

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

September 2007

September Sunday Services

September 2, 10:00 A.M. (one service only)

Gathering of the Waters Ceremony

Peggy Albers. An intergenerational service in which we celebrate coming together in the fall. Please bring a sample of water from your summer travels (or your own backyard) to mingle with our water from the past 12 years and tell us a little bit about your journey. Theme: "Water – Our precious gift from the mountains."

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

Do You Like Your Life?

Rev. Bode. On this opening Sunday of the 2007-2008 church year, we begin our service with a recognition and celebration of the tenth anniversary of our sanctuary and religious education buildings. My sermon will ask a simple question, "Do you like your life?" addressing this question from a number of different angles.

September 16, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Dark Matter & Sticky Stuff

Guest Speaker: Marvin Bell. Our speaker this Sunday, a summer resident of Port Townsend, is one of our nation's finest contemporary poets, author of 19 collections of poetry and essays. His latest book, Mars Being Red, just published by Copper Canyon Press, attempts to put the "news" into poems. It is described as "The most political book of Marvin Bell's storied career – and one of his most beautiful. Appalled by our government's military aggression and destructive ideologies, Bell asks: 'What/ shall we do, we who are at war but are asked/ to pretend we are not?'" For his sermon, Mr. Bell will "begin with the creative process and end with poems set in wartime."

September 23, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Faith and Reason, Science and Religion: Part I: What is Faith?

Rev. Bode & Betty Oppenheimer. The first in a 4-part series defining, contrasting, and relating the terms "faith," "reason," "science," and "religion." Each week Rev. Bode and a QUUF member will present their understanding of one of these terms, beginning with "faith." Accompanying this series is an adult education class. (See ALPs page 5.)

Betty Oppenheimer has spent the past 20 years defining and redefining faith for herself. Not only is she certain that hers won't match your definition of the word, but she is also sure that whatever answers she has today probably won't hold completely true for her tomorrow.

September 30, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

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

Rev. Bode & John Collins. The second in a 4-part series defining, contrasting, and relating the terms "faith," "reason," "science," and "religion." This week the speakers will explore the terms "faith" and "reason." Must one choose one or the other, or can faith and reason co-exist and be compatible? If so, how? If not, why not?

For John Collins empirical analysis, the scientific method, and rigorous reasoning mark his academic training—BA through PhD—in political science, and secular humanism has been a major influence on him. His beliefs now are better described as spiritual humanism. The tension between seeing faith and reason as polarities or seeing them as an integrated whole continues as a challenge for John, and his Sunday presentation on "faith and reason" will share part of that ongoing internal debate he is experiencing.

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Beginning the New Church Year



Welcome to the beginning of a new church year and what promises to be a pivotal year in the life of this Fellowship. The countdown is now underway toward an anticipated spring target date for breaking ground and beginning construction. Of course, several important congregational decisions will need to be made before that can happen. The committees relating to the building project have been meeting throughout the summer and will give a report following the second service on Opening Sunday, September 9. (Please see reports on these matters in Growth News page 7)

I want to thank the summer lay speakers – Dick Conway, Gunther Dohse, Linda Little, Candy Drollinger, Deb Hammond, Bob Alei, Joseph Bednarik – for providing such very fine Sunday services during late June and July. I have listened to audio tapes of all of these services and feel gratitude for the messages of each and, in several cases, am humbled by their courage in tackling the subjects they have. All of these sermons are available on audio tape at the church and, in most cases, their messages or portions of their messages are on line at www.quuf.org under SERMONS.

Looking ahead to the services this September: Following the last service of the summer, the annual “Gathering of the Waters Service” led by Peggy Albers on Sunday, September 2, at 10:00 a.m., we resume two services at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. on “Opening Sunday,” September 9. As this year marks the 10th anniversary of being in this sanctuary and RE buildings, we will begin our opening service with a brief ceremony recognizing and celebrating our presence on San Juan Avenue. We especially invite all persons who were members of the congregation at the time of the original building project to be present at these services.

On the second Sunday of this new church year, September 16, we are privileged to have one of our country’s most well-known poets, Marvin Bell, in the pulpit. Mr. Bell lives in Port Townsend during the summer months and this year, before he leaves for teaching, he will be speaking to us under the title, “Dark Matter & Sticky Stuff.” Copper Canyon Press has just published a new volume of his poetry, Mars Being Red, described as “The most political book of Marvin Bell’s storied career – and one of his most beautiful.” His message to us will draw from this work. Also, please note that a few days before he speaks to our Fellowship – on Tuesday, September 11, the 7th anniversary of 9/11 – he will be giving a reading from his new volume of poems at Northwind Arts Center, 2409 Jefferson St., beginning at 7 p.m. (Please see further info on Marvin Bell under the September Sunday Services’ Schedule in this Newsletter.)

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Office Offerings

Beautiful, beautiful autumn...changing leaves, a special kind of blue sky...harvest time. "From the harvest of the soil we are given occasion to garner a harvest of the heart and mind". Here at QUUF it's time for another kind of gathering--gathering friends together again after the summer; gathering and sharing waters that represent stories of how we spent it. Welcome back!

THANK YOU to Helen Oakland and to Mona Steffire for assembling and mailing the July/August Newsletter.

NEED A NEW NAME BADGE?? yours lost, or falling apart? Check the badge cupboard one more time, and if it isn't there contact the office to get a NEW one made.

Then, beginning on Sunday, September 23, I begin a four-part sermon series titled, "Faith and Reason, Science and Religion." In this series I have invited four members of our congregation – Betty Oppenheimer, John Collins, Jim Tough, and Jim Oakland – to join me in the pulpit on successive Sundays (skipping October 14) in exploring certain basic terms, questions, and issues in modern life. We will be asking and individually answering: What is faith? What is reason? What is religion? What is science? And we will be giving our opinions on how these terms relate to each other and what their value is.

As a group – for we have met to discuss this series – we have decided not to compare notes in advance of our messages. Thus, our responses to these questions will be as much a revelation to us as to you.

And because we want this to be a conversation, we are offering a companion Adult Education Class to accompany this series – your opportunity to weigh in on these topics. These discussion groups will be offered on Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings, and in each case the presenters will both be there. (Again, please see ALPS page 5 for more detail.)

So, welcome again to the beginning of a new church year. I hope the summer has treated you well, and I hope that together we treat the new church well.

August 22, 2007
Bruce A. Bode

Music Notes



If you've been thinking of joining the choir, now is a good time. Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, August 29, at 7 p.m., to begin rehearsing for the coming church services. Altos are especially needed.

Designated Offerings for September

We will begin our second year of designating two of our plate offerings each month to organizations in the community. The Designated Offering Committee has begun the process of selecting recipients for the year. Thanks to all who offered their suggestions and evaluation in the survey last June. The response to the program was quite positive and many people expressed the opinion that we could probably even do more!

On September 9 we will receive an offering for **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jefferson County**. This organization matches caring community members with school-aged children for one-to-one mentoring relationships. The kids come from all walks of life and backgrounds and have been referred based on academic and/or social needs. They want to have fun, grow, and share time with a caring adult. The "Bigs" are responsible adults and high-school students who want to help kids set goals, solve problems, and have fun. Big Brothers Big Sisters mentored 135 children last year and are excited to serve even more this year.

On September 23 we will again provide an offering to *the gathering place*. This group provides enrichment opportunities for people with disabilities. Many of you are familiar with the beautiful art calendars which they produce. Our contribution will help them with this project and therefore reach out to the larger community to gain support.

Members and friends of QUUF are involved in both of these worthy groups. The support we are able to provide from our plate offerings will be used to reach out to some people who are often overlooked.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of the DOC or Bruce. The members are Pam Daly, Gayle Kaune, Rod Mitchell, Jan Forrest, Sue Estes, and David Bommer.

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

Children & Youth Religious Education

DRE Kathy Stevenson kstevenson@olympus.net

CYRE Calendar

Sept 2	Water Communion Intergenerational Service 10:00
Sept 7	Coming of Age Informational Meeting 6:30
Sept 9	Opening Sunday 9:15 & 11:15 All church Picnic HJ Carroll 4-7pm First YRUU 6-8:00
Sept 15	Party by Social Action and Education
Sept 18	CYRE (Children and Youth RE) Committee 7:00
Sept 22	QUUF Rummage Sale
Sept 28-30	Puget Sound Middle School Conference
Oct 26-28	YRUU PNWD Youth Con
Oct 19	Harvest Potluck and Party
Oct 20	WAVE Food Drive
Opening Sunday is September 9th 9:15 & 11:15	

We are gearing up for another full year of QUUF Religious Education. Whether you have been a steady participant or a one-time visitor, we invite you to explore a full range of religious experiences with us during the 2007-08 church year.

A church community is like no other entity. It is not a lecture series. It is not like signing up for a sport, or an art class. It is not a social club. It is not a social action endeavor. So, what IS it? For me, it is a container to support and enhance the quality of my life. With the support of the people and facilities, I am continually inspired to find my core being, or my soul, and nurture it to grow, understand, give and receive. My hope is that you and your family will find this, or other reasons to participate this year. We have so much we can do and be together.

Families who would like a current photo for our display can be photographed between services on Sept 16 and 23.

Love, Kathy Stevenson,
Director of Religious Education

9:15	11:15
Under 3	Under 3
Treasure Hunters (Preschool-2nd)	Chalice Children (Preschool)
Wisdom Seekers (3-5th)	Treasure Hunters (K-2nd)
MSY (6th-8th)	Wisdom Seekers (3-5th)

RE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS: We are lucky to have Sorcha Ashling returning as RE Assistant for the year. Stephanie Anderson was hired for a new position called Youth Coordinator. She and 3 youth advisors will share leadership with our high schoolers for their program. Sunday morning teachers include returning and new volunteers. We could not run the program without them. The full roster will appear in next month's newsletter.

REGISTRATION forms are needed for all children and youth in the program. Newcomers are welcome to have 2 or 3 visits before registering.

CURRICULUM focus this fall is our 7 Principles, Lessons of Loss, and Green Sanctuary/Environmental Justice. January to June the older classes will study World Religions.

YRUU (Young Religious UUs) 9-12th grades Greetings to returning youth and a big welcome to interested new YRUU members! The opening BBQ is set for 6:00 September 9th. Meetings will continue every Sunday evening for the year. Youth and adult energy continues to be high and creative. Join us! Help plan the year. Bring a friend.

MSY (Middle School Youth) MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE will be held September 28-30 on Vashon Island. Anyone in grades 6-8 (or home school equivalent) are invited to attend. Deadline for registering is September 16.

COMING OF AGE Program has an informational meeting Sept 7th, 6:30. RSVP so we know how much pizza to order.

The **PARENT COVENANT** Group was a success last year. The difference from other Covenant Groups is that this met at church, with childcare provided. If you are interested in participating in this program, sign up with Bruce and let him know you want childcare.

QUUF Events

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. This is the same place the women's retreat has been held for years. This facility offers a large dining/meeting room with a fireplace and comfortable furniture, large kitchen and cabins with nearby, separate shower/toilet facilities. We will be there at the peak of fall color amidst big leaf maple trees. There are canoes available for our use, hiking trails, fishing and a small field. Planned activities this year are hikes, a trip to Sol Duc Hot springs, and various workshops. Averse to touchy-feely group stuff? Fear not, we heard you! You may choose to participate in some, all or none of the activities. We need input as to what sort of activities you want. It is your retreat, so make it what you want it to be. Give suggestions to Rod Mitchell or David Bommer, or better yet, lead an activity or workshop. We need meal captains to lead a cook/cleanup crew for Friday supper, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and supper, and Sunday breakfast. 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 on the Social Action board north of the sanctuary entrance. Join us and meet your fellow QUUFers who go to "the other service". See Rod Mitchell 385-3277 or David Bommer 385-7947 for more information.

Come one come all,

Your friendly neighborhood Social Justice Committee is throwing a party on **Saturday the fifteenth of September from 5-8 PM.**

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GREEN PICNIC SEPTEMBER 9

- **Please help us limit trash to the landfill.** Choose washable place settings when possible. GKS will provide cloth napkins & clean up rags .
- Call a friend to car pool.
- Add one local ingredient to your potluck dish.

Adult Learning Programs (ALPs) Fall 2007

For more information, contact the leader/organizer of the event or class.

**Courses with an asterisk are part of and 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, Begins Sep. 9, every Sunday, 7:50am-8:50, RE 2; Bruce Bode (bruce@olympus.net) & Elaine Nelson (elaine@zynrgy.com, 379-9949). The book to be discussed is Consilience by E.O. Wilson. Contact Bruce for books; read the first two chapters, pp. 3-13, for Sep. 9.

*Eco-party. The Northwest Earth Institute is giving an Eco-Party! A brunch - Local-Food - and sharing time, on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 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.

End of Life/A Good Death, Sep. 16 - Oct. 14, 5 Sundays, 3:00pm-5:00; RE2-3; Katy Ottaway (stumpkat@olympus.net, 379-5462;). As a family doctor, I've had to examine my attitudes towards death, because if my goal were to be keeping people alive, then I'm sure to fail. What, then, is a good death? Is it the same for everyone? Is it my definition or your definition or your family's definition or your culture's definition? Learn why I find living wills mostly useless and prefer POLST forms and think about and discuss a topic that is difficult, but everyone must face.

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. (Note: on Sunday, October 14, our guest speaker will be Prof. Gary Eberle, whose topic will fit nicely into our discussion.) Minimum: 10.

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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.

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. Anyone may attend either or both.

**Global Warming: The Issues, Sep. 20-Oct. 11,* Thursdays, 9:30am-11:00; RE2-3. 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, EITHER: Sep. 17-Oct. 8,* Mon., 6:00pm-8:00, at the Natural History Exhibit, Marine Science Center, Ft. Worden State Park, *OR: 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.

**Harvest Celebration, a book discussion group, Sep. 12-Oct. 10,* Wednesdays, 7:00pm-8:30; RE bldg. Jeanette Richoux, 379-4895, j_richoux@yahoo.com. The book to be discussed is *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver. Changing our eating habits is difficult for most of us. In this book, Kingsolver, well-known author of novels and poetry, finds a way to make the changes rewarding and healthier for our families, and planet. Her thought-provoking book is part memoir, part journalist investigation, and makes a passionate case for putting the kitchen back at the center of family life.

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

Loaded Words: Talking about God in an Age of Fundamentalism, Oct. 14, Sunday, 2:00pm-5:00; sanc. & RE; 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.

Seattle Sculpture Gardens (a field trip), On Saturday, Sep. 15, ALPs has arranged a docent-lead tour of the new Seattle Art Museum Sculpture Garden. We intend to car pool to the 10:35 Bainbridge Island ferry. Those interested sign up at the back of the sanctuary, and/or call Rod Mitchell 385-3277.

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

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS: What's a Member?

To clear up confusion about the differences between QUUF Member, Friend, or Pledging Friend, these definitions may help:

A member is a person who has attended an orientation series and/ or conferred with the minister and signed the membership book. Many long-time members joined before orientation programs were given. As required in the bylaws, members must reaffirm their membership in writing each year before the annual meeting. (Checking a box on the pledge card that is to be returned during the spring stewardship month easily does this.) Members in good standing may vote in fellowship elections, are eligible to be board members, receive the newsletter--preferably by email-- and the UUA quarterly publication, *World*. While one does not need to pledge to be a member, QUUF annually sends approximately \$80 to the UUA for each member.

A Pledging Friend is one who pledges annually and may have attended an orientation but has not signed the membership book, may not vote or serve on the board, receives the newsletter--preferably by email--but does not receive *World*. QUUF does not send money to the UUA for Pledging Friends. They may participate fully in all fellowship activities.

A Friend is a person who most likely contributes to QUUF but does not pledge, may not vote or serve on the board and does not receive the newsletter except on the website. Friends also participate fully in all activities.

Persons in these three categories are listed in the directory unless they request otherwise. The membership committee will make name badges for all. In addition, many visitors attend services, probably contribute to our plate, and participate in activities. Please speak with the minister, the director of religious education or a person on the membership committee if you have questions, comments or want a badge.

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.

Writers Group. Several from our fellowship have expressed an interest in a writer's group that would meet regularly, exchange manuscripts and offer comments. Maximum: 8. For further information, contact Marcia Lewton, 385-4560, mlewton@olympus.net.

Growth News

The building process is taking steps both forward and backward, with progress in some areas and snags in others, just as one would expect.

Project Redesign

The Building/Steering Committee met with Gary Cook, our acoustics advisor, on August 8, to hear that the curved shape that many of us like so well will require a major redesign in order to meet our needs for good sound quality. We immediately wanted a second opinion, preferably from an expert, and got one. It agrees with the first.

Richard has already made significant changes to the design, and Gary Cook agrees that they may improve the acoustics considerably, but he feels that any further acoustics assessment of the modified design requires computer modeling. This would indicate whether the design as modified has the high level of acoustics we need, or whether any additional modifications could bring the acoustics up to our needs.

On August 29 the BDCC and BSC will hold a joint meeting to assess whether the likelihood of finding good acoustics in a modified design is high enough to warrant the time and expense to do the computer modeling. We will also need to decide whether the design as modified is still pleasing to us aesthetically and remains within budget. The other option would be to ask Richard for a new, simpler design.

Much progress has been made on the other areas of the plan. The office/restroom/ kitchen/ foyer/RE remodel is well defined and looks good. Design work will continue on that portion of the drawings while the Sanctuary design review is undertaken.

You can expect to be brought up to date on all this at a **discussion meeting between the first and second services on September 9** and in the October newsletter. Also in the October newsletter we hope to announce a date for the Congregational Meeting to approve going ahead with the plan.

23rd Street Vacation

The city has decided we must get another appraisal for the 23rd Street vacation property we need to purchase. Since the first valuation was low and not to the city's liking, this may well mean that the property will cost more than expected.

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Volunteer Survey

On August 6 members of the BDCC met with several people interested in gathering volunteers who will be needed when construction begins next spring. Deb Wiese, the local Habitat volunteer coordinator, visited the group and shared her expertise. A volunteer survey sheet was created, which will be handed out to everyone so that when certain tasks are coming up, the crew will know who to call upon. Attention was also given to recruiting help from other congregations and where to house them. If you are interested in serving on this committee, call Karen Page at 385-4389.

Building Fund Report

The Building Fund status as of 7/31 shows \$300,093.55 in funds on hand of the \$685,303 pledged. This amount is invested to earn interest until needed. Keep your pledge up to date!

Building Pictures

A slide show of the present building's construction is on the QUUF website, the first item under Growth News. Thanks to Julia Cochran for creating this display.

Marcia Lewton

Social Justice Committee

Come one come all,

Your friendly neighborhood Social Justice Committee is throwing a party on **Saturday the fifteenth of September from 5-8 PM.** We're not throwing it very far. It will be in the Sanctuary and RE building. Come have a snack or a meal with us and help us serve you (the congregation) better. We must know what is important to you to carry on our work. Don and I and all the committee members work hard to make this world a better place to live. Please, let us know what is important to you so that we can do as good a job as is possible. We are not asking for donations or gifts or anything except a bit of your time and all your thoughts on Social Justice issues. You're going to be in town anyway, so stop by and have pizza, ice-cream, other foods and drinks. We only want to take control of your mind and heart for a short while which should pay (we hope) big dividends for years to come. See you there and bring your passion and your appetite for life. Mark it on your calendar now - See, that wasn't so hard...

Soon, Dave Ditzler and your Social Action Education Committee.

Working Towards Justice and Joy

by Don Berg, SAEC Co-Chair

The Social Action and Education Committee is entering it's third year of re-visioning and re-building. A big thank you to all who are participating and continuing to do good works in the world. We are not done yet, so in order to celebrate progress, inspire more participation, generate excitement, and gather valuable information we are throwing a party and doing two different kinds of surveys. First we are getting high tech by using SurveyMonkey to gather your feedback at your convenience on-line. This is a "soft" survey meaning that we are giving you only a few questions and lots of opportunity to write as much or as little as you want.

[Click Here to take the SAEC 2007 Survey](#)

For those who are reading this on paper instead of on a computer you can go to www.QUUF.org and click on the link at the bottom of the home page, or we will have some available on paper in the back of the sanctuary during September.

The other survey is going to be done during our party on September 15th. Dave and I will be facilitating a series of short small group discussions about the past, present and future of our committee and how the church is expressing it's covenantal commitment to a more just and joyful world.

My vision for this committee is that it is the place where every member of the congregation knows they can turn when they have a concern for injustice in the world. This committee will have in mind a strategic plan for creating justice and joy on both the local and global scales. The members who have just discovered an injustice can learn more, those who have learned a lot can find support, those who have support can join the action, and those who have been acting can find a respite for regaining the passion and enthusiasm that makes it all worthwhile. Everyone in the congregation will know that this church is actively engaged in expressing our liberal religious values in our community and the world.

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

Another milestone for QUUF

September marks the start of our 11th year in our own building. Although we held our first celebration/service in the building in May 1997, we continued to work through the summer to finish out the details of the sanctuary and religious education buildings. The first full church year began in September.

While it is amazing that in those 10 years, we have grown enough to hire a fulltime minister and require additional space, it somehow seems completely fitting that at the ten year mark, we are again planning to build.

We had about 60 members when we began to plan the building, and 120 by the time we finished. Now with 250+, there are and will continue to be plenty of opportunities to comment, contribute, volunteer and participate in the present expansion. Those of us who participated the first time know that while the task is huge, the rewards are even bigger. As we expand our facilities, we will again expand in numbers, in spirit, in community impact and in the collective love we bring into the world.

Happy Birthday 2333 San Juan Avenue!

The Greening Kitchen

Dear Kitchen Witch,

I consider myself a frugal person. Why would you recommend organics for the fellowship and our homes?

KW: Let's look at the hidden cost of cheap food. When we choose conventional produce rather than organic from smaller, local farms, we can also think about these issues:

- According to the World Health Organization, farmers in developing countries spend 3 billion dollars yearly on pesticides. Inexpensive produce in chain grocery stores is often grown in other countries.
- According to the EPA, 30% of insecticides and 90% of fungicides are carcinogenic.
- Using intensive labor, organic farmers pull weeds or use weed flammers and expose neither workers nor their children to toxic chemicals.
- As taxpayers, we pay for toxic cleanup of waterways. Some of this pollution could be prevented with solid, organic farming methods.
- Large agribusiness farms keep retail prices down by keeping labor costs down. When we pay a fair price for food, farmers and farm workers can make a living.

A summary taken from Local Vegetarian Cooking by Debra Daniels Zeller.

FALSE ALARM!! -

On July 8th, just as the morning service was ending, the fire alarm went off. The building was evacuated and the fire department called. They subsequently declared a false alarm due to dust in one of the sensors. Since then the B & G committee has met and set up the following policy and procedures for responding to a fire alarm: 1. Immediately evacuate the buildings. There are multiple exits. Take the one closest to you and assemble on the San Juan sidewalk. 2. Silence the alarm as soon as evacuation is complete 3. Unless there is an obvious fire, thoroughly search the building, including locked offices, for cause of alarm. If none found..... 4. Reset the alarm. 5. Do not call the Fire Department unless there is an obvious fire.

An announced fire drill will be held later this Fall.

Mack Boelling, Chair
Building & Grounds Committee

Sanctuary Flowers

We are grateful for the special arrangements for July and August:

Kate and Denny Madson
Donna Logan
LaVaughn Snel
Cynthia Knudson
Jan and Don Givens
Leone and David Smith
Sorcha Ashling
Harvest Celebration Committee

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

CAR POOL -

Save gas, save \$\$, and have FUN! Are you interested in forming car pools with your neighbors in Port Ludlow, Kala Point, Cape George or Port Townsend to come to QUUF services and activities?? What about forming bike and walking groups? If this appeals to you, call Barb Boelling at 379-3424 before Oct. 1st. (A Green Sanctuary Project).

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Harvest Celebration

Local Bounty – Planted, Picked and Preserved

In October we gather for our Harvest Celebration Potluck. Planning started this summer, growing and sharing the food from our gardens, and shopping at the Food Co-op and Farmer’s Market. To remind QUUF members to “think locally” the Harvest Celebration Committee (Project #3 of Green Sanctuary) will be distributing information about local foods, sharing tasty local treats, and displaying the bounty at the pulpit each Sunday until the Celebration. We encourage creative uses of produce and sharing recipes for zucchini and other P.T. delights like roadside blackberries.

Thought for the month – “Each food item in a typical U.S. meal has traveled an average of 1,500 miles...If every U.S. citizen ate just one meal a week composed of locally and organically raised meats and produce, we would reduce our country’s oil consumption by over 1.1 million barrels of oil each week.” – Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver

Fun event this month – The Farm Tour, Sunday, September 23. Our member, Andy Driscoll, will have his family farm on the tour.



The deadline for the October newsletter is Saturday, September 22nd.

If you have green glass from home to dispose of, please no longer leave behind the church. This, happily can now be done from your home address, or at the recycling center.

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Young Adult Fall Con 2007
October 12th through 14th
West Hills UU Fellowship, Portland, OR
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