

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

October 2007

October Sunday Services

October 7, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Faith and Reason, Science and Religion: Part III: What Is Religion?

Rev. Bode & Jim Tough. The third in a four-part series defining, contrasting, and relating the terms “faith,” “reason,” “science,” and “religion.” This week the speakers explore the term “religion.” What is “religion”? What definitions of religion exist, and does it matter what definition you choose?

Jim Tough spent over thirty years as a Professor of Physics at a major research university. He has always maintained a deep interest in philosophy and religion, and for the last several years has moderated the Science and Religion discussion group at QUUF.

October 14, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Naming the Whirlwind

Guest Speaker: Professor Gary Eberle. In this sermon, Prof. Eberle will talk about how we try and always fail to name the divine, giving it names like "God," "Yahweh," "Brahman," "Allah" and the thousand thousand names of the gods and still language falls short. He will make use of Hebrew, Christian and Hindu scriptures, with special emphasis on the Book of Job and the Baghavad Gita. The sermon analyzes our "God language" and shows how it is simultaneously right and wrong.

Gary Eberle is a professor of English and chairman of the English Department at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he has taught literature and Humanities since 1982. He is the author of *The Geography of Nowhere: Finding One's Self in the Postmodern World*, the novel *Angel Strings*, a collection of short stories, *A City Full of Rain*, a philosophical work, *Sacred Time and the Search for Meaning*, and, most recently, *Dangerous Words: Talking About God in an Age of Fundamentalism* (June 2007 Boston: Shambhala/Trumpeter). In this book, he sets out to reclaim religious language from those on the political and religious far right who have claimed sole ownership of it for the past several years.

October 21, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Faith and Reason, Science and Religion: Part IV: Science and Religion

Rev. Bode & Jim Oakland. The final part in a four-part series defining, contrasting, and relating the terms “faith,” “reason,” “science,” and “religion.” This week the speakers explore the connection, if any, between “science” and “religion.” What is science and how does it contrast with religious inquiry as a way of knowing? Must one choose one or the other, or can science and religion co-exist and be compatible?

Jim Oakland began his professional career on the faculty at a school of medicine, then a graduate school of psychology. He subsequently continued his education at a psychoanalytic institute, establishing a private practice in clinical psychology, and then in psychoanalysis. He chairs the Adult Education committee.

October 28, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

The Role of Judas Iscariot

Rev. Bode. With the discovery and recent translation of The Gospel of Judas, published in 2006 by the National Geographic Society and translated by Dr. Marvin Meyer (a fellow seminarian with me at Calvin Seminary), we are presented with a very different image of the “great betrayer.” In this Gospel, probably composed around the middle of the 2nd century, Judas, in contrast to the figure presented in the biblical gospels, is presented as a “thoroughly positive figure,” indeed a “hero.” In this Gospel, Judas betrays Jesus, “but he does so knowingly, and at the sincere request of Jesus.” (The Gospel of Judas, p. 4) My sermon theme, requested by a bidder at last winter’s auction, is being given on “Halloween Sunday,” that time of the year “when the veil between the worlds is thinnest.”)

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Drifting



I'm thinking of my father today.

It's just over six months since his sudden passing on February 9. Since that time the world has gone on, this ill-conceived war has gone on, and it would seem my life, too, has gone on. But upon closer inspection something has changed; something stable in my life has shifted.

Yet not nearly as things have changed for my dear mother, who, with her husband's passing, has mostly lost her life, including her home of over forty years. Memory shaky, she often forgets he is gone and starts down a walking path or a verbal path believing he is accompanying her, then with a shock cries, "Oh, no!"

A few weeks ago I brought myself to golf with my father's group of friends, mostly in their mid-80s. Prior to this, on my Monday visits to my parents' home, I would happily join my father for morning golf with his friends, always playing as part of his foursome. Now, I noted that a good part of the life of this golfing group also has been lost with his passing. As one of his friends confided to me, "We weren't ready for him to leave us."

There are conversations with my father I now regret not having. Not that I know whether such conversations would really have been possible, but there are things I don't know about his thoughts and beliefs I should like to know.

The thought of my father's body underground in a sealed box is discomfoting to me, though I'm happy for a cemetery plot to focus memory. But, for myself, when the time comes, light the fire, scatter the ash.

It's in my garden that my father visits me most often. Thankfully, the bean seeds from his garden have done well. I will not be picking all these beans. Some I will save.

So, too, the orange begonias in one of his hanging baskets have lately bloomed – not with the vitality as when he tended them, but lovely nonetheless.

I'm thinking of my father today.

Bruce Bode,
September 20, 2007

Office Offerings

"The moon peeked out from clouds
like fat cats full of warm milk,
and somewhere distant....listen...yes..
geese asked each other questions
on their way to Mexico."
(from "Tumbleweeds" by Charles Ryder)

The harvest moon is rising on the horizon, and lots of people I know are on their way to Mexico (or?) to winter along with the geese. Those of us who stay are getting into the full swing of a new church year at QUUF. There are lots of great ALPs classes, covenant groups, and other great activities to keep us involved and busy in the cooler months ahead.

THANK you, as usual, to my wonderful monthly "team"--Helen Oakland and Mona Steffire for assembling and mailing the Newsletter each month.

I still have a few openings for office help--two of them on Wednesday are only until November, and some are only one little time a month. This is an easy, pleasant way to help out your church--I mean it!! Contact Nancy in the office and let her know which time you can do.

Designated Offerings

The Designated Offering committee has selected the following organizations for our October plate collections.

October 14th: Compassionate Care

Compassionate Care was created to help people with terminal illness remain at home. They have found that by offering supplemental support to caregivers who are unable to get enough rest or uninterrupted sleep, they can often avoid the need to move the hospice patient to another care location.

October 28th: Jumping Mouse Children's Center

Jumping Mouse Children's Center provides therapy for children ages 2-12, who have experienced trauma from neglect, abuse, or loss. They also serve children who are experiencing short-term overwhelming feelings from changes such as homelessness or divorce. Over a third of their children last year had been homeless. They help all clients, regardless of their ability to pay.

Music Notes



PPPPP

Perpetually Postponed Perfectly Pretentious Piano Party No Longer Postponed

Mark you calendar NOW and Plan to Participate in the Partying on **Friday, October 5, at 7 o'clock** in the evening. Wear your most Pretentious glad rags in the fashions of Port Townsend Swank to celebrate (at long last) the ownership of our fine piano. Music, both cocktail style and serious pieces, will be Played and refreshments served. Be Prepared for goofy doings.

FALL ORIENTATION

Fall orientations will take place on three **Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9 PM, October 17 and 24 and November 7**. These are for persons seeking information about this fellowship's history and organization and about Unitarian Universalism's story, beliefs, practices and more. The sessions are informal--a time for discussion, to ask questions and meet with the minister, board members and others. A signup sheet will be in the back of the hall or on the greeters' table on Sundays. Child-care will be provided. Attending an orientation is encouraged for anyone considering becoming a member. (Two more orientations are planned for this year: February 2, a Saturday, and a spring series in April and May.) For more information, phone the office (379-0609) or Barb Dyer, membership chair (379-0353).

Green Sanctuary Good News!

With accolades from UU Ministry for Earth, we are now an official candidate for Green Sanctuary status and are off and running with our 12 proposed projects. Are you curious about what they are? Check the list on the website or the back wall at QUUF. Want to help with one of them? Contact an Action Team leader. Each month we will feature at least one project.

Project: #9. Reduce QUUF use of electricity by 10% in 2007 compared to 2006.

Bob Purvis has lowered water heater temperature to 115 degrees, set a timer to reduce standby heat loss, and insulated water lines. He cleaned the dust from behind and under the condenser area of the refrigerator to improve airflow. He installed power strips to turn off phantom loads in the office and now wants to start a co-op so we can all purchase energy saving products. Let him know at purvisbob@yahoo.com if you want to help.

Children & Youth Religious Education

DRE Kathy Stevenson kstevenson@olympus.net

CYRE Calendar

RE at 9:15 and 11:15

YRUU 6:00-8:00 (High School Youth)

Oct 1	Lessons of Loss Parent and Teacher Meeting
Oct 5	Piano Party
Oct 6	ALS Walk in Seattle
Oct 16	RE Committee Meeting – all are welcome
Oct 17	Newcomer Orientation see page 2
Oct 19	Harvest Potluck and Party see page 5
Oct 20	WAVE Food Drive
Oct 26-28	YRUU PNWD Youth Con
Oct 29	Coming Of Age Mentor Training

This year's HARVEST PARTY has new leadership. The Green Sanctuary Program is planning a festive evening of food and fun. See ECO-Party under ALPs pg. 6

Help with Wave Saturday October 20th

WAVE is the annual countywide food drive. This is an important way for us to join other faith communities in Jefferson County and be recognized as a socially caring religion. QUUF has participated for over 15 years, collecting bags of food left on the porches of PT homes. It takes 2 hours on a Saturday morning. It is a perfect way for our children to see our faith in action. Contact Kathy or Bruce for information and to sign up. Children should be at least 5. Adults without children are greatly appreciated and needed. For the second time we will be collecting in our church's neighborhood.

Our SUNDAY MORNING classes now have names, both for fun and flexibility.

9:15 preschool-2nd graders are called *Treasure Hunters*; taught by Debbie Neville, Diane Bommer and Jenifer Taylor.

11:15 preschoolers are *Chalice Children*. The teachers are Julianne Gurnee, Jasmine Jensen and Beth Logan.

3-5th graders are *Wisdom Seekers*. The 9:15 teachers are Shawneen Preuhs, Dorothy Westlund and Cara Leckenby. At 11:15, Kurt Munnich, Christi Gelder and Amanda Kingsley.

11:15 kind-2nd graders are also *Treasure Hunters*, taught by Sorchia Ashling, Flossie Bode and Wenkie Schultz.

Our Middle School Youth meet at 9:15 led by Gary Forbes, Deborah Carroll and Selah Martha. On multi-age Sunday Nan Toby Tyrrell teaches with Kathy and Sorchia.

YRUU (Young Religious UUs) meets every Sunday evening. Stephanie Anderson is our Youth Coordinator. Advisors are Daniel Nidzgorski, Celeste Archambault and Collin Brown. The group is off to an energetic start.

Lessons Of Loss Oct 7-Nov 4

Our mid fall unit is called Lessons of Loss. Parents are encouraged to attend the Oct 1st meeting to help you understand the importance of the open approach to discussion of loss, change and death as part of Religious Education. Each class will be walking to the cemetery on Discovery Rd. Please note the date and be sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather. Extra parents may be needed for the walk.

Chalice Children go to cemetery Nov 4

Treasure Hunters and Wisdom Seekers on Oct 21

9-13 year olds - Oct 14

Oct 28th will be a multi-age session learning about the tradition of La Dia de Los Muertos.

OWL (Our Whole Lives), sexuality education program, is in need of new adult facilitators. We need people for elementary age OWL, and for 7-9th grade OWL. We will send you to a weekend training. Contact Kathy if you are interested in serving our children in this way.

Coming of Age Program begins in November. We have 20 youth signed up, an all time high. We may still need adult mentors to help with the program. Contact Kathy if you are interested.

QUUF Events

FRIENDSHIP SUPPER

In the past, the Friendship Supper has been scheduled on the third Saturday evening of each month. This is an informal small group gathering. The host provides the main dish and others bring the rest of the meal. My husband and I attended one of the suppers this past year and had a wonderful time getting to know our hosts and other guests, eating delicious food and having an all around fun time. This is a great way to get acquainted with others at QUUF.

If you would be interested in hosting a Friendship Supper, have any suggestions or wish to reserve a spot for the **October Friendship Supper (October 20th)**, please call Kate McDaniel at 385-1405 (kandkmcdaniel@msn.com)

MEN'S RETREAT

This year the retreat will be held at Camp David on Lake Crescent west of Port Angeles from **Friday evening October 26 thru Sunday morning breakfast and Sunday service on October 28**. Planned activities this year include a mushroom identity hike, and Gary Nelson will lead a workshop on harmonica basics. He has a limited number of harmonicas available, so contact him (379-9949) *before* the retreat to reserve yours. Al Thompson has recruited several musicians so we will have a live concert. Participation in any or all of the events is optional. Suggestions for, or volunteers to lead, workshops are solicited. Give suggestions to Rod Mitchell or David Bommer. We need meal captains to lead cook/cleanup crews. You will plan the menu, give the shoppers a list and supervise the meal prep and cleanup. This year's cost is \$45.00 - possibly less, depending on attendance. This includes meals, lodging, and activities. Scholarships are available. Reserve your spot now by completing a registration form found at the back of the sanctuary, noting on the back of the form any dietary restrictions you may have. Please sign up as early as possible to make meal planning easier. Get to know your fellow QUUFers. See Rod Mitchell 385-3277 or David Bommer 385-7947 for more information.



Local Harvest Potluck - October 19, 5:30pm

We invite all members, friends, and families to celebrate our harvest with a potluck on October 19. If possible "think locally" about how far the ingredients traveled to get to our tables. We know this is a challenge and appreciate whatever foods come to nourish us.

Apple cider pressing begins at 5:30pm, with food served at 6pm. A new event, a kinetic sculptured vegetable race will follow. Contribute non-squishy vegetables for the race by calling Marla Streater at 385-6924. Other activities include a campfire sing along, pumpkin carving, and educational displays about eating locally.

-- Harvest Celebration Sub-committee

Adult Learning Programs (ALPs) Fall 2007

For more information, contact the leader/organizer of the event or class, or call Jim Oakland (379-6561) or the QUUF office (379-0609).

**Courses with an asterisk are co-sponsored by the QUUF Green Sanctuary Project; attendance helps to secure credit toward approval by the UU Ministry for Earth.*

Early Bird Sunday Book Discussion, Every Sunday, 7:50am-8:50, RE 2; Bruce Bode (bruce@olympus.net) & Elaine Nelson (elaine@zynrgy.com, 379-9949). The current book is Consilience by E.O. Wilson.

Faith & Reason, Science & Religion, EITHER: Sep. 25-Oct. 23, Tuesdays, 7:00pm-8:30, OR: Sep. 28 - Oct. 26, Fridays, 10:30am-12:00; RE2-3; Bruce Bode (bruce@olympus.net; 379-0609). This five-week discussion group is related to the Fall Sermon Series. On Sundays, Rev. Bode and a member of our congregation - Betty Oppenheimer, John Collins, Jim Tough, Jim Oakland - will present condensed views of their understanding of one of the terms "faith," "reason," "religion," and "science." The classes of the following week provide a discussion opportunity for all to weigh in on the subject. Both speakers will be present at each of the classes on the week they speak. A possible supplementary book, Reason and Reverence, by religious humanist William R. Murray, is suggested; cost, \$16, contact Bruce for books. (Note: on Sunday, October 14, our guest speaker will be Prof. Gary Eberle, whose topic will fit nicely into our discussion.) Minimum: 10.

Science Night: Astronomy, Oct. 7-May 18, 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month, 6:00pm-8:00; sanc. Jim Oakland (379-6561; jhoakland@olympus.net). Who has not gazed with wonder at the night sky? It suggests that our world is part of a vastly larger cosmos. But how large is it? Where do we fit in? And how did it all begin? The Teaching Company, together with an outstanding lecturer have put together an unusually good course entitled, Understanding the Universe (on DVD). A selection of these lectures will be projected on screen. The lecturer, Prof. Alex Filippenko (U.Cal., Berkeley) has a very relaxed lecturing style, and an abundance of animations, graphics, and beautiful photos, mostly taken from telescopes (including Hubble), which makes watching a pleasure! Starting simply with thinking about rainbows, starlit nights, or eclipses, he'll take us through mankind's change from seeing the earth as

the center of everything to a sense of the immensity and complexity of this universe in which we live.

Loaded Words: Talking about God in an Age of Fundamentalism, Oct. 14, Sunday, 2:00pm-5:00; sanc., Gary Eberle, (call QUUF ofc, 379-0609). What is language and how does it function in human communities? Are there different uses of language that make the same words, in different contexts, mean quite different things? What happens when an oral tradition, like the early Hebrew myths or the Christian kerygma, gets written down instead of being memorized and learned "by heart"? Using insights from linguistics, the nature of language will be explored, toward an understanding of "God-talk." Gary Eberle is the author of numerous books, including the just published, *Dangerous Words: Talking About God in an Age of Fundamentalism*, in which he proposes to reclaim religious language from those on the political and religious far right who have claimed sole ownership of it for the past several years. Cost: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. Scholarships available.

Global Warming- Widely discussed but often confusing and disabling, the following two courses can help. The first emphasizes an overview of the issues, focusing toward encouraging and aiding a commitment toward change, personally, locally and nationally. The second emphasizes the science of climatology, the data about global warming and how these data are obtained.

**Global Warming: The Issues, Oct. 18-Nov. 8* (NEW DATES), Thursdays, 9:30am-11:00; RE bldg. Helen Kolff (379-4858; helenk@olympus.net). A new Northwest Earth Institute discussion course designed to explore personal values and habits as they relate to climate change, understand the history and science of global warming, and empower individuals to take action to curb global warming. The book of readings for this 4-week course is \$16. The class sessions are as follows: 1: OFF COURSE shows how communities around the world are experiencing the effects of global warming and explores personal responses to climate change, including why society has been slow to respond. 2: COLLISION COURSE breaks down the history and science of global climate change, and identifies our participation in this ecological crisis. 3: CHANGING COURSE covers new strategies for addressing climate change and considers personal action to mitigate the effects of global warming. 4: SETTING A NEW COURSE explores our individual and collective power to shape an effective response to climate change, enabling future generations to meet their needs.

**Global Warming: The Science, Oct. 18-Nov. 8*, Thursdays, 9:30am-11:30am, at QUUF, RE2-3; Jim Oakland (379-6561; jhoakland@olympus.net). The Teaching Company together with physicist Richard Wolfson (Middlebury College, Vermont) have produced twelve lectures on DVD (which will be projected on a screen) about "Earth's Changing Climate." They focus on the scientific basis of climate and the human role in climate change. The lectures provide an excellent way to understand an otherwise complex and controversial issue. Dr. Wolfson's presentations are clear, objective, engaging, and illustrated with fascinating examples and analogies. This class would be something like taking a brief course on climatology at a community college by a good lecturer.

Inconstant Mirror: The Changing Visualizations of Opera, Tentative dates: Oct. 18-Nov. 15, Thursdays, 7:00pm-9:00. Beatus Meier (379-2920; beatus@olympus.com). Pending unrelated circumstances, a postponement may be necessary; watch for an update in the QUUF Sunday bulletin, newsletter, and website.

**Eco-party, Wednesday, Nov. 14*. The Northwest Earth Institute is giving an Eco-Party! A brunch with local-food, and a sharing time, 11:00am-12:30pm, QUUF sanctuary. NWEI mentors Barb Boelling & Donna Logan will facilitate mutual sharing of ways to create a greener household, looking at fuel, water, and electrical usage. We'll also help each other examine our use of disposables and toxic cleaners. Pick up a confidential survey form on the wall display at the back of the sanctuary. Please record your present home eco-practices on the form and bring it with you.

Fingerpainting on the Moon: Accessing the Unconscious through Writing - A Workshop With Peter Levitt, Dec. 1, Sat., 10am-4pm; sanc & RE. In this workshop, participants will enjoy using some of the writing exercises and creative techniques Peter Levitt has developed over decades of teaching writers how to access and give voice to their imagination. The workshop is based on his book, *Fingerpainting on the Moon: Writing and Creativity As a Path to Freedom*. He is author of nine books of poetry, (most recent: *Winter Still*), co-translator of *A Flock of Fools: Ancient Buddhist Tales*, and editor of Thich Nhat Hanh's, *The Heart of Understanding*, and Jakusho Kwong's *No Beginning, No End: The Intimate Heart of Zen*. He has given seminars at the C.G.Jung Institute of Los Angeles, and is the resident teacher at the Zen Meditation Circle, Salt Spring Island, BC. Cost: \$40, if by Tuesday, Nov. 20; \$45, thereafter, call QUUF ofc, 379-0609. Scholarships available. Co-sponsor: Edinger Society for the Study of C.G.Jung.

November 11 for Legislative Action!

Sunday, November 11 marks a great chance for QUUF'rs to become active in our UU statewide legislative action network – Washington UU Voices for Justice.

- **Rev. Carol McKinley, Coordinator of Washington UU voices** will speak at our 9:15 and 11:15 services on “Our Faith in the Public Square.”
- Following the service, at 1:00 PM Carol McKinley will facilitate a workshop on Advocacy Tools for Unitarian Universalists.
- **Representative Lynn Kessler**, Majority Leader in the Washington House and our representative in the 24th district will keynote the workshop. Lynn will offer her perspective on how we, as citizens, can be more effective advocates when we communicate with our legislators.
- Carol McKinley and QUUF members Bill Harju and Dave Ditzler will describe how individuals and congregations can work together through Washington UU Voices for Justice to bring our liberal religious values to our state’s political process.
- In small groups, participants will have an opportunity to influence the issues carried by UU voices for Justice in the upcoming 2008 Washington legislative session. Last year’s issues included: 1) death with dignity; 2) global warming; 3) health care for all; 4) marriage equality.

A lunch will be provided between 12:30 and 1:00 (donation requested), and we request that you call the church office (360 379-0609) or complete the sign up sheet at the back of the Sanctuary to RSVP so that we have an idea of how much lunch to prepare.

Sanctuary Flowers

We are grateful for the special arrangements for September from the Harvest Celebration Committee:

Andy Driscoll
Diane Haas
Marla Streater
Donna Logan

Many thanks,
The Sunday Services Committee

If you’d like to contribute flowers, plants or art pieces, or have a special occasion to celebrate, please contact Jan Givens 437-0728 givensdj@msn.com

Growth News

New Sanctuary Design

On Sept 19th both the BSC and the BDCC met with architect Richard Berg and acoustics expert Gary Cook to examine the initial drawings for the new sanctuary design. Having abandoned the nautilus for acoustical reasons, Richard has created a modified rectangle that reflects the appearance of the present sanctuary with much attention to sound quality. Acoustics computer modeling will refine the plans even further. This design was well received by the 20 or so committee members present, many of whom offered suggestions for practical and aesthetic details.

Green Building

The Jefferson County Home Builders Association has sent us a draft of their new project checklist, which will be used to attain as many Green points as possible in the new building. The list spells out specific criteria for credits to earn in five areas: Codes & Regulations; Site & Water; Energy Efficiency; Health & Indoor Air Quality; and Materials Efficiency.

Building Fund Pledges

Several people have inquired about how their pledges should be marked to distinguish them from operating expense pledges. Simply note on the check that it is for the Building Fund and send it to QUUF or leave it in the office.

It is important to keep these pledges up to date. Any that can be paid early will earn interest as they wait to be used.

Marcia Lewton

The Aesthetics Committee invites and welcomes interested QUUF members to join our committee. As the new building plans take shape there will be important choices to be made by this committee. In you are interested please contact Jackie Barr, 360 385-3657, or jdbarr@olympen.com



WORMS EAT MY COFFEE GROUNDS!

QUUF now has a worm bin! As part of the larger Green Sanctuary project, the Compost Team has set up a worm bin to help us turn our veggie peelings, coffee grounds, cake crumbs and teabags into fabulous compost with the help of our friends *Eisenia fetida* (Red Wiggler worms)

The Worm bin is a gray Rubbermaid container located outside the kitchen door near the trashcans, up against the retaining wall to keep it more shaded. (Worms don't like it too hot!). Detailed instructions on worm care and feeding will be posted in the kitchen. If you're cleaning up from coffee hour, please set aside the "compostables" and add them to the bin. Compost team volunteers will be doing other maintenance (which isn't much, worms are easy pets!).

WHAT CAN THEY EAT?

WORMS LOVE:

Vegetable peelings
Fruit scraps
Egg shells
Bread products
Coffee grounds
Tea bags

WORMS DON'T LIKE:

Meat
Bones
Fats
Dairy Products (small scraps of cheese OK, a big block gets gross)
Big pieces of citrus fruit

If you're interested in getting involved with the compost team, talk to Libby Urner at libby@olympus.net or 385-1210.

WAVE Food Drive is Saturday October 20th. Please join us. Details are on the RE page.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Reduce your 'carbon footprint', save \$'s, and have a great time en route to the Fellowship. Susan Pratt, a member of the Green Sanctuary Committee on transportation, has mapped our entire congregation into 27 districts.

Watch for the BIG MAP and your District number and then think about the fun you'll have, sharing the trip to church. More later.... Barb Boelling

We Need Chalice Lighters!

The Chalice Lighter Program (of the Pacific Northwest District of the UUA) assists the growth of new and existing congregations in the Pacific Northwest District by providing grants. Funded exclusively through contributions from the UUs who participate as Chalice Lighters, the amount of a grant depends on congregational needs and current Chalice Lighter participation.

There are many good reasons to join the more than 1,400 PNWD Unitarian Universalists who are Chalice Lighters. Being a Chalice Lighter brings you the joy of watching your \$10 (or larger) contribution multiply to a grant of more than \$14,000 to support the growth of our liberal religion in the Pacific Northwest. Also, by being a Chalice Lighter, you help your congregation qualify for a Chalice Lighter grant. And, the more of us who take the Chalice Lighter pledge, the more the program will have to offer to growing congregations.

Becoming a Chalice Lighter is as easy as filling out a Chalice Lighter Enrollment Form.

Up to three letters a year will come your way telling you the purpose of the call and asking you to send in your pledge of at least \$10 (\$20 per couple). Each call will go for the purposes described in the letter, so you will know exactly where your money will be going to work.

A congregation applying for a Chalice Lighter grant must meet certain minimum requirements at the time of application. A congregation must:

- have at least 30% of its members enrolled as Chalice Lighters (**see below);
- be a UUA Program Honor Society (QUUF is, because we pay our UUA dues per member);
- be a PNWD Honor Society (QUUF is, because we pay our PNWD dues per member);
- have a formal growth plan (We did this before we began this building cycle).

** In 1996, well over 30% of our members were Chalice Lighters, and we qualified for and received a grant of \$8000 which helped us complete our building. Our Chalice Lighter membership has not kept pace with our growth, and now, in order to qualify for a grant, we need more Chalice Lighters! This is such a wonderfully simple program – it shouldn't take much arm twisting for a majority of our members to agree to join.

Enroll on-line or by mail.

Brochures are available on line or in the back of the sanctuary. Follow this link for information:

<http://www.pnwd.org/chalicalighter.php#become>

Follow this link for the Chalice Lighters brochure:

<http://www.pnwd.org/pubs/ChaliceLighter.pdf>

Follow this link to enroll on-line :

http://www.pnwd.org/chalicalight_regform.php

From the Board

At its **Board Retreat** in August and working session on Sept. 5, the QUUF Board of Trustees worked through and approved the following five **goals** and associated **strategies** for this year. Noted in parentheses are the sub-committees assigned to oversee the accomplishment of each goal.

2007-2008 QUUF Board Goals and Strategies

1. Foster Volunteerism (**Al, Joanna, Jean, Helen**)
 - a. Foster healthy committees
 - b. Foster leadership of committees
2. Become a high-functioning Board (**John, Betty, Sheila, Helen**)
 - a. Articulate expectations and roles of Board members
 - b. Increase Board members' visibility so members know who the Board of Trustee members are
 - c. Generate and use systems that support a high-functioning Board
3. Develop a financial structure suitable for a growing congregation (**Betty, John, Jack, Helen**)
 - a. Review the structure of committees in QUUF that deal with money
 - b. Ensure clear and frequent communication to members about money
 - c. Educate the Board and the membership about relevant financial obligations
4. Strengthen our ministries (**Sheila, Joanna, David**)
 - a. Expand efforts to welcome new members
 - b. Define the place of Social Justice
 - c. Examine our current and potential ministries in concert with the Committee on Ministry
5. Realize our vision (**Al, Jean, David**)
 - a. Continue to work toward designing and constructing our new building
 - b. Tap into the resources available through the PNWD and UUA, and educate the congregation about available resources, through the Denominational Affairs committee
 - c. Address growth strategy in concert with the Long Range Planning Committee

The following decision and motions came out of the **Sept. 2007 Board Meeting**:

The Board approved the consent agenda:

- *Minutes of the Aug. 2007 Board meeting*
- *Spending \$10 to remove ads from the QUUF website calendar*
- *Robin Ditzler as chair of the new Denominational Affairs Committee*
- *Carolyn Latteier as chair of the Finance Committee*

The Board discussed the Finance Committee's questions regarding the Financial Sub-Committee of the Board, the proposed new Financial Stewardship Council, and the committee's concerns about working through both a Treasurer and a different Board liaison. *A motion was made to change the Operations Manual from specifying the Treasurer as the liaison to the Finance Committee to specifying simply "a Board member."* *A motion was made to defer the prior motion until Treasurer Jack Forrest is back from his trip, and further discussion can take place. Motion carried.*

The Board heard a proposal from the ALPS committee, presented by Jim Oakland, to have a Science and Religion Discussion group meet concurrently with the 9:15 Sunday Service (possibly at Swan School) for those who find our typical services too religious. Much discussion ensued. *A motion was made to accept the ALPS proposal. A second motion was made to defer this motion until further discussion could take place, with members of the congregation, and among Board members. Motion carried.*

The Board approved a new phone system costing \$503 recommended by Ned Schumann, contingent on finding a volunteer to maintain it.. The Board approved Robin Ditzler as Chair of the new Denominational Affairs Committee and Carolyn Latteier as Chair of the Finance Committee.

Regarding the Building, the Board approved a motion to contract with Structural Engineer Bart Needham for \$2360. *Motion to authorize the Steering Committee to approve up to \$5K in additional engineering costs required for the design process. Motion carried.* Note: This new authorized approval may not exceed the total \$30K approved by the membership last year, so the Board/Congregation will have to vote again to authorize additional funds when Treasurer Bill Kaune alerts the Building Steering Committee that the funds have been exhausted.

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THE GREENING KITCHEN
worms are crawling

Dear Kitchen Witch,

Thought for the month -- "The majority of Americans buy bottled drinking water,...even though water runs from the faucets at home for a fraction of the cost, and government quality standards are stricter for tap water than for bottled."
Barbara Kingsolver. DRINK LOCAL!

I volunteer in the kitchen frequently for Sunday coffee and other events. I thought I had it all together, but now we have a worm bin! Please explain what it is and how to care for it.

KW: A worm bin is a sturdy wooden or plastic box where worms live, eat, and leave their castings (manure). Super rich compost to enhance our soil is formed. And a garbage disposal is no longer needed. Coffee, torn filters, tea bags and chopped raw veggies are just the beginning. Check green kitchen signs with the pink worms for Okay and Not Okay foods for worms. If you would like some worms of your own from a Master Composter, check in gardening and fishing magazines or call your local solid waste utility for sources (385-7908).

The Maritime Northwest Garden Guide, produced by Seattle Tilth

Libby Urner started ours - thanks, Libby! (See Libby's article on page 8 of this Newsletter for more details.)

We are grateful for **September- November cloth napkin care for these weeks or noted dates:**

Linda Bach (1), Nancy Shipley (Oct. 14), Karen Page (Nov. 11), Esther Conway (3), Helen Oakland (4), Nancy Richards (Sept. 30) Karen Forbes (Opening Picnic)

Thank you for keeping paper out of our transfer Station which transports all disposables to eastern WA landfill.
Kitchen Witch and the Green Kitchen Subcommittee