

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

July/August 2007

July/August Sunday Services

July 1, 10:00 A.M.

“Turning Points”

Speaker: Linda Little

Change isn't the issue; how we embrace it is.

Linda Little, a member of QUUF, is a retired clinical psychologist whose work focused on enhancing employee satisfaction, communication and functioning in the work place and the family.

July 8, 10:00 A.M.

“The Kindness of Strangers”

Speaker: Candy Drollinger.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring. Candy Drollinger will share how the most simple acts of kindness have turned her life around.

Candy is a Web Developer, mother of Sofie and Tessa Gelder, and partner to Christi. She's been a member of QUUF since 2000 and is a previous board president.

July 15, 10:00 A. M.

“Married to Amazement”

Speaker: Deborah Kate Hammond

Considering some things to be grateful for and why:
no perfect sunsets or warm breezes required.

Happily Ever After: optional.

Deborah is Mom to two grown sons, Bill and Ian, and transplanted herself to PT in 2001 to share a coast with them. She volunteers at the animal shelter and Key City Players, as well as at QUUF. Writing, singing and acting are her passions.

July 22, 10:00 A.M.

“Making Sense of Place”

Speaker: Bob Alei

Bob Alei has been seeking his place in the world since leaving his boyhood home in Los Alamos, NM, to go to college. He and his family found Port Townsend 3 years ago and are enjoying the process of making it their home. Bob currently teaches at the Jefferson Community School. He will explore how the places that we call home shape us and how we shape them in today's globally connected, mobile world.

July 29, 10:00 A.M.

“Favorite Poem Service”

Facilitator: Joseph Bednarik

Back by popular demand is the inspiring "Favorite Poem Service," where the QUUF community creates an aural anthology of favorite poems. The format is simple and elegant: A person stands before the congregation and reads or recites a favorite poem and shares the reason why this poem is important in their life. Participants have ranged in age from 6 to 86 and the poems have covered all sorts of territory: well-known classics, spiritual nuggets, lively narratives, free verse, funny rhymes, serious translations, profound haiku, and awe-inspiring odes – in short, exquisite poems presented from the heart that speak directly to the subjects and concerns that touch our lives.

If you are interested in taking part in this service by sharing a poem, please contact Joseph Bednarik at 379-9658 or joseph@coppercanyonpress.org. Preference will be given to readers who have yet to participate in a "Favorite Poem" service.

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A Question of Balance



For the concluding service of the regular church year on June 10, I invited questions from anyone regarding anything. An impressive number and range of questions resulted, so much so that I couldn't get to all of them in the service. One question I didn't get to, but one that bears on important aspects of congregational life, was the following one:

“Bruce: This question might be too complex for your June service, but I thought I'd throw it out anyway. How does one person (one of 250 QUUF members) balance his or her personal desires with those of the congregation? There have been times when:

I have over-emphasized my own agenda (and wished I hadn't been so self-absorbed);

I have kept quiet (and wished I had expressed my opinion);

Others' agendas seem to be squashing the desires of some who keep quiet; Others have kept quiet until after a decision has been made (and then been vocally upset with the outcome).

I see this 'living in community' issue as a religious one, but I struggle with it. Any comments on group process, respecting others while still maintaining personal integrity, balancing the self with the group?”

The response, which I didn't get to because of time, would have been as follows:

“Dear Questioner: As you suggest, this is a complex question deserving of more time than I have today, but for now let me simply say that the conflict and tension you experience between self and community is one I hope you never fully resolve ... for, to my mind, it is the willingness to feel the pull of the competing forces and the willingness to maintain their tension that indicates health – for yourself, in this case, but also for the community that is willing to do the same.

“In this regard, I might suggest a favorite book of mine by author Robert A. Johnson, the author whose books were the basis of my spring sermon series. The little book is titled, Owning Your Own Shadow. In it, Johnson uses the analogy of a teeter-totter, suggesting that the holy place in life, the place of wholeness, is not at either end of the teeter-totter but, rather, at the center, the fulcrum point. In other words, wholeness, holiness, health – all have the same etymological root – are found at the center of the polar opposites (such as self and others). Should that tension be broken and all the weight shift to one end or the other of the teeter-totter, there would be no movement, no life, no adventure.

“And, as to group process, the suggestion I have is, to the extent possible, continue to promote an atmosphere in which a generous space is provided in which people are encouraged to speak their truth while others are asked

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Office Offerings

There is a song in our blue hymnal--an old gospel tune I used to sing with gusto at the church I attended when I was a little girl. The second verse goes: "on the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God."

Whether you are gathered at a river this summer, the beach, or some other faraway place, and wherever your river "flows", enjoy these "happy golden" summer days.

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Thank you to Helen Oakland and Mona Steffle for the June Newsletter assembly and mailing.

P.S. Want to save paper, postage AND time? If you aren't already doing so, consider receiving your Newsletter by E MAIL instead of snail mail. You can also read it at the QUUF website, or pick it up at the church. Just let the office know your preference, and we will take care of it.

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to respectfully listen. This is what happens in our Board meetings and at committee meetings when a moderator will say, "Let's go around the circle and hear what each of you is thinking on this subject." It's also the kind of thing that is core to the process of our Covenant groups. Remarkable things happen when people are encouraged to speak as clearly, truthfully, and lovingly as possible and to listen as quietly, carefully, and respectfully as they can."

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My sincerest wishes to all for a lovely summer – if it actually comes – and I'll plan to see you again in the pulpit in August. In the meantime, by the time you read this the summer series of lay speakers will be underway. I hope you take the opportunity to attend!

Bruce Bode, June 17, 2007

## Music Notes



Heads Up! Enter **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30**, on your calendar right away and save it for the P P P P P. This is not talking about anything wet and smelly. It's the Perpetually Postponed Perfectly Pretentious Piano Party celebrating (belatedly) our ownership of one of the finest pianos in town. The party is going to be a hoot, with a one-of-a-kind special event that will be described in a later newsletter.

The choir needs more singers, especially altos. If you can read music, carry a tune and love to sing, talk to Marj. Rehearsals for the coming church year will begin in late August.

Marcia Lewton

### The Greening Kitchen

#### Dear Kitchen Witch,

Who purchases tea for the coffee hour? Why has Celestial Seasons been missing?

**KW** : The Green Kitchen Subcommittee including KW does the purchasing. Teas have been chosen on the basis of

1. Fair Trade
2. organic
3. regional company (\Seattle)
4. completely recyclable packaging. We chose Choice Teas because they met all of those green standards and they offer wide tea varieties-herbal, green, white, and black.

**Other questions may be posted on the kitchen cupboard door.**

**Weekly July & August Napkin Volunteers--thank you! 1st Susan Pratt, 2nd Jackie Barr, 3rd Laura Burn, 4th Elaine Nelson, 5th Sharon Salisbury**

Soon we'll blend with the lawn ,  
Kitchen Witch & the GKS

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

## Children & Youth Religious Education

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

### July/Aug news 2007

UU & Me: QUUF members who receive the UU World magazine will notice each issue has a pull-out section for children. I would like to use these for curriculum, so please, if possible, get in the habit of pulling them out and bringing them to me. Thanks.

June is a time of transition. For families with children there are end of year celebrations for school and church, dance performances, changes in the daily routine. Some of these come as delights, like performances and the pleasure of completing another year of academic life. Sometimes the transition has challenges; how to keep working with no place for the children to be. We often want the carefree summer we may have experienced as children, but can't provide it for our children in the same way because of work obligations, shared custody, limited resources.

This is my first summer in 28 years without a child in my home. My 2 sons are happily living in other states, and though I plan to see them, they have their own summer lives. I miss entering summer with them. I bring this up because of my wish for all of you to find those special times in the summer to have carefree moments. (Look care-fully at that word care-free). Whether it is a camping trip or visit to relatives, or a few hours in the back yard or park, drink in the feelings of relaxation, joy, contentment and appreciation for your family. Free of care. Let down your guard, set down your to-do list and just 'be' with your loved ones.

### Join us for Summer RE

Summer Sundays at QUUF have the element of care-free. If the weather is warm and dry we take our carpet squares outside for worship and activities. We take time to get to know each other in new ways. We can individualize the morning depending on who is present and what the mood is. I enjoy this special time with your children. This year, most Sundays, it will be either me or Sorcha, our hired RE Assistant, leading the session. We both look forward to seeing who comes, what interests they bring with them and what will engage the group. The children begin in the sanctuary, as usual, and are sung to the RE building where we have a multi-age program for K-5th graders. 3-5 year olds can

choose between the playroom and the RE Program. Older children may join us as assistants or remain in the sanctuary. There is childcare for children under 3.

The **Water Ceremony** is the last 10:00 service of summer, Labor Day weekend. Remember to bottle up some water from a luscious summer adventure!!

## Adult Learning Programs (ALPs)

### Summer 2007

*[The next adult ed seminars will be this fall.]*

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS:

**Early Bird Sunday Book Discussion:** Bruce Bode & Elaine Nelson, facilitators. **Meets every Sunday morning, 7:50-8:50 AM in RE 2, beginning September 9th.** Contact Rev. Bode at [bruce@olympus.net](mailto:bruce@olympus.net) or Elaine Nelson, 379-9949, [elaine@zynrgy.com](mailto:elaine@zynrgy.com) for information.

**QUUF Book Club -- Second Sunday of the month, 7 PM. Location: Discovery View Apartments lounge, 1051 Hancock St., Port Townsend.** Attendees can talk about a book that they have been reading to begin the discussion. Everyone welcome. Info: Marilyn Muller 379-9553.

### ONGOING GROUPS:

**Contract Bridge:** Contact Barbara Jensen, 344-4826.

**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.

## Growth News

Work progresses on the design of our proposed new space. Richard is creating drawings and Malcolm is working on costs. The BDCC and BSC have met several times since the last issue of this column.

A congregational briefing and discussion will take place **after the service on July 22** when the cost estimates can be reviewed. Note the date and plan to attend.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> members and friends participated in a discussion of the design drawings at the stage of development they were in at that time. A few days later the BDCC and BSC had a joint meeting with Richard and Malcolm to go over the issues raised in that discussion. Richard listened patiently while voices around the circle complained about the roof. Then he let us know that the roof is already very much subject to re-design.

From the changes between this design and the previous version, it became clear that Richard is listening to what people want. Given the limitations of space and money, no one will get everything, but the work of the task forces is being heeded.

Another set of limitations is determined by city regulations, which, in their labyrinthine details, will force unwelcome monetary as well as structural and aesthetic decisions. In Jean Walat, who used to work for the city and knows how to stay oriented in the maze, we have one more expert on the committee to help us.

Start thinking about your own skills and how you want to use them when the hands-on work begins. Talent with tools is one resource. Talent with cookies and coffee is another. Both will be needed. Are you good at telephoning people? If so, and you are hankering for this kind of work, let Karen Page (385-4389 or [rpage@olympus.net](mailto:rpage@olympus.net)) know right away before she has to shanghai someone who would rather crawl through this-tles naked than make a phone call.

And please, if you have a brilliant idea that will save thousands of dollars and make our new building into an eighth wonder of the world, do not call Richard or Malcolm. Call Irv at 360 683-3441 or e-mail him at [ravensbop@olympus.net](mailto:ravensbop@olympus.net). He is the official conduit between those two and the rest of us.

General comments and/or questions can be e-mailed to the BSC at [imagine@quuf.org](mailto:imagine@quuf.org).

Marcia Lewton

## August Sunday Services

### August 5, 10:00 A.M.

“Themes of Joseph Campbell: Part I: *The Best Cannot Be Told*”

Rev. Bode. One of the great influences in my life and thought has been Joseph Campbell, a teacher of mythology and comparative religion who lived from 1904 to 1987. Campbell is best known to the public through the six-part PBS series with Bill Moyers titled, The Power of Myth, which regularly shows on PBS fund-raising weeks. In this sermon series I will explore some of Campbell’s main themes and ideas, beginning with Campbell’s notion that “religious language” of necessity is metaphorical and symbolical.

NOTE: The sermons in this series are “twice-told tales,” being first delivered at QUUF by Rev. Bode in October, 2005.

### August 12, 10:00 A.M.

“Themes of Joseph Campbell: Part II: *Joyful Participation in the Sorrows of the World*”

Rev. Bode. Joseph Campbell lived and taught a mighty “yea” to life, taking hold of life *as it is* – not what you think life should be, could be, might be, will be, but what it is. One of his favorite sayings in this regard was something he borrowed from Buddhism, namely, the seemingly contradictory phrase, “Joyful participation in the sorrows of the world.” This sermon will investigate both the nature of the “sorrows of the world” and what it means to participate in those sorrows with joy.

### August 19, 10:00 A.M.

“Themes of Joseph Campbell, Part III: *Follow Your Bliss*”

Rev. Bode. This is the third sermon in this four-part series on Joseph Campbell. The most often quoted phrase that came from him is: “Follow your bliss.” But it’s been taken in a variety of ways. So what did Campbell mean by this phrase? And what, for him, was its point of origin? From the Katha Upanishad we read: “A sharpened edge of a razor, hard to traverse,/ A difficult path is this – poets declare!”

### August 26, 10:00 A.M.

“Themes of Joseph Campbell, Part IV: *Trick or Treat*”

Rev. Bode. The concluding sermon in this four-part Joseph Campbell sermon series is based on two sermons I heard Joseph Campbell deliver at the Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan (where I served as Associate Minister from 1978-2001). The sermons were titled, “Trick or Treat” (October 25, 1981) and “Trick or Treat, Round 2” (October 31, 1982).

## From the Board

### New Board of Trustees for the New Church Year

In July, the 2007-08 Board of Directors begins its work of guiding the fellowship, overseeing the finances and all the other things in its trust. They have already met and elected Board officers.

President – Helen Kolff

Vice President – Al Thompson

Treasurer – Jack Forrest

Secretary – Betty Oppenheimer

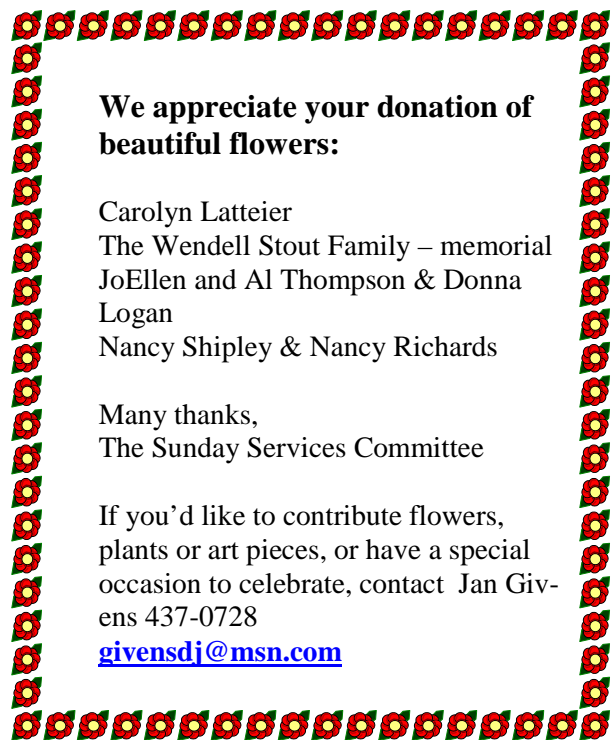
In addition to these officers, Board members include David Alvarez, John Collins, Sheila Lauder, Joanna Saunders, and Jean Walat.

### Separate Committee Funds Eliminated

The Board has voted to eliminate separate committee funds in favor of a “one church one fund” concept. After much discussion, the Board agreed that the Fellowship can best fulfill its mission by maintaining an overview of needs and allocating funds where the needs are greatest. Following are the reasons for our decision:

1. Not all committees have the same ability to raise funds. Some committees by their nature are much more able to do fundraising than others - music vs. building and grounds for example
2. Funding should depend on need rather than the ability to raise money.
3. Having individual committee funds means the treasurer has to keep track of many little funds and report on them to the board. At the moment there are 11 funds that the treasurer tracks. If every committee wants to have their own fund, we could quickly find ourselves with 33 funds.
4. Eliminating committee funds makes it all one church, all sharing one fund - social action and music and Sunday services and membership and building and grounds, etc. would all be on an equal footing.

To ease the transition, the Board declared amnesty for any designated funds currently held by committees. Committees may keep those funds past the current fiscal year to be used for committee needs. But, starting July 1, all new fundraisers go into the general fund. Remember, if your committee does plan a fun, fund-raising event, please work with the Fund-raising Committee, whose job it is to coordinate fund-raisers and make sure fund-raisers don't conflict with one another.



### We appreciate your donation of beautiful flowers:

Carolyn Latteier  
 The Wendell Stout Family – memorial  
 JoEllen and Al Thompson & Donna  
 Logan  
 Nancy Shipley & Nancy Richards

Many thanks,  
 The Sunday Services Committee

If you'd like to contribute flowers, plants or art pieces, or have a special occasion to celebrate, contact Jan Givens 437-0728  
[givensdj@msn.com](mailto:givensdj@msn.com)

### OTHER MEETINGS (irregular ones not listed)

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|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Personnel Committee      | 4th Wed                | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.    |
| Building & Grounds       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs. | 4:30 p.m. R.E. 2    |
| Membership / Hosp. Comm. | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. | 4 p.m. R.E. 2       |
| C.Y.R.E.                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues.  | 7-9 p.m. R.E. 3 & 5 |

## WASHINGTON STATE UU VOICES FOR JUSTICE

### Your Liberal Religious Legislative Advocacy Network

"Find how much power you have," advised Representative Jeannie Darnielle (D-27<sup>th</sup> District), challenging members of Washington State UU Voices for Justice to focus on one issue and to devote 20 hours to that issue. "You will be amazed," she said, "at how much power you have as an advocate for that issue."

Representative Darnielle spoke at WA UU Voices' first annual meeting on June 10 at Tahoma UU Congregation, and gave her suggestion for being effective advocates in the Washington State Legislature.

Created in 2005, WA UU Voices is one of several state legislative advocacy networks that bring together Unitarian Universalists to give voice to our values in the political arena. Each network is funded through a \$10,000 annual grant from the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee for its first five years.

WA UU Voices, as it begins its third year, continues to grow in effectiveness and visibility. Its website, [www.UUVoicesWA.org](http://www.UUVoicesWA.org), has become an effective tool for keeping Washington State Unitarian Universalists informed about legislative issues and for rallying UU support at lobby days in Olympia. UU's have been a significant presence on Poverty Action Day, Equality Day, and Have a Heart for Kids Day. Email alerts inform members of legislative hearings and new developments affecting bills we are tracking. Carol McKinley, 2006-07 co-coordinator, spoke in several Washington State congregations about our tradition's religious imperative for political action, and met with members to discuss ways they can be effective advocates for Unitarian Universalist values in the state legislature.

This year WA UU Voices will focus on its organizational development. At its first annual meeting new bylaws, prepared by a hard-working committee over a five-month period, were discussed, amended, and approved. These bylaws provide the framework for building membership and financial independence.

WA UU Voices' first board of directors was elected at the meeting. The directors and their home congregations are: Dick Burkhardt, Rainier Valley UU; Dave Ditzler and Bill Harju, both from Quimper UU; Diane Harney and Doug Schafer, both from Tahoma UU; and Marilyn Tellez, Yakima UU. Carol McKinley will continue as coordinator of WA UU Voices.

Officers named by the new board are:

President: Doug Schafer  
Vice President: Diane Harney  
Secretary: Dick Burkhardt  
Treasurer: Bill Harju

Congregations and individuals throughout the state are invited to join in this energetic and vital UU ministry in Washington State. There is a role for you, wherever you live in Washington. Congregational contacts are needed in each congregation; new committees are forming and welcome your ideas and participation. The committees include communication; education and training on issues and advocacy methods; fundraising; membership development; and others as needed. Best of all, much of the committee work can be done electronically.

Join us! Sign up to receive the UU Voices newsletter at [www.UUVoicesWa.org](http://www.UUVoicesWa.org) or contact Carol McKinley at [cdmckinley@earthlink.net](mailto:cdmckinley@earthlink.net) or 360 786-8074. If the new WA UU Voices board members are part of your congregation, let them know how much you appreciate their dedication to bringing the Unitarian Universalist presence into the political sphere.

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**The deadline for the September  
newsletter is  
Wednesday, August 22nd.**

**Summertime... and the local food is easy**

Local fruits and vegetables are jumpin' out of the fields and the corn's gettin' high. The Harvest Celebration Committee (Project #3 of Green Sanctuary) is bursting with fun ideas for our fall event. Planning starts this summer. Just as members bring water from their travels far and wide to the Water Service, we would like our UU community to think about sharing their local summer produce.

We envision: Picking parties of UUs gathering blueberries, blackberries, and marionberries. Tomatoes, squash and green beans being planted, picked, and preserved to share this fall. Displays of the biggest potatoes, fancy carved pumpkins, and unusual produce as table decorations.

Please support our local Farmer's Market, join a working farm's CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) and/ or check out the information at the Food Co-op for eating locally... And, add your creativity to the Harvest Celebration Potluck this fall.