

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

November 2006

November Sunday Services

November 5, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

"Control-Z" Guest Speaker: Rev. Amanda Aikman

Regret is hard to handle. Sometimes we wish we had a "Control-Z" button to push to erase our rash action, unkind words, or thoughtless decision. But the recent book, Success through Failure, teaches us that all of our successful technology came about precisely because of failures. Let's see how this might apply to our own personal and corporate lives. Special attention will be given to Zinedine Zidane's infamous head-butt at the World Cup championship game.

The Rev. Amanda Aikman lives in Everett. She is a playwright and a spiritual director, and serves Northlake UU Church in Kirkland as Consulting Minister.

November 12, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

"The Tender Gravity of Kindness" Rev. Bode

The Dalai Lama said, "Kindness is my true religion." This sermon explores the nature of kindness and how it develops in a person.

November 19, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

"A New Code of Community Behavior" Guest Speaker: Milenko Matanovic

What does it take for each of us to become more constructive, thoughtful, and creative members of our communities? Milenko Matanovic is a community builder and visual artist with an international reputation and a professional career spanning forty years. Concerned with the direction of modern communities, he founded Pomegranate Center to explore how artists can have a role outside the narrow artistic world and be actively involved in building better communities. He has broad experience helping people of divergent views come together to solve common problems and has facilitated design workshops for dozens of communities regionally, nationally and internationally, including projects in China, East Russia, and Mexico.

November 26, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

"Buddy, Can You Spare the Time?" Guest Speaker: Rev. Don Garrett

A psychologist conducted an experiment based on the story of the Good Samaritan and discovered some surprising results. We'll learn a modern answer to the question, "Who is my neighbor?"

Rev. Don Garrett, a native of central New York State, lived in North Carolina for 24 years before moving to Indiana in 2004. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1997 and earned his Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School in 2000. He served six North Carolina congregations in various capacities before accepting the call to serve the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis. He enjoys T'ai Chi, meditation, cooking, music, hiking and camping.

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

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The Elephant in the Room



First, a huge THANK YOU to the Capital Campaign Committee and to all – their names are too numerous to be listed in this short article – who have been working with such diligence on the fund-raising for the new building! All their initial efforts culminated in a spectacular kick-off event for the general capital campaign funds on October 15 under the big-top tent in the general area where the new building is planned. At this event the Capital Campaign Committee was pleased to announce that over \$461,000 in early pledges had already been received toward the building project! And in the few days since then – I'm writing on October 19 – the pledged amount is nearly \$508,000!

Now come the next steps: first, gathering the pledges of the entire membership and friends of QUUF for this project; and, secondly and simultaneously, determining what to build with the funds collected.

Determining what to build includes approaching what I heard described the other evening at a Building Committee meeting as “the elephant in the room.” What is the “elephant in the room”? Actually, the elephant *is* the room! That is, what should be the size and shape of the sanctuary space? Or, playing with the image a bit, what kind of room and how much room does our QUUF elephant feel it needs for present and future activities?

In addition to this elephant, there may be other creatures of the wild roaming about as well. One person suggested that if the sanctuary configuration is an elephant, the kitchen deserves to be called at least a hippopotamus. And you might have some fun assigning other creatures to the various aspects of the project, such as building green, the landscape, RE space, acoustics, etc. Thus, we are entering the really interesting and exciting phase of this project.

And, actually, this “elephant in the room” analogy, implying an unwillingness to talk about a subject, is not quite on target, since there are many people very interested and willing to talk about this subject. The concern is really more how to talk about this subject and how to make decisions with respect to it.

In regard to all of this, a number of individual task forces have just begun to work on the various aspects of the project. And it's not too late for you to be a participant in one of these. To participate, simply contact Irv Mortensen (ravensbop@olympus.net), chair of the Building Committee, or John Collins (collinsj37@cablespeed.com), chair of the Building Steering Committee. In addition, the Building Steering Committee in conjunction with the Building Committee is planning to offer small group meetings in the upcoming months that will provide information on the various building possibilities before us that will invite your feedback. They are also planning to make 15-20 minute presentations for the whole congregation at the end of each of the Sunday services on November 26 and

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Office Offerings

Magnus Ratter wrote: "religion is goodness with its sleeves rolled up". That would certainly describe QUUF, which has always demonstrated this philosophy on so many levels. "Taking care of business", something Elvis was often quoted as saying, could be our motto. You can almost HEAR the church humming!! Thanks for whatever you do to help this process, especially during our exciting time of growth and expansion.

THANKS also, go to the Newsletter assembly team for the October issue: Helen Oakland and Donna Logan. There was a good response to the "Office Help" portion of the recent volunteer survey. I need to be gone two weeks in February, so some of you can expect to hear from me on this!

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December 10 and to receive questions and comments in response to their presentations following those services.

Then, after much discussion and weighing of possibilities, a congregational vote will be taken (hopefully, early in 2007) to provide our architect, Richard Berg, with a "program document" that will guide him as he begins preparing a final design. I expect that this vote (or votes) would seek the largest possible consensus. And the final step before proceeding to build will be another congregational vote to approve the final architectural design.

This is my understanding of the process and project at this point. The aim is to provide as much opportunity as possible for the members and friends of QUUF to be informed, ask their questions, express their opinions, and make their special contributions. Thus, not only will there be an enlargement of our building space, but also of our spirit. Or, as I've heard Irv Mortensen, chair of the Building Committee, put it, "We're building a community, not a building."

October 19, 2006
Bruce A. Bode

Music Notes



The date of the **Spaghetti Dinner & Talent No-Talent Show** has changed. It will take place on **Friday, November 17**, with the dinner starting at 5 p.m. and the show a bit later. You can sign up to help with the food or offer a performance. If you can whistle, lip sync, or belly dance, your talent(?) is needed, the wackier the better. Bring the whole family to this one

And if you can read music and sing, join the choir. Talk to Marj Iuro and/or check out choir practice any Wednesday evening.

Marcia Lewton

THANK YOU, QUUF ARTISTS!

Many thanks to Diane Ainsworth, Marjorie Illman, Karen Page, Maureen Piper, Don Barr, JoEllen Thompson, Maitland Hardyman, Nan Toby Tyrrell, Marcia Lewton, Esther Conway, and Karl Bach, for participating in our Sept/Oct sanctuary exhibit! We are truly blessed to have so many talented people in our congregation, who so generously share their gifts with us!

The Aesthetics Committee

QUUF was well represented on the WAVE Food Drive this year.

Participating children were: Maia Ashling, Peri Mueller, Abigail and Molly McGuire. Youth and Young Adults were: Bri Rowan, Joe Walvatne and Sebastian Edgerton. Adults were Holly Mayshark, Rebekah and Todd McGuire, Laurel Rowan, George Gerczak, Sorcha Ashling, Flossie and Bruce Bode and Kathy Stevenson.

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

Children & Youth Religious Education

DRE Kathy Stevenson kstevenson@olympus.net

CYRE Calendar

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

Nov 12	Dedication of Children
Nov 14	CYRE Committee Meeting
Nov 17	Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show
Nov 19	New Member Ceremony
Nov 26	1st Day of Advent Advent Candles and Game Day, multi-age
Dec 3	Guest At Your Table Kickoff
Dec 8	Christmas & Solstice Party

Thank you to all the individuals and families who participated in the WAVE Food Drive and the Harvest Party.

Guest At Your Table: This year we continue our long tradition of inviting a Guest To Our Table. This is a Unitarian Universalist Service Committee project in action in many UU congregations across the continent. The UUSC has a superb record of putting our money to good use. Last year we raised over \$2000. It is a rewarding project for families who want to balance the consumerism of the holidays with learning about the needs of others in this country and others. The boxes and instructions will be available on Dec 3. Creating rituals like Guest At Your Table is a way to live our UU Principles.

During the lead up to the Capital Campaign Kickoff several people gave Testimonials.

Louise Slabaugh Bednarik spoke:

My name is Louise and I'm nine years old. I have been going to QUUF since I was two. I've been liking it the whole time, and I want to tell you why:

- Fun. Because of games and food and talking.
- The Halloween Party because I like the face painting and making cornhusk dolls and baked apples.
- Mystery Pals. Because I love to meet new people.
- The Water Service and Flower Exchange. Because I like hearing where people go and getting new flowers.

-Joys and concerns in my RE class. Because I like to know why people are happy and why they're sad.

- When I'm in the sanctuary I like listening to what's going on.
- I like lighting the chalice because it feels important.
- When I leave under the arch I feel appreciated.
- When I had my dedication ceremony it made me feel good. I liked feeling the dirt in my hands.

-In my RE class I like the things I learn such as world peace and world religions because it's good knowledge to have.

-One of the most important things I've learned at QUUF is listening and public speaking.

And those are the reasons why I've liked coming to QUUF for these seven years. October 2006

Building Expansion - RE

November is a critical month for your input on what your vision is for our expanded facilities. If you have a dream or idea of how our new building can improve our religious community let us know.

Sunday Successes:

Our experiment of offering YRUU weekly has been a success. Our high schoolers are leaving their homework and other activities to enjoy food, fun and conversation with other liberal religious youth. (When I, Kathy, was a teen the Unitarian youth group was called LRY, Liberal Religious Youth. Who else was an LRYer here?) Our team of Marc Gordon, Stephanie Anderson, Gayle Kaune and Daniel Nidzgorski are collaborating to enrich and enhance QUUF youth experiences here.

We again have a wonderful group of QUUFers who have volunteered to teach Sunday mornings. Our Preschool/Kindergarten class, led by Debbie Neville, Sheila Lauder and Jen Thacher, is exploring the joy of having hands, feet and full bodies that move! Lots of jumping, singing and sharing of joys and sorrows.

The 1st-3rd and Kind-2nd class have a new curriculum called UU Super Heroes. The teachers, (super heroes themselves) have introduced Unitarians from history: King John Sigismund of Transylvania (the only Unitarian King), Henry David Thoreau (naturalist and philosopher) Rev Theodore Parker (abolitionist) and Lewis Latimer (inventor). Thanks to Diane Bommer, Flossie Bode, Shawneen Preuhs, Sorcha Ashling, Kurt Munnich and Wenkie Schultz.

Next month I will report on the 2 older age group teachers and curriculum.

QUUF Events

Taming the Elephant

The Interior Aesthetics and Furnishing Task Force needs help in "taming the elephant;" that is, coming up with both a visual and a verbal description of the appearance of our new sanctuary.

We invite both verbally and visually oriented people to join us in a "taming the elephant" work group on December 2 from 10-noon in the RE building. Please bring a sampling of pictures from magazines or other images or textures that help express your concept of a sacred space. Some people will prefer to describe their concept in words or phrases. We will make a collage of both pictures and words that will help the building committee and architect design an appropriate space for our UU family.

Don't miss this opportunity to give your input!!!!

QUUF is scheduled for **December 10th to 17th and January 7th to 14th** to participate in the **Church Hosting for the Homeless (CHH) program** of the church community and Olympic Community Action Program (OLY/CAP) to provide shelter and food in a safe and warm environment.

In February 2006, seven (7) men were hosted in three (3) local churches with six (6) churches providing food and hospitality. QUUF hosted one week and 1st Presbyterian provided food.

Churches provide sleeping space and volunteers assist with other amenities. Sleeping accommodations are mats on the floor with a blanket, sheets and a pillow. Meals include a hot supper, breakfast and sack lunch.

Volunteers are needed to provide food, to drive the community van provided by Jefferson Transit, and serve as night monitor.

OLY/CAP does the screening of the homeless and hires an overnight monitor.

Additional information and scheduling will be determined as soon as the volunteers are on board. A sign-up sheet is available in the back of the sanctuary. Bruce Bode, Don Berg and Joyce O'Neal may be contacted by phone or e-mail as listed in the church directory.

WHAT'S A COFFEE HOUR WITHOUT COFFEE?

We will soon find out, unless more folks step forward to make coffee for after the 11:15 service (and load the dishwasher afterwards). Volunteers are needed for the first and second Sundays and for both services on October 29. If you can help, please contact Susan Pratt at 379-2981 (e-mail: wmspratt@ncplus.net) or else sign up on the sheet posted on the refrigerator. Free instruction provided!

An Inconvenient Truth, a Paramount Classics movie with Al Gore, will be shown at Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on **November 7 at 7 p.m.**, sponsored by "The Regeneration Project" and The Social Justice Committee of QUUF as part of the Spotlight on Global Warming initiative.

Discussion will follow. This showing of the movie is free. Information will be available for you to order your own DVD.

Please contact Dana Fickeisen at 385-4255 or kdfl404@olypen.com.

Designated Offerings

The Designated Offering Committee has selected two outstanding local organizations to receive our cash offerings and other designated gifts on the second and fourth Sundays of November.

On November 12, our plate goes to the **Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation** -- an organization dedicated to helping young Mexican women pursue their educational goals. The six women who founded this organization (most of whom are UUs from the Olympic Peninsula) donate the majority of their operating expenses. Thus, nearly all funds collected go directly to providing scholarships and other educational assistance to women of the Mujeres de Maiz en Resistencia Cooperative, located in Chiapas, Mexico.

The recipient of our November 26 plate will be **Jefferson Aid Services**. **JAS** works in cooperation with the Jefferson County Health Department in planning and implementing county HIV prevention efforts, arranging case management services, and providing support services for persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families of choice.

FALL IN THE ALPS

Adult Learning Programs

September to December 2006

Ongoing Groups:

Science and Religion Discussion Group: 7:00PM Sunday, November 5, Sanctuary. We will continue discussion of Daniel Dennett's book, *Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon*, specifically chapters 2 and 3 which covers such topics as: Can science study religion, and should it? What pays for religion? Anyone interested in this topic is welcome to attend. Contact Jim Tough (385-3065 or tough@olympus.net)

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

QUUF Book Club: Meets the second Sunday each month at 7:30 pm, Discovery View Apartments Lounge, 1051 Hancock Street. Barbara Dyer, coordinator, 379-0353, dyer@olympus.net.

Big Picture Discussion Group: Patricia Weedman, facilitator, 379-8161, briahna@earthlink.net. Call Patricia for information.

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. Call Clara at 385-1084 for current information.

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

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

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

Contract Bridge: Contact Barbara Jensen, 379-0556.

(The *scheduled classes* for fall have mostly finished.)

A preview of
WINTER IN THE ALPS,
(Adult Learning Programs)
January-March, 2007
A tentative and incomplete list of classes

At The Root Of This Longing: Reconciling a Spiritual Hunger and a Feminist Thirst: Robin Stemen, 385-5854 (3 wks)

Brain and Mind: Jim Oakland, 379-6561 (6 wks)

Darwinian Evolution: Fred Weinmann, 379-0986 (4 wks)

Healthy Children, Healthy Planet: Helen Kolff, 379-4858 (8 wks)

Intentional Communities: Condos, CoHousing, EcoVillages and Communes: Kees Kolff, 379-4858 (4 wks)

Opera: Beatus Meier, 379-2920

Our American Roots--a History of Unitarians and Universalists in America: Jan Forrest, 385-2994

The Poetry of Emily Dickinson: Bruce Bode, 379-0609 (8 wks)

WA UU Voices for Justice

Talks On Liberal Religion and Democracy by Rev. Paul Razor, the Director of The Center for The Study of Religious Freedom, are available. Go to the Resources page (<http://www.uuvoiceswa.org/story/resources.html>) and scroll the bottom of the page.

Rev. Paul Razor, at the SW UU Summer Institute on [Liberal Religion and Democracy](#); [Liberal Religion and the First Amendment](#); and [Liberal Religion and Public Discourse](#).

**“PLACE MAKING AND COMMUNITY MAKING”
A WORKSHOP & TALK WITH MILENKO MATANOVIC
Saturday, November 18, 2006 at QUUF
Sponsored by ALPs**

**AFTERNOON WORKSHOP: “Participatory Design: Pomegranate Center’s Experience”
Saturday, November 18, 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Registration required)**

Building healthy communities depends on multiple skills, talents and disciplines. In part one of his workshop, Milenko will describe his multi-disciplinary and collaborative approach to design and building, using past Pomegranate Center projects as case studies. In part two, he will engage participants in applying this approach to the proposed expansion of the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship building.

EVENING TALK: “Place Making and Community Building” Saturday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.

Milenko will describe design ideas and community processes that help transform communities, neighborhoods and developments into more humane, unique and interesting places. He will illustrate place-making concepts using Pomegranate Center’s past and current projects. These projects involve groups of people in creating gathering places, community-based plans for town squares, trails and parks, and art-making.

ABOUT MILENKO MATANOVIC: Milenko Matanovic is a community builder and visual artist with an international reputation and a professional career spanning forty years. An experimental artist in the late 1960s in his native Slovenia, Milenko has pushed art out of studios, galleries and museums and into the street, the workplace, and the market square. Concerned with the direction of modern communities, he decided to create Pomegranate Center to explore how artists can have a role outside the narrow artistic world and be actively involved in building better communities.

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POMEGRANATE CENTER, a non-profit community design organization, facilitates the conception and construction of open-air gathering places for low-income and high-density neighborhoods, designs and facilitates public processes, and consults on integrating art and design to invigorate communities. For more information go to www.pomegranate.org.

Cost of Afternoon Workshop: \$15, if registered by Wednesday, November 15; \$20 thereafter. Price includes free entrance to evening talk. Scholarships available upon request.

Cost of Evening Talk: \$5. Scholarships available upon request.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR WORKSHOP

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

(Note: \$15 workshop registration fee also covers cost of the evening talk.)

Please make check payable to the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and send registration form to: Milenko Matanovic Workshop and Lecture, Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2333 San Juan Ave., Port Townsend, WA 98368. An e-mail confirmation will be sent upon receipt of registration and check.

From the Board

QUUF Bylaw Committee

A committee is forming to review our bylaws in 2007. We are required to do a formal review once every five years. If you would be interested in serving on a bylaws committee contact Kendra Golden at 379-6904 or jim_kendra@bigfoot.com. In addition, if you have any concerns about the bylaws or have been thinking about ways to improve them, please give this input to Kendra.

Pacific Northwest District Leadership Council

Would you like to go to a stimulating UU get-together, hear a good speaker, meet other UUs, and get a free lunch? Here's your chance; read on.

The district Leadership Council will take place on Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The speaker will be Dr. Bill Grace, founder of the Center for Ethical Leadership. His topic is "Leading with Courage." He will discuss how we as church leaders respond to challenges, build moral courage, and make difficult choices.

Anyone with an interest in QUUF leadership is invited to join a QUUF contingent carpooling to Edmonds for this event. QUUF will pay the nominal fee – there will be no cost to those attending. To register, contact Al Thompson no later than November 10. Phone Al at 379-1696 or email him at aunt-jelly@cablespeed.com.

News from the Kitchen

Kickoff Victory for Reuseables... Thank you, lunch committee and all donors, for providing and using washable plates, and forks, and 151 cloth napkins at our Kick Off Celebration . . . Thank you, Kees, for washing the dishes!

Laundry Volunteers needed...

- Christmas Party napkins
- RE Snack napkins...for Nov. 5, 12, 19, or 26

Hemming napkins. Thank you, Carol Collins, Helen Oakland, and Jane Montgomery! We have more fabric available. Call 385-0164

Smelly Mystery Solved... Two raw decomposing hamburgers have finally been discovered in the refrigerator and removed after several searches. **HINT: Please take all leftovers from fellowship meals home.**

Appreciating our moves toward harmony with nature, Kitchen Witch

Growth News

The Capital Campaign is well under way and running smoothly. If you missed the tent party on October 15th, you are sorely deprived, as it was a real QUUF type event. No one was saved by a traveling evangelist, but a couple hundred of us were introduced to our architect, Richard Berg, and entertained by Kristen & Otto, the Young & the Foolish, and a Robin Stemen skit. With storm clouds looming, the tent was dismantled in a hurry when the party ended.

A visiting steward will be calling you soon, if this hasn't happened already. Please accept the invitation to meet with him or her and return your pledge card promptly. The design of the building will partially depend upon the amount raised during the campaign, and Richard cannot begin his work until he knows what the budget is.

Task forces have been organized and are now meeting to deal with specific areas and issues of design. If you want to be involved in this effort, it's not too late to join one of these:

Worship & Music Space

Building Acoustics and Sound System – contact person Doug Pulling

Building Green – (presently being organized)

Interior Aesthetics and Furnishings – contact persons Carol Collins and Jane Souzon

Kitchen – contact person Cynthia Knudson

Library

RE Youth – contact persons Debra Bouchard and Steve Wilmart

ALPS Space

Landscaping (low water usage) and Outdoor Space Utilization

To participate in one of these task forces, speak to the contact person or notify Irv Mortensen (360) 683-3441 ravensbop@olympus.net or John Collins (360) 379-3299 collinsj37@cablespeed.com.

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There are other ways to give your input as well. You can leave a note in the Imagine mailbox in the sanctuary and/or e-mail a message to Imagine@quuf.org. You can tell the visiting steward your wishes and they will be relayed to the Building Committee.

Two important dates are coming up: **November 5** and **November 19**, when the Building Steering Committee will host informal discussions immediately after each service. Plan to attend. This new committee was formed by the Board to tie together and oversee the efforts of all three Growth committees. It includes chairs of Long Range Planning, Capital Campaign, Building and Program Council plus representatives from the Board and several at-large members.

The worship services on November 26 and December 10 will include a 15 minute presentation about the current building design work. This will include a question & answer period.

The next two months are crucial to the design plan for the new building. Your input is needed, and now is the time to offer it.

Marcia Lewton

Mark Your Calendars

FLU SHOT CLINIC AT QUUF, Saturday, November 4, 2006, 10 AM to 2 PM. Provided by Assured Home Hospice. Joanna England, RN and Wendy Stevens, RN will be administering the vaccine. If you have Medicare Part B there is no charge, otherwise the cost is \$22.00. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the Sanctuary. We have a limited amount of doses, so please sign up early and mark your calendars. Joanna and Wendy



Habitat Update



Efforts to complete Inka Luoma's house in the Treehouse Community by November are continuing! The house is sided, the indoor walls are painted and now, the interior trim is being painted and installed. Next comes the exciting part, when flooring and cabinetry goes in and it will begin to look like a finished house! And landscaping, of course - can't forget that part - will require volunteer effort. Next time you drive along "W" Street to or from Fort Worden, take a look at this cute house on the corner, across from the cemetery.

24 volunteer applications were returned when we distributed them earlier this month - THANK YOU! to all of you. You may receive calls or e-mails from Deb Weise, HFH volunteer coordinator, asking for help. If you wish to volunteer and haven't submitted a current application, you can find them at the back of the sanctuary, or e-mail me, Diane Bommer, dbommer@olympus.net.



A BIG THANK YOU to the following for their most recent loving care of our church:

- Irv Mortensen, who climbed to dizzying heights on a shaky ladder to replace light bulbs in the sanctuary.
- David Bommer, who worked on the gutters and fixed the kitchen window.
- Don Givens, Mack Boelling and David Bommer who installed the molding in the main bathrooms.
- David Ditzler, who painted the handrail in front of the church.
- Don Givens, who padded cupboards in R.E. for safety.

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Bulletin Board

Eliot Institute

The folks at **Eliot Institute** want to know, “What are you doing for New Year’s?” It’s really not too early to think about it. Winter Eliot has become a New Year tradition for many UUs. Relaxing in front of a cozy fire and sharing stories with friends is a peaceful antidote to the mania and stress of the holidays. Read, knit, nap. Be inspired by music and worship. Welcome 2007 with an intergenerational dance followed by a delectable midnight feast. The Rev. Patrick O’Neill, long-time friend of Pacific Northwest UUs, will lead us in considering the implications of living a “reasonable ethical life” in an age of religious extremism and intolerance. Children and youth programs too. December 28 – January 1. Seabeck Conference Center on beautiful Hood Canal in Washington. Registration and information at [www. EliotInstitute.org](http://www.EliotInstitute.org), 206-374-2497 and registrar@eliotinstitute.org.

Bikes for Togo

Many of you doubtless read the article on “Fighting Poverty with Butter” in the September 7th Seattle Post-Intelligencer which described a small commercial operation near Olympia run by a former native of Togo (West Africa). The operation (Alaffia) buys shea butter in Togo, paying the producers (entirely women) a fair price and converts the shea butter into cosmetics for sale mainly in the USA. In addition it has started a “Bicycles for Education” project, collecting donated bicycles and sending them to Togo for use by students commuting often many miles to school. In late September Dick Williams and Susan Pratt visited Alaffia and were much impressed with the energy, organization and dedication of all those involved. Dick has agreed to handle bicycles donated to Alaffia in the Port Townsend area. He can be reached at 360-379-2981.

Note: Alaffia does not as yet have legal status as a charitable organization, so donated bicycles cannot as yet be used as an income tax deduction.