modern on life's final passage. Part of a four-volume series marking life's great rites of passage: birth, coming of age, marriage and death. Selections also offer comfort to the bereaved and personal reflection during mourning and recovery.

[Rejoice Together: Prayers, Meditations and Other Readings for Family, Individual and Small-Group Worship, Second Edition.](#) Helen Pickett, Editor. \$12.00. Here are opening words, chalice lightings, prayers, table graces, devotions, meditations and more, culled from traditional and modern sources. Rejoice Together was first published in 1995 to help laypersons plan and conduct simple worship services or special ceremonies in family and small group settings. This new edition adds more than fifty new selections, primarily from contemporary Unitarian Universalist sources.

[Gay Marriage, Real Life: Ten Stories of Love and Family](#) by Michelle Bates Deakin. \$14.00. This intimate account of ten same-sex couples brings to life how the decision to marry has affected them and their extended families. Award-winning journalist Michelle Bates Deakin chronicles both their private strides toward acceptance and their public struggles to advance gay rights. Foreword by David Moats, Pulitzer-prize winning journalist and author of *Civil Wars: The Battle for Gay Marriage*.

Membership Matters

Recently the membership committee began some follow-up of new fellowship members. We contacted those who joined in fall 2004 and in June 2005. We will continue this pattern of speaking to members of one year and approximately three months. We are amazed at the responsibilities these new people have assumed. At least three are now committee chairs, and a large number of others are very active on committees, attending ALPS classes and more.

Are you wondering what happened to the questionnaires and volunteer forms that you marked in October? This information has been entered into the data base and is available for committees. Lists of those who would assist Cares and Concerns with meals and rides--and other lists-- have been forwarded to the appropriate person(s). The committee people who may need assistance thank you for being available.



Sanctuary Flowers

Thank you for the November and December beauty !

Lars Watson
Carolyn Latteier
Nancy Graham
Libby Urner
La Vaughn Snel
Donna Logan

- Sunday Services Committee

Please contact Donna Logan when you have dried flowers, plants, or flower shop bouquets for January, 385-0164, drlogan@olyphen.com

