

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

April 2007

April Sunday Services

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

“Levels of Consciousness”

Rev. Bode. This sermon, the sixth in a series on the ideas of author Robert A. Johnson, explores three levels of consciousness represented by three figures from classical literature: Don Quixote, Hamlet, and Faust.

April 6, 12:00 NOON (A Good Friday Service)

“Conscious Suffering: The Symbol of the Cross”

Rev. Bode. This service, adapting and universalizing the Good Friday tradition, touches dimensions of human experience not typically addressed in other services. The message will explore Robert A. Johnson’s understanding of the symbol of the cross.

April 8, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M. (Easter)

“Ecstasy”

Rev. Bode. My late-winter and early-spring sermon series on themes in the books of author and psychologist Robert A. Johnson concludes this Easter Sunday with a distillation of his book, Ecstasy: Understanding the Psychology of Joy. What is it that makes us truly alive and connects us with every living thing?

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

“What is Community?”

High School Youth. This service will be led by our high school-aged youth. Many of them have recently been on journeys, some to Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, assisting with the rebuild in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, others to Thailand. Their theme, “What Is Community?”, will reflect on their outward and inward journeys.

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

Blessing of Animals/Earth Sunday Service.

Rev. Bode and Nancy Graham. This service, held on the 27th anniversary of Earth Day, brings together traditional “Blessing of Animal” services and the celebration of “Earth Day.” Children and adults are encouraged to bring their companion animals with them to the service.

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

“The Meaning of the Father”

Rev. Bode. On this Sunday, with many of the QUUF women on their annual retreat, the special music will be provided by the men of the choir and the sermon theme will have to do with the meaning of “the Father,” individually, culturally, and psychologically.



**The deadline for the May newsletter is
Sunday, April 22nd.**

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

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Observations on Attending QUUF Building Committee Meetings



I've felt part of my role as minister is to stay connected with the process and plans for our anticipated building expansion, since this is so important to the future of the Fellowship. In that role in the last year and a half, I've attended multiple meetings of committees, sub-committees, and task forces. Here are a couple of my observations and impressions:

First, some of the things anticipated to be big issues solve themselves with the addition of a little research and under the pressure of practical considerations and realities. For example, I've attended many meetings of a subcommittee of the Building Steering Committee, humorously referred to as BIG (Big Issues Committee) because they were assigned the task of figuring out how to approach certain looming "big issues." The big issues anticipated by this sub-committee had to do with whether or not to have a "dedicated" or "multi-use" sanctuary, whether or not to have a sanctuary with a sloped, tiered, or flat floor, and whether or not to build a sanctuary large enough for one or two services. Interestingly, each of these "big issues" simply slid away with a bit more information and given the financial realities.

The lessons here for me are: 1) it's a waste of time and energy to worry about issues until they actually become issues and decisions have to be made; and, 2) just a pinprick of hard-headed, down-to-earth, concrete, practical research can deflate a big, airy, philosophical balloon.

A second observation has been that when you get people together in a room around a table to discuss an issue (rather than, say, by e-mail) and provide both the space and encouragement for each person to honestly express his or her opinion, again the issue gets solved almost "on its own," and the solution is something more easily agreed upon as well as different and better than anyone had anticipated or previously considered. A large part of what makes this possible is the good will of the individuals, the discipline of them having done their homework, the leadership quality of the chair, and, most importantly, the attitude of serving the whole rather than just your own part.

To this point I can say I have been very impressed by these meetings and the quality and character of the persons involved, even to the point of feeling it a privilege to be present. At times I have left these meetings saying to myself, "That was a real religious experience (that is, an experience of larger connection and participation), and this is what a religious community is most truly about." Thus, I find that the *process* of preparing to build a space designed to call forth religious reflection and experience (a sanctuary) can itself also elicit such experience. Not bad!

Bruce Bode,
March 20, 2007

Office Offerings

"Ancient sun, eternally young,
giver of life and source of energy.
In spiritual light and human embrace,
you kindle the heavens, you shine within us,
for we are suns with hearts afire.
We light our world as you light the sky"
(from "The Book of Hours")

Like it or not, we have been recently given for the time being an hour's extra daylight. Perhaps, in addition to keeping us in the garden longer, it will re-ignite the light within us, and "set our hearts afire". Let the sunshine ahead give us continued energy to light our world where we can.

THANK YOU to Helen Oakland and Mona Steffire for the Newsletter assembly for March.

News from the Greening Kitchen

Gifts - Thank you, JoEllen Thompson for 21 beautiful hot pads. They will be especially attractive on the Christmas Dinner table and at other events. Please place in the laundry basket for stain removal. Choose the old brown utilitarian ones for lifting coffee, chocolate, and oils.

Clean up by unseen hands - Our move toward reusables from disposables has meant more kitchen responsibilities for everyone entering the kitchen:

Event / Meeting / Sunday Coffee Crews

- dishes - washed, kitchen cleared
- table cloths, hand towels, tea towels - washed and returned

Volunteer Crew

- Wash napkins.

GKS

- Wash rags and dishwashing cloths.
- Sort misplaced paper out of the trash.
- Search for & remove #1 & #2 plastics from the trash. (#1 & #2 are recyclable in PT.)

**Thank you for being part of kitchen clean up,
Kitchen Witch**

GKS (Green Kitchen Subcommittee)

Music Notes



Coffee House Coming Up

The spring Coffee House, which is an annual event sponsored by the Music Program Committee, will take place on **Saturday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m.** Four readers and four musicians will perform, making the \$5 donation well worthwhile.

Card tables will be needed for this event. If you can provide one (or more), contact Marj Iuro at 379-6623. They will be carefully handled, and you will earn brownie points.

Volunteers to help set up are also needed. More brownie points!

Piano

On April 1 the congregation will vote on a measure to allow the expenditure of \$12,500 to purchase the Steinway concert grand piano that we have been leasing for the past three years. The piano has been appraised at several times that amount and is in fine condition.

Both the Music Program Committee and the Board of Trustees have voted unanimously to endorse this expenditure. The committee will contribute the money it has accumulated, some \$1800.

Everyone concerned is excited about the prospect of owning this fine instrument. In our new larger space it will attract musicians and allow us to host larger performances than we have done in the present building.

Come to the Congregational Meeting on April 1 and vote YES.

Marcia Lewton

(see From the Board pg 7)

OTHER MEETINGS (irregular ones not listed)

Personnel Committee	4th Wed	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Building & Grounds	2 nd Thurs.	4:30 p.m. R.E. 2
Membership / Hosp. Comm.	3 rd Thurs.	4 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)

Apr 1	Middle Schoolers fill eggs
Apr 8	Easter Egg Hunt at each service. Come to your usual RE Session if possible. Children should bring a basket. Families are asked to donate a dozen hardboiled dyed eggs.
Apr 9	Parent workshop on Middle School Spirituality 7:00 Open to all.
Apr 15	YRUU Youth Service 9:15 & 11:15. Don't miss it.
Apr 22	Earth Day/Animal Blessing Intergenerational Service. Let us know if you have a bird or goldfish we can use for our ritual. Bring your pet.
Apr 28-30	Women's Retreat
May 4	Middle School overnight
May 6	Flower Communion-bring a flower

How is our QUUF Religious Education Program working for your family?

Once Easter is behind us, we begin looking ahead to programming for next year. The staff (Kathy and Sorcha) and the CYRE Committee look at our numbers and ages of children to determine how the groups will be divided. We examine our past curriculum choices to see what would fit best for the upcoming year. We design special programs and events (holiday parties, OWL, Coming of Age, Mystery Pals, etc) to best serve our families. We recruit continuing and new teachers and facilitators.

We want your input. Please fill out an evaluation form that you will find on the RE table. In addition to commenting on this current year, tell us what your hopes and desires are for the future, and how you would like to help.

QUUF Events

Take Time for the Women's Retreat

Ah Spring! The loveliest time of the year. Buds and blooms. Planting and pruning. And, most importantly, the annual QUUF Women's Retreat.

It's a weekend to relax at Camp David on beautiful Lake Crescent, in the heart of the Olympic Peninsula. Activities begin with dinner on **Friday, April 27** and conclude mid-day on **Sunday, April 29**.

You'll be able to choose a wide range of activities -- crafts, perhaps yoga, drumming, writing, hiking, canoeing or relaxing at the hot springs. Plus, of course, there are the old favorites -- singing around the campfire, "truth telling," dancing, laughing, and eating. But, most of all, it's a weekend to make and re-kindle friendships that sometimes get lost in the busy church schedule.

Sign up today. Registration forms are available at the back of the Sanctuary and on-line at <http://www.quuf.org/registration.html>. The cost for the weekend is only \$30 (the same as last year) and scholarships can be available. If you need a ride, can drive others, or can help in the preparation, please let us know on your registration form that is due on 4/15. Questions or suggestions: call or email co-chairs Helen Kolff (379-4858, helenk@olympus.net) or Jan Forrest (385-2994, jackandjan@olympus.net).

PARTY! Now that I have your attention, Please save **May 18th from four to nine PM**. The **Social Action and Education Committee** is holding its annual Party. Everyone is invited. We will have Food, Fun, Entertainment and refreshments too. Oh, Sure we intend to engage you (especially our young adults) in stimulating conversation while noshing on a variety of tasty treats. We are inviting the organizations we (QUUF) have already contributed to so that you can renew your associations with them. We hope to have our congregation-wide survey completed by then and you can marvel at how much our members contribute to this area - our home. Did I mention that this is a party? If you come early you can help set up and if you stay late you can help clean up. Just like in "A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum," there is literally "Something for Everyone." No donations will be accepted. We ask only your presence. Our Motto is... "What's a party without You?" Please come. It just won't be the same without you.

Growth News

Program Document Vote April 1

The congregation met on March 18 to discuss elements in the Program Document, which is the set of instructions to be presented to Richard Berg in April. The document is the result of input from the ten task forces spelling out what we want and need in the proposed new structure. A 30% attendance at the Congregational Meeting on April 1 is necessary for a quorum. Proxies are available, but all who can possibly come should do so.

Contractor Selection

In the next few weeks the Building/Design/Construction Committee will interview five contractors who have expressed interest in our project. A set of questions has already been mailed to each one, and several have sent us information about their organizations.

An amazing amount of talent and knowledge is accumulated in the BDC Committee, with Irv Mortensen as its chair. Irv participated in the original building, supervising the final portion, and he is responsible for the remaking of the loft into offices. Also on the committee are several builders and a key person who knows how to streamline dealings with the city, its codes and permits. Without all this insider skill – and the willingness to offer it – many more thousands of dollars would be needed to make our new space possible.

The contractor chosen will begin working with the architect immediately to come up with a design and its costs. Refinements will take place over the summer so that the congregation can vote to go ahead in September.

Get Ready to Volunteer

When the building work begins, many volunteers will be needed. In addition to the actual heavy construction work, folks can help with smaller tasks, phoning, bringing food to the workers every day, photographing, and simple jobs on the work site.

Building a church creates not only a physical structure but a tight structure of community as well. Remember, when you *join* a church, you belong to it, but when you *build* a church, it belongs to you.

Marcia Lewton

“THE PARADOX OF RELATIONSHIPS”

A WORKSHOP with PITTMAN McGEHEE

Sunday, May 13, 2007, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP: “The Paradox of Relationships: I Alone Become Myself; I Cannot Become Myself Alone” – This seminar of lecture and discussion will address the four primary or archetypal relationships in one’s life journey. Those are mother, father, self and other. Each of us has the same unconscious collective need for a mother. Each of us has a different experience of mother. This creates what Jung called the mother complex. So it is with father, self and other. This seminar will address these four relationships and the psycho-dynamics in each.



ABOUT PITTMAN McGEHEE: J. Pittman McGehee received his Master of Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary and was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1969. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest. Formerly the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Houston, he is currently a Diplomat Jungian analyst and the director of the Institute for the Advancement of Psychology and Spirituality. Additionally, he is serving as the Carolyn Fay adjunct lecturer in Analytical Psychology at the University of Houston. Pittman is widely known as a lecturer and educator in the field of psychology and religion, as well as a published poet and essayist.

Cost: \$35, if registered by Thursday, May 3; \$40, thereafter. Scholarships available.

Place: Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2333 San Juan Avenue, Port Townsend.

Sponsors: The Edward Edinger Society for the Study of C. G. Jung and the Adult Learning Programs (ALPs) of the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Questions: E-mail Lorrell Louchard at louchard@hotmail.com (ph. 360-379-3491), or Bruce Bode at bruce@olympus.net (ph. 360-379-0609).

Registration forms will be available at the back of the sanctuary and on the QUUF website: <http://www.quuf.org/registration.html>.

Adult Learning Programs (ALPs)

Spring 2007 [*The next adult ed seminars will be in the fall.*]

SPECIAL EVENT:

MARY LOU SANELLI PUBLIC READING

April 6, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Essayist, poet, and dancer Mary Lou Sanelli will give a reading from her latest publication: *Falling Awake: An American Woman Gets a Grip on the Whole Changing World One Essay at a Time*. Come and join us as Mary Lou, an East Coast Italian girl plunked down in the PC Northwest, offers a sensitive personal look at life's tug-of-wars like those between age and time, male and female, war and peace, place and belonging. Any donations will go to the Steve Corra Memorial Fund.

SEMINAR:

SCIENCE DISCUSSION GROUP, Next meeting: **Sunday, April 1, 7-9 PM**, Jim Oakland, facilitator. Last session's philosophy of science lectures by Steven Goldman, (on video), stirred a variety of interesting topics and we ended deciding to listen to more of them in this coming meeting. All are welcome to attend, whether or not you heard the last ones. These are likely to be on the contemporary issues, including the challenge to science regarding objectivity and the sociology of science. (Goldman is a philosopher of science with an undergraduate degree in physics, and a Distinguished Professor of Humanities at Lehigh University. Author of multiple books and articles, he has also received Lehigh's Distinguished Teaching Award.) He'll again be sure to raise lots of comments for the discussion following the lectures. Everyone welcome.

For more information call/email Jim Oakland, 379-6561, jhoakland@olympus.net.

FIELD TRIP:

NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION Field Trip, Fred Weinmann, Leader. **Sunday, April 29, 1:00 PM, Anderson Lake State Park**. We will hike along Anderson Lake past some of the largest Sitka spruce and western redcedar trees on the Quimper Peninsula; make a stop at a small prairie remnant (chocolate lilies etc.); then up the hill through second growth forest to an overlook of the Chimacum Valley and Tamanowas

Rock with nice flowers (paintbrush etc.) on the ledge; then back down passing by a skunk cabbage swamp before returning to our starting point. The hike will be about 4 miles with a very small amount of off-trail scrambling to see the sea blush in flower. As this is a botany hike, we will proceed at an average rate of about 1 mile per hour. Bring hand lens if you have it, your favorite plant field guide, and snacks if you are so inclined. Meet at Anderson Lake State Park in small parking area at park entrance at 1:00 pm. If we carpool there should be room for all to park at this point. > **Limit of 10** < **To sign up Call/email Fred or Ann Weinmann, fweinmann@cablespeed.com or 379-0986.**

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS:

QUUF Book Club: Sunday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. at Discovery View Apartments in the lounge, 1051 Hancock St., Port Townsend. We will be discussing *Correlli's Mandolin* by Louis De Berniers.

For more information, contact Marilyn Muller, coordinator, 379-9553, mmuller@cablespeed.com.

Early Bird Sunday Book Discussion: Bruce Bode & Elaine Nelson, facilitators. Meets every Sunday morning, 7:50-8:50 AM in RE 2. Contact Rev. Bode at bruce@olympus.net or Elaine Nelson, 379-9949, elaine@zynrgy.com for information.

ONGOING GROUPS:

Contract Bridge: Contact Barbara Jensen, 379-0556.

Knitting: Tuesdays, 3-5pm. Conversation, friendship, advice on knitting projects. Beginners welcome! Contact Nancy Shipley, 385-9024 or Jackie Barr, 385-3657.

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 (formerly Widow/Widower 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.

From the Board

For those of you who missed the Congregational Discussion on March 18, the April 1 Special Congregational Meeting will include a vote: Shall we purchase the Steinway piano in our sanctuary?

For 3 years we have had use of Max Barnard's 9' Steinway Concert Grand Piano, in return for his having access to the piano for practice. Max recently advised that he is moving to AZ, and plans to sell the piano. He is offering it to QUUF for \$12,500. If we decline, he will place it on the open market, asking \$25,000. He is offering this special price because of the goodwill we have shared, his conviction that the piano is well suited to our church, and his interest in supporting the arts in Port Townsend.

Per Max the piano was sold to the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, its first owner, in 1937. After 35 years, it was sold to an Austrian refurbishing house in LA, who completely reconditioned/refinished it from 1972-1974. Max bought the piano from them. It has had relatively little use since then.

The board has sought opinions on the piano's condition and value. Michael Carter, local piano tuner says the piano is in good condition, he has not heard of any 9' concert grands selling for this price, believes we would certainly get our money out of it if we were to sell at some point and that new ones of this caliber sell for \$100,000. Beatus Meier also says the piano is in good working condition, says that as a musician, he can confirm it is clearly superior to all others he has played or heard used for concerts in this area. He feels confident that, with proper care, it will maintain its condition and value for many years.

Sherman and Lacy, dealers of new Steinways in Seattle says pianos do not last forever; generally speaking they have a 75-100 year life span, that Steinways have wonderful reputations, pianists love to play them. Steve Vanderwood, a piano technician from Whidbey recommended by Sherman and Lacy, confirmed that it is in good condition and that it had been reconditioned and refinished. Based on the serial number he found, he believes the piano was built in 1925. He had little concern about the age of the piano. The piano needs refinishing (cosmetic only but would enhance value of the piano) which would cost between \$3,000-6,000. He believes we could sell it at a profit if found not suitable for our purposes, and even if the insides were junk, we could

sell the box for \$5,000-6,000. He valued it at \$30,000 to 45,000.

The Board discussion of the piano on March 4 and 14 included pros (sound is excellent, price is more than fair, it would make QUUF a popular venue for concerts, there's no risk because we could sell it for a profit) and cons (the piano is old, we don't know how long it will last, we don't need a concert grand, the money could be better spent on something we really need, the piano takes up a large amount of space, we could get an adequate piano at a lower price). Also noted was that we have the money to buy the piano, without being fiscally irresponsible, and if we don't buy this piano, we will need to find another piano this summer.

The Board and the Music Program Committee have both voted unanimously in favor of its purchase. Kendra Golden, President, Board of Trustees.

Designated Offerings

In the spirit of honoring our natural environment as we approach spring, the Designated Offering Committee has selected two worthy causes for your consideration.

On **April 8**, we will collect an offering on behalf of the **Port Townsend Marine Science Center**. Their focus is on conserving and teaching about the marine and coastal environments. They provide hands-on experiences to school children, summer camps, and research and monitoring projects in Puget Sound. Among its dedicated volunteers are many from QUUF.



On **April 22**, we will contribute to **Olympic Mountain Pet Pals**. This all volunteer group uses over 95% of its funds directly for helping to improve the lives of companion animals. It supports a spay/neuter program, a Pets to People program, and a READ program in which children can read to trained "therapy dogs".

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

Nominating Committee

The QUUF Nominating Committee has selected a slate of three nominees for the three regular Board positions opening up this June: **Jack Forrest, Betty Oppenheimer** and **Jean Walat**. The Congregation will vote on all nominees at our annual meeting. Each of these three has agreed to serve if elected. Board members serve for three years.

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 **Lynn Taylor** 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 primary job of the QUUF Nominating Committee is to recruit candidates for the Board. The current elected members of this committee are Paul Becker, Joanna England, Marcia Lewton, and Irv Mortensen. Irv has agreed to serve for another one-year term if elected. The other three feel it is appropriate that they be replaced, so they are not candidates. Any QUUF member can make a nomination to this committee from the floor at our Annual Meeting. Members of the current committee intend to make four such nominations. For a nominee to be considered, he or she must indicate to the Congregation willingness to serve. Every year the Congregation chooses four committee members.

Lynn Taylor, nominee for the Special Funds Committee: I spent the "working for pay" part of my life in the business side of three organizations: the US Navy, at a small college in western New York and in a small credit union.

After moving to Port Townsend and joining QUUF, I served on the Ministerial Search committee and, for almost the last three years, have served on the Board of Trustees as the Treasurer. I have also been a member of the Special Funds, Finance, Stewardship, Capital Campaign and Building Steering committees.

Since I am interested in the finances of QUUF, I asked to remain a member of the Special Funds Committee.

Brief Board Bios

Jack Forrest

I have been a member of QUUF for about two and one-half years. Prior to joining Quimper, my wife and I were active members of OUUF (Sequim-Port Angeles), including two years for me as their board president. Currently, I serve on the QUUF Finance Committee and last year was elected to a three-year term on the Special Funds Committee. I am also part of the lawn-mowing detail and am willing to be replaced if elected.

Betty Oppenheimer

I have been a member of QUUF since 1996, with my husband Irv Mortensen. Ten-plus years of active involvement in QUUF has offered many opportunities to live out the true meaning of our covenant. Navigating so many different situations with other committed people has grown our church connection with each new challenge and success.

Past and current involvement (as best I can remember):

- Worked on building the current facility 1996-1997
- Ministerial Search Committee 1997
- Youth Advisor 1998-99
- Hospitality, Personnel and Stewardship committees (various years)
- Board of Trustees 2001-2003 (Board President 2002-03)
- Ministerial Search Committee, 2003
- Co-chair of the Lead Gifts portion of the Capital Campaign 2006
- Treasurer, Port Townsend-Bay St. Louis Sister City Project 2005-present
- Current Chair, Special Funds Committee.

I work as a writer, currently for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe. I have published 4 technical crafts books and written hundreds of newspaper articles about events in Clallam Co.

Jean Walat

I moved to Port Townsend in 2000 from New Jersey with Gail Bernhard, my partner of 30 years, and our son Ethan. I was raised Catholic and then belonged to a Quaker meeting for several years before moving to WA and finding QUUF. I like reading, hiking, killer basketball (old lady version), and creating bad poetry on the piano. I have worked as a biological data base designer, environmental educator and a city planner, and currently work at the Port Townsend Marine Science Center as the Volunteer Coordinator. I learned about working in groups from experience in lesbian/feminist and Quaker groups dating back to the 1970's. I'm proudest of being named "Citizen of the Year" by a Republican mayor and town council in my hometown in NJ despite disagreeing with them about almost everything. At QUUF I have been active on the building committees and the organizing committee for the Women's Retreat.

Membership

On Sunday, February 25, we welcomed eight new members. Some had already been very active in the religious education program or in other areas. The following is information they provided about themselves.

Anne Virtue and her husband **Pat Roach** moved here from the California Bay area in 2005. She was born in Richmond, Virginia, and worked in the legal research field for some years. After retirement she began writing genre fiction. Pat is a physicist who recently retired from NASA. He and Anne have been spending their time in Port Townsend remodeling the house they purchased on Jackson Street.

Stephanie Kay Land has been living and working--at Dog Townsend-- in Port Townsend for two years. She previously lived in Alaska for 20 years. She is expecting a baby in June and is looking forward to gathering a community and support group for herself and her little one.

Dorothy Westlund grew up in Port Townsend, graduating from high school here in 1977. She has two two-year degrees plus a B.A. in culture and ethnicity from U W. She was a library technician at Highline Community College before moving back to Port Townsend seven and one-half years ago. She is now employed at Peninsula College as an instructional technician. She is "mom" to Sean and Alethea and wife to Mark. If she can find spare time she enjoys reading, knitting, hiking, studying native plants and travel with her family.

Kolby Mertz and **Peter Wiant** met and married in Washington D.C., in 1997, then moved to Washington state. A year later they came to Port Townsend and built their house on 22nd Street. Kolby was born in Germany and raised mainly in the Washington, D.C. area, graduating from college in Virginia. More recently she earned a master's degree in social work and now works for Jefferson Healthcare and Home Health Hospice. Peter grew up in St. Louis. His undergraduate degree is from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. His masters in journalism is from a university in Missouri. Here in Port Townsend Peter is a video producer and works out of his office across the street from The Rose theater. He produced the excellent QUUF video for General Assembly. Peter and Kolby's daughter Kaya was born in 1999.

Kurt Munnich and **Dana Nelson**, with their son Tate, moved to Port Townsend on the day of the 2000 Nisqually

earthquake. Dana spent her childhood in the San Gabriel mountains of Southern California. She has also lived in New Orleans and Seattle. She has a degree in art history and a K - 8 teaching certificate. In her spare time she often works with children teaching art or drug education. She enjoys travel, art, reading, movies, cooking, eating, and yoga. Kurt, born in Everett, is a life-long Unitarian Universalist. He has a B.A. in psychology and works with youth in the Jefferson county court system. He enjoys playing drums with several local groups. He is also a basketball fanatic who plays three times a week at six A.M. He concludes by stating that he feels lucky to live with his lovely wife Dana and redheaded son Tate, age seven.

The membership list has now reached 250. In addition, we have many active Friends as well as volunteers in religious education and other areas of QUUF. The next newcomer orientations begin April 18, with new members joining on May 20.

Newcomer Orientations in April and May

The membership committee is offering a spring orientation series of three Wednesday evenings (7 - 9 PM). We invite newcomers and others who want to learn more about Unitarian Universalist history and philosophy as well as the story of this church's beginnings. Attending an orientation is encouraged for those interested in becoming members. Please sign up at the greeter table or phone the church office for more information or to register. Childcare will be provided on these **Wednesdays, April 18 and 25 and May 2.** (Barbara Dyer, membership chair 379-0353)

WA UU Voices for Justice held its 2nd Annual Legislative Conference 12/2/06 in Olympia. QUUF was represented by Dave Ditzler, Julia Cochrane, Diane Haas, Bill Harju and Jeanette Richoux. UU Voices is establishing a UU grassroots and statewide Legislative Network to marshal UU social justice issues and concerns and to see that they are represented in Olympia through lobbying and grassroots activity. Bill Harju and Dave Ditzler are helping to write the bylaws for the network, which will be presented to representatives invited to an organizational meeting in June when the bylaws will be adopted and a Board of Directors elected.

So far, the all volunteer group is being funded through a grant from the UUA. Ultimately, it is hoped that UU Voices would employ a staff, obtain membership from UU Congregations and individuals throughout the state to marshal our forces around UU social justice goals and issues to our legislature in Olympia.

If this is interesting to YOU, please feel free to email Dave Ditzler (dditzler@aol.com) for more information.

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Saturday APRIL 21st at 7 PM "Build a Bridge with Music"

Benefit Concert for gatheringplace at the Quimper UU Fellowship

A great evening of songs and music by many members including: Nan Toby Tyrrell, Kristen and Otto Smith, The Young and Foolish Band, Linda Bach and TRILLIUM Women's Choir

Eliot Institute, the Northwest's much loved UU summer camp, has sessions in June, July and August (and over New Year's. More on that at another time). The July session (at Seabeck on the Hood Canal) is full for this year, but space is available for the late June session (on Lake Okanagan in BC) and for August at Seabeck. Come see what all the fuss is about!

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