

# Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

May 2006

## May Sunday Services

### May 7, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

“Imagination”

High School Youth. The Youth have been searching for the definition of "Imagination," asking young children through high schoolers for their thoughts. Now take a moment and humor yourself, think of the word “Imagination” and imagine yourself on a white beach of sand at sunset with palm trees. Is that what “Imagination” means to you? No? Yes? Well, take a moment to discuss with friends and family what “Imagination” means to you. Then come to their service on the 7th of May and find out what the youth in your community think about “Imagination!” Think their definition will be different? The Same? Come and find out!!!

### May 14, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M. (Mother’s Day Sunday & Dedication of Children)

“With Skinless Pity.”

Rev. Bode. This odd sermon title is a borrowed phrase from Robinson Jeffers and his poem, “Memoir.” Out of some recent adult education classes on Jeffers’ work, I came across a surprising thought that I believe will apply to Mother’s Day.

### May 21, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

“Defining a Vision, Shaping a Mission”

Rev. Bode. Following this Sunday’s second service, the congregation will be asked to make some decisions about its future. Having worked closely this past year with the Long-Range Planning Committee, this sermon will explore the content of the vision, mission, and primary purposes at which they have labored.

### May 28, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M. (Memorial Day Sunday)

“For Memory Will Keep What It Has Heard”

Rev. Bode. This Memorial Day Sunday sermon will be a meditation on these lines, “For memory will keep what it has heard/ Forever etched upon the heart’s own seed,...” A special element of this service will be a “Call to Remembrance” in which we honor and remember all those who have died who have been part of QUUF.

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

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## Decision- Making Time



Throughout this 2005-'06 church year, three committees have been actively at work. Each of these three committees has focused on the same objective, namely, the possibility of a significant QUUF building expansion, and each has approached this objective from a different angle. The Long-Range Planning Committee has labored to put together a Five-Year Plan aimed at visualizing future possibilities in alignment with the vision, mission, purposes, and covenant of this Fellowship. The Building Options Committee has explored different building options as well as architects and builders for the design and construction of a possible building expansion. And the Capital Campaign Committee has considered the best way to fund this possible building expansion. The members of all three of these committees have put in many, many hours and, so far as I have seen, have done so in a spirit that seeks the good of the entire community.

Now comes the time as a congregation to make some important initial decisions that will let these committees know if they are expressing the "will of the people." On **May 21, at 12:30 p.m.** after the second service, our Governing Board will present a Five-Year Plan from the Long-Range Planning Committee and ask you to approve the following decisions: 1) a recommendation by the Building Options Committee for a specific building concept; 2) a recommendation by the Capital Campaign Committee on a feasibility study for funding a building expansion project. Prior to this May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting there will be several opportunities to meet with Committee members, particularly with those of the Building Options Committee. Please see the information and recommendations of these three committees in other parts of this Newsletter, noting that the Five-Year Plan is in a very condensed form. The entire document can be found on our website and hard copies will be available at the church.

Of greatest importance in all of this to my mind is not what concrete decisions get made, though of course these are important, but that these decisions be made in a spirit that preserves and enhances this Fellowship as a loving, caring, and nurturing community. This was something lay speaker Jim Westall emphasized in his July 24 sermon last summer. Let me conclude this column with his conclusion to that sermon (see Sermons on our website for the entire manuscript):

"When we think strategically about what we want to do, then the things we do tactically should honor strategically who we are. We have to make sure that we keep in mind always what our intent is, not what our ends are, and that as we go forward, we make sure that honoring that intent is acted out in a process that we all define during the process.

"You have the opportunity to come through the changes in the next few years as a stronger, more dynamic, and absolutely exciting place to be, and you have the opportunity to destroy yourselves. It all has to do with the process, and it all has to do with honoring the intent of our noblest ambitions of who we want to be."

Bruce Bode April 15, 2006

## Office Offerings

“Good work finds the way between pride and despair.

It graces with health, it heals with grace.  
 It preserves the given so that it remains a gift.  
 By it we lose loneliness:  
 We clasp the hands of those who go before us,  
 and the hands of those who come after us.  
 We enter the little circle of each other's arms  
 and the larger circle of all creatures.  
 Seeing the work that is to be done,  
 who can help wanting to be the one to do it?"

Wendell Berry

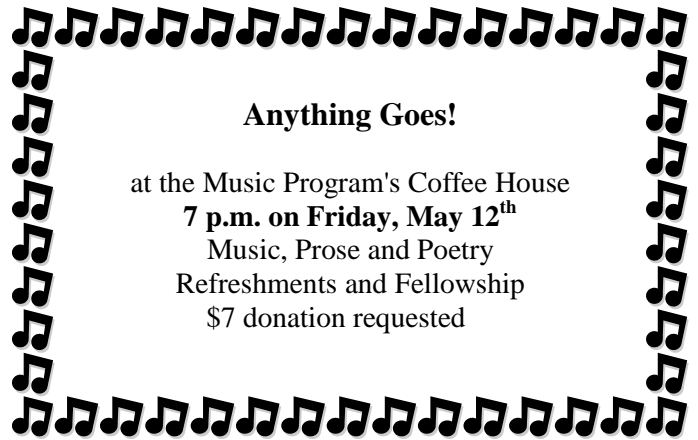
This piece was used at one of our past Blessing of the Animal services, and with Earth Day being in April, it seemed like a good time to share it again.

Thank you to the Newsletter collating/ mailing team for the April issue: Helen Oakland, Marilyn Lovell and Mona Steffle.



| OTHER MEETINGS (irregular ones not listed) |  |                       |
|--|--|-----------------------|
| Building & Grounds                         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs.                 | 4:30 p.m. R.E. 2      |
| Membership / 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   |
| Y.R.U.U.                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun. | 7-8:30 p.m. R.E. 2    |

## Music Notes



### Anything Goes!

at the Music Program's Coffee House  
**7 p.m. on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 Music, Prose and Poetry  
 Refreshments and Fellowship  
 \$7 donation requested

## Nominations to the Board

The QUUF Nominating Committee has selected, after due consideration, a slate of three nominees for the three regular Board positions opening up this June: Al Thompson (running for a second term), John Collins and Sheila Lauder. In addition, we've nominated Carolyn Latteier to fill the last year of the term of Neal Liden, who is leaving the Board. Carolyn is finishing her current term. We are pleased with all four nominees, and each has agreed to serve if elected.

According to the QUUF by-laws, members can add a candidate to this list by submitting to the Nominating Committee a petition naming that candidate. It must be signed by at least 10 Fellowship members. If you feel the need to nominate another candidate for the Board by this method, please do so as soon as possible, and definitely before June 1.

Again guided by the by-laws, this committee has also nominated Jack Forrest for the one open position on the Special Funds Committee. As before, if you feel the need to nominate another candidate for this position, please do so by petition.

The current members of the Nominating Committee are Paul Becker, Joanna England, Marcia Lewton, and Irv Mortensen. They have all agreed to serve for another one-year term if elected. All nominations for this committee will be made from the floor at the annual meeting. No petition is necessary in this case.

## Children & Youth Religious Education

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

### CYRE Calendar

|         |                                  |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| May 5   | Social Justice dinner and survey |
| May 6   | Congregational meeting           |
| May 7   | YRUU Worship Service             |
| May 14  | Child Dedication                 |
| May 21  | Flower Communion                 |
| June 4  | Bridging Ceremony                |
| June 11 | Teacher Recognition and last RE  |

**Social Justice Party** - Please come to our party!!! Don Berg, social justice chair, and our Middle Schoolers have planned a fun event, with the purpose of surveying QUUFers on ways you put your faith into action. Where, in the community and world at large, do you put your time and money? How will that look when we put everyone's list together!!!!!!

**Support our High Schoolers** - Come to **May 7th** Worship service to get to know our YRUUers better. They have been working diligently on their theme of Imagination. Middle Schoolers will stay in the sanctuary for the full service.

**Thank you Thursday Evening Covenant Group** - The Children and Youth RE Committee want to express thanks to the members of this Covenant Group for their help in honoring the RE teachers and committee members at the Teacher Appreciation Dinner. Set up, desserts, cards, clean up; a wonderful way to support our RE volunteers.

**Child Dedication** will be held on Mother's Day again this year. Contact Kathy or Bruce by May 9th if you want to participate.

**Flower Communion** - Bring a flower, or several flowers to help with this annual ritual.

**OWL next year** - The 5th/6th grade OWL will run in the fall instead of beginning in January. There will be no 1st grade OWL in the coming year. The following fall, it will be offered to 1st/2nd graders.

## QUUF Events

### Newcomer Orientation

The spring series of information meetings for newcomers will have begun on April 27. If you missed this first Thursday evening, see Rev. Bruce Bode about attending **May 4 and 11**. Those who wish to become members will be welcomed at the **May 18** service. Persons who attended previous orientations may also become members at this service. Please check with Rev. Bode or Barb

**Landscape and Fix-Up Party** after the 11:15 service on **May 7th**. "Weed Warriors" can work their plots anytime but may choose to join the rest of us on Sunday. Handypersons and UUs of all sorts are invited to pitch in at this exciting event. We especially need a couple of skilled (or semi-skilled) handypersons for some important chores. Stop in even if you only act as cheerleader. Call Don Dybeck 385-2590 if you have questions. See you there...and thanks.

### Growth News – May 2006

An important discussion meeting will take place on Saturday, **May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.** when you can ask questions and expect answers from the Long Range Planning, the Building Options, and the Capital Campaign Committees. Members of all three committees will be on hand to take your questions, listen to your complaints, and treat you with loving respect.

### Plan to attend.

Read the documents from LRPC, BOC and CCC that are included in this newsletter and prepare your questions. **Because there won't be time for discussion at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting when you'll have to vote, this is your opportunity to raise hell and/or gather information.**

Marcia Lewton



## ALPs Adult Learning Programs

**A FIELD TRIP: THE WILD PLANTS OF QUIMPER PENINSULA**, Fred and Ann Weinmann, 379-0986, fweinmann@cablespeed.com. **Fri., May 5, 5:00 pm, QUUF sanc:** Slides & identification, **5:30-7:30:** field trip. Here's a chance to enhance your awareness and broaden your knowledge of native plants and spring flowers! mounting, etc.).

### ONGOING GROUPS

**CONTRACT BRIDGE:** Contact Barbara Jensen, 379-0556.

**"GO/GY" (Growing Older/Growing Younger):** First Thursday, 10:30am, RE 2/5. Art Therapist Eleanor Nelson (385-2937) leads, focusing on "Growing younger, in mind and spirit." Bring collage materials (scissors, magazines, cardboard for mounting, etc.).

**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. Bruce Bode, facilitator, bruce@olympus.net, 379-0609.

**KNITTING:** Tuesdays, 3-5pm. Conversation, friendship, advice on knitting projects. Beginners welcome! Contact Nancy Shipley 385-9024 or Nancy Richards 385-2797.

**MEDITATION:** Monday evenings 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. Contact Clara at 385-1084.

**WIDOW/WIDOWER BREAKFAST CLUB:** Thursdays, 8:30am. Enjoy breakfast, support and friendship at Castagno's, 2123 Sims Way. Call Nancy Shipley, 385-9024 or Lars Watson, 385-5577.

**WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS:** Confidential peer support groups for women. Six are already in existence. For information call Lee Faulkner, 379-3612.

## Membership

Ten new members were welcomed at the March 5 service.

**Michael (Mike) Morrissey** was born in Yonkers, NY, but grew up in Santa Monica, CA. After attending UCA Santa Barbara and UCLA he had a career in human resources, specializing in pay and benefit systems. His interests in retirement include the environment, outdoor activities such as fishing, sailing, hiking, and fixing up old houses.

**Melissa and Lylburn Layer** also became members. She is currently pursuing a graduate degree in social work at the University of Washington. Melissa continues to enjoy her areas of passion that include spiritual deepening, healing, mentoring, end-of-life issues, and writing. **Lylburn** taught, performed and conducted music in secondary schools through college and for 40 years. Having recently retired from high school administration, he now maintains a studio of private clarinet and saxophone students. He continues to perform and conduct, while boating as time allows.

**Stephanie and Dan Anderson** come to us from the Kitsap UU church. **Stephanie** describes herself as a native western-Washingtonian, lover to Dan, and mama to Stella, age 20 months. She also considers herself a semi-neglectful gardener, dabbler in fiber arts and supporter of organics and fair trade. Further, she loves exercise. **Dan** loves his wife Stephanie and his daughters, most music, and reading about our current state of socio-political decline. He runs a concrete construction crew and is on a long-term hiatus from volunteer search and rescue.

**Jim and Kath Gordon** moved here in June 2006 from Pocatello, Idaho, where they were active in the Pocatello UU Fellowship. **Jim** was born in Ohio but spent the last 30 years in Idaho. He was a clinical psychologist in his professional career. **Kath**, also a native of Ohio, has spent 30 years in her profession, speech-language pathology/adult education. Kath's interests include reading, writing and messing around with art. The Gordons moved Port Townsend to be close to their son, Marc, and Amy Elizabeth and grandson, Everitt. Their daughter Heather is attending Ohio State University.

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## Special Congregational Meeting on Growth Sunday May 21, 2006 -- 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary

QUUF's Board of Directors has called a special meeting on growth and expansion. This is your chance to make your voice and vote heard in the future of QUUF.

### Voting Procedure

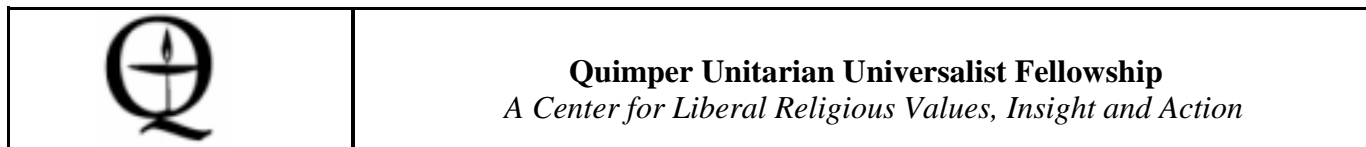
- Thirty percent of current confirmed members constitute a quorum.
- Voting will be by written ballot. To pass, any measure must receive a majority of ballots cast.
- Confirmed members of QUUF are eligible to vote. Sign in and receive a ballot between the first and second services and after the second service
- If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may file a proxy with the Secretary before the beginning of the meeting. No person present may cast more than two proxy votes. Only members at the meeting may act as proxy.

### Meeting Agenda

- Presentation of Five Year Plan Logo, Slogan, Principles, and Major Goals.
- Vote on recommendations of the Buildings Options Committee.
- Vote on authorization of Financial Feasibility Study.

### Key Elements of QUUF Five-Year Plan (2006-2011)

#### New logo and slogan:



**Vision Statement:** Advancing the quest for liberal religious values, insight and action.

**Mission Statement:** To sustain a sacred space within a just and caring community. (adopted 2003)

**Primary Purposes:** Embedded in the meaning of the QUUF Mission Statement are the following primary purposes:

- to be a **Welcoming Community** that invites all interested persons to have a part in creating and fostering a liberal religious congregation;
- to be a **Thoughtful Community** that provides its members and friends with a safe structure and nourishing context in which to address life's ongoing questions and develop and refine their personal religious philosophies;
- to be a **Worshipping Community** that regularly gathers to consider and celebrate its own life and life as a whole and that through its religious services helps to awaken and maintain in its members and friends a sense of wonder about life and being;
- to be a **Caring Community** that lovingly attends to the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of its members and friends and that marks and celebrates the typical stages of a human life;
- to be a **Teaching Community** that blesses and supports its families in raising children who are healthy in body, mind, soul and spirit and that passes on to its children its rich religious heritage;
- to be an **Exploring Community** that offers its members and friends, from childhood to older age, a wide variety of educational, musical, artistic, social, and recreational opportunities for enriching their lives;

- to be an **Involved Community** that knows it does not exist for itself alone and reaches out to the local community and world to engage and support its social, ethical, environmental, artistic, and spiritual endeavors and concerns;
- to be an **Environmentally Responsible Community** that understands in a deep way its connection to Earth and seeks to tread lightly upon it and to promote sustainability;
- to be a **Connecting Community** that covenants to deepen and strengthen the ties that exist between members and friends of the Fellowship and between Unitarian Universalist congregations at both district and national levels and that values and seeks to work with the interfaith community both locally and at large; and
- to be a **Self-Governing Community** that responsibly establishes processes and requirements for its governance and the conducting of its purposes.

### **Primary Goals:**

#### **Worship**

Goal 1: To maintain and enhance the content and quality of our services

Goal 2: To prepare for and welcome growth in attendance and membership (based on the Demographics section) to: 270 by Spring 2008, 300 by Spring 2009 (assuming increase due to new building completion), 330-360 by Spring 2011

#### **Religious Education**

Goal 1: To enhance the Child and Youth RE programs and social functions

Goal 2: To enhance programs for youth and young adults

Goal 3: To prepare for and welcome growth in RE attendance to: 115 by Spring 2008, 125 by Spring 2009, 140-160 by Spring 2011

#### **Community Within**

Goal: To maintain and enhance those aspects of our community related to spiritual growth, personal development and the overall health of our members and friends

#### **Outreach**

Goal: To enhance leadership of and participation in social justice and other community outreach efforts

#### **Facilities**

Goal 1: Subject to congregational approval of a building option, to finance, build and furnish new facilities by December 2008

Goal 2: To improve and upgrade our technology resources by December 2008

#### **Self-Governance**

Goal 1: To make plans for changing our staff and volunteering needs as growth occurs and acting on the plans when appropriate

Goal 2: To be financially solvent (see Cash Flow and Budget Projection Worksheet)

Goal 3: To reassess and update our self-governance needs

Goal 4: To annually identify the skills and interest areas of our leaders, and provide them with support and encouragement

**THE BUILDING OPTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:**

**1. That we build:**

- a. A structure that stands as a physical expression of the special place that our liberal religious community occupies in the life of Port Townsend.
- b. A sanctuary that seats between 185-250, with a planned capacity for expansion if required at some future date. The size of the initial build will depend on the outcome of our feasibility study (summer 2006) and our Capital Campaign (fall 2006).
- c. Expanded facilities for office space, youth, meeting spaces, classrooms, an institutional kitchen, and fellowship hall. Estimated budget for initial build between \$1 and \$1.4 million.

**2. How we build:**

- a. We want to use fellowship volunteers as a significant part of the labor force, both to make significant savings on labor costs and to build community within the Fellowship.
- b. We want to build green, possibly seeking LEED certification.
- c. We want to design and build to accommodate future expansion in sanctuary seating space.
- d. We want the completed building to blend with and aesthetically enhance the present structures, keeping the existing sanctuary intact to become a fellowship hall.

**We ask that:**

THE CONGREGATION VOTE TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE PLANNING FOR THE EXPANSION OF OUR FACILITIES TO INCLUDE:

- A NEW SANCTUARY TO SEAT 185 TO 250.
- DOUBLING THE RE/ALPS MEETING ROOMS.
- A LARGER KITCHEN.
- INCREASED AND ACCESSIBLE OFFICE SPACE.
- SUCH OTHER SPACES AS PROVE NECESSARY AND DESIREABLE.

BY VOTING FOR THIS PROPOSAL, THE CONGREGATION WILL AUTHORIZE AN INITIAL SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000. THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO:

- RETAIN AN ARCHITECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND A MODEL OF THE EXPANSION FOR USE IN THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.
- OBTAIN AN APPRAISAL OF THE COST OF THE 23RD STREET VACATION.

## **A Financial Feasibility Study for a Capital Campaign**

Why should QUUF spend \$11,500 to hire a UUA fundraising consultant to conduct a financial feasibility study? Why do we need such a study, and if we do, why not do it ourselves? The Capital Campaign Committee members stared at the price tag, gulped, and asked each other, our Assessment Consultant, Aggie Sweeney, and Dr. Wayne Clark, UUA fundraising expert, these hard questions.

A financial feasibility study determines a congregation's readiness to launch a capital campaign. In order to build increased space, we need to raise a working goal of about \$600,000; the study lets us know if this is possible. The consultant gathers answers to three questions: 1) How knowledgeable are congregants about the proposed project? 2) What questions or barriers must be addressed before launching a campaign? 3) How much money might congregants give to the project? We need to address these issues before launching a capital campaign.

The consultant works with congregational leaders to select the study participants and to determine specific questions to ask them. Each interview is confidential and lasts about 45 minutes. When the interviews have been completed, the consultant analyzes the data and writes a summary report.

Research shows that such a study helps a congregation raise more money during a capital campaign. There are three ways that a consultant will help us raise more money:

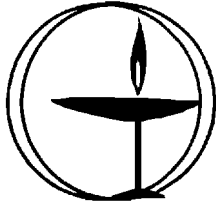
- 1) By listening carefully to the concerns and dreams of our members, the consultant helps design a campaign that honors donors' wishes and maximizes the size and number of gifts available for the effort.
- 2) The assessment of financial potential ensures that our congregation sets a realistic goal.
- 3) Working with a consultant will give our campaign volunteers confidence in the plan and prepare them for their roles. We will have an expert who points the way, and volunteer time will be effectively utilized.

QUUF will receive maximum benefit for the campaign when prospective donors have all of their questions answered and they become confident in the way plans are developed, when they are approached respectfully and asked to consider their financial commitments.

Why not do the study ourselves? We are not obligated to utilize a UUA consultant. However, the UUA, working with many other UU congregations, has a well-defined process for helping them raise more money. While we may have the expertise in our midst to conduct a feasibility study, there is value in having an outside, neutral party conduct the study. Also, there is much work to be done on the campaign and on the expansion itself. We do not want to burn out our volunteers before we even get started.

Our research indicates that the cost is in line with what other fundraisers charge non-profit organizations for their services. Aggie Sweeney, who would be our consultant, does fundraising professionally, both for the UUA and otherwise. With our fellowship's "working goal" of raising \$600,000, the investment in a fundraising consultant is less than 2% of our goal.

With these considerations in mind, the Capital Campaign Committee asks for your support.



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Monday, May 22nd.**

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### SANCTUARY FLOWERS & PIECES OF ART

Thank you for your contributions. The beauty you have added to our services is greatly appreciated.

Leone & David Smith  
Nancy Graham  
Jerry Spieckerman  
Nan Toby Tyrrell  
LaVaughn Snel  
O'Neill Louchard

Sincerely,  
The Sunday Services Committee  
Please let me know when you have something of beauty to share. Donna 385-0164 drlogan@olympen.com

#### **Lost:**

a large rectangular purple tablecloth at the Canvass dinner, March 24th. If found contact: Celeste Dybeck, 385-2590

The Wednesday afternoon covenant group handed out 3 documents recently related to your end of life decisions. We have some extra "File of Life" forms provided by East Jefferson Fire and Rescue and POLST forms from the Washington State Department of Health and Washington State Medical Association. These are free and available in the office.

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**Bob and Kath Purvis** also joined on March 5. **Bob** grew up in Texas and later lived in Wisconsin. He moved to Seattle after college and worked as a CPA, then owned an alternative store. He has been a refrigeration and HVAC contractor since the mid-80s. **Kath** is a Port Angeles native. Her interests include reading, art, nature, travel and real estate. She helps Bob with accounting in his business. The Purvises have two college-age sons. They live near Hood Canal.

**Rachelle Burt** grew up on Whidbey Island and moved to Port Townsend last fall. She is happy to be back living near her family after spending four years in California teaching outdoor schools and science. Rachelle loves to dance.