

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

April 2008

April Sunday Services

April 6, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

So Faith, Hope, And Love Abide, These Three, And the Greatest Of These Is Faith

Guest Minister: Rev. Lena Breen (pulpit exchange). The ancient 1st Corinthians 13 text is adapted for today's challenges. "Faithing" is essential and unconditional when we choose to live life with risk.

The Reverend Lena Breen is a retired minister living in Mount Vernon as director and teacher of the Mount Vernon Yoga Center having served five of our churches, two of our theological schools, and at UUA headquarters.

April 13, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

The Principle of "No Blame"

Rev. Bode. A sermon on different kinds of blame and what it might mean to live by a principle of "no blame."

April 20, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Blessing of Animals/Earth Sunday Service

Rev. Bode and Nancy Mann. This service, held two days before the 28th anniversary of Earth Day, brings together traditional "Blessing of Animal" services and the celebration of "Earth Day." Children and adults are encouraged to bring their companion animals with them to the service.

April 27, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

The Spirituality of Golf

Rev. Bode. This is a requested sermon topic related to the recent QUUF auction in which a person bids for the right to select a sermon theme. In this case the high bidder, knowing that I enjoy an occasional game of golf (as, apparently, the bidder does), requested that I speak on "The Spirituality of Golf." So we shall see what I come up with. This is also the weekend of our annual Women's Retreat; thus, the special music will be provided by the men in the choir.

At a Glance Special Events:

April 12 QUUF Coffeehouse Saturday evening, April 12th at 7PM

April 13 Flower Communion - Bring a flower to exchange

April 20 Blessing of Animals/Earth Sunday Service

April 25-27 Women's Retreat - Registration form on page 8

May 4 Congregational Discussion see Growth News page 7

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The A-HA! Group



This month of April is a big month in the life of this Fellowship. In addition to the annual Stewardship Campaign seeking pledges for the 2008-2009 general budget, you will be invited to contribute, if feasible for you, an additional gift to our much-anticipated building project. It's estimated we are within \$200,000 of being able to build what we have been hoping and planning to build, and this extra amount (including an anonymous and very generous \$50,000 challenge grant) will determine whether or not we can do that. So please attend carefully to the Stewardship Campaign article (see pg. 8) and the Growth News article (see pg. 7) in this Newsletter that pertain to this.

I'd also like to call your attention to the formation of a new group advertised in this Newsletter (see page 6). The group, initially being organized by Judy and Jim Tough, is cleverly and delightfully being named the "A-HA! Group" – A-HA! being an acronym for "Agnostics, Humanists, and Atheists."

In reflecting on the formation of this group, I think back to my first year with you, the fall of 2004, in which I began my ministry by giving a five-part sermon series based on an adult religious education program by the Rev. Fred Campbell titled, "Four Faiths: A Unitarian Universalist exploration of the diversity, roots and growth of religious belief systems." In his long ministry, Rev. Campbell had come to identify four different faiths groups, or four different theologies or lifestances that exist within Unitarian Universalist congregations. He labeled these four faiths: Humanist, Naturalist, Mystic, and Theist. As a companion to the sermon series, I facilitated adult education classes in which I found that, indeed, all four faiths were present at QUUF – and, as I recall, of those attending the classes, the groups were pretty much evenly divided, though perhaps with the Naturalists and the Mystics being a bit more numerous.

As you can perhaps imagine, it's a bit of a challenge as a minister to develop Sunday services that fully speak to the perspective of all four of these faiths on any given Sunday. Actually, if I were to design a Sunday service with each of the four groups specifically in mind, I would create four different services – and I mean very different!

Thus, I see the formation of the A-HA! Group (which I heartily encourage) as an attempt to meet the specific needs and interests of those within our Fellowship who identify with the Humanist "lifestance" – I will not say "faith" here because that is a word that does not generally speak to persons

Office Offerings

Kahlil Gibran wrote: "All work is empty save where there is love." It takes lots of work to make things happen here at QUUF--many hours of volunteer work that are inspired by love. There are SO many ways to share your talents and time. We know you already have. We hope you will continue to do so--maybe even add something new? For now, go tiptoe through some daffodils!

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

of the Humanist perspective, an illustration of the difficulty I mention above.

There may be others in our congregation who also feel they would like a group to supplement the Sunday services and other offerings already existing in our Fellowship. If so, please consider what might be helpful to you, and if you find you have some ideas, don't be shy about discussing with me how you might organize something. And be sure to take a look at the article in this Newsletter announcing the formation of the A-HA! Group!

March 22, 2008

Bruce Bode

Music Notes



HURRAY! Spring is here and it's time for the Annual Coffee House! The theme is "Transitions".


Saturday evening, April 12th at 7PM.



Quick, finish your winter jigsaw puzzle, lend us your card table and mark your calendar. Come hear great readings and fine music. And if you want to help with logistics, contact Carolyn Salmon at: 2salmon@earthlink.net



Our great Choir could use even more voices!



New voices are welcome, especially sopranos, and you don't need to be able to read music.



Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7PM. Come sing your heart out. Contact Marj Iuro at: mniuro@gmail.com







 Our thanks for the lovely March flower ar- 



 rangements to: 



 Karen Page 



 Pat Hundhausen 



 Aholaab Arzah 



 Nancy Richards 


 Leone Smith 


 If you'd like to contribute flowers, plants, or 

 art pieces, or if you have a special occasion 

 to celebrate, please contact Julie Duke at 

 385-4771 or Nancy Richards at 385-2797. 





OTHER MEETINGS (irregular ones not listed)

Personnel Committee	3rd Tues.	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
R.E. Committee	3rd Tues.	7-9 p.m. R.E. 3 & 5

Children & Youth Religious Education

DRE Kathy Stevenson kstevenson@olympus.net

RE Calendar

Apr 6-12	Coming of Age paints RE
Apr 6	MSY visit local Buddhist sangha
Apr 13	MSY visit Buddhist Temple
Apr 13	Flower Communion during Time For All Ages
Apr 18	YRUU service project, Chehalis Flood repair
Apr 20	Earth Day Sunday and Blessing of the Animals
Apr 25 - 27	Women's Retreat
May 2	COA dinner and overnight
May 4	COA worship service

OWL - Our Whole Lives: Eight QUUFers completed the OWL course on sexuality. They were in grades Kindergarten-2nd. Congratulations.

OWL next year: We are desperately seeking adults to train to facilitate 5th/6th grade and 7-9th grade OWL. Talk to current or past facilitators for testimonials: Joseph Bednarik, George Gerczak, Deborah Carroll, Selah Martha, Karmen Meier, Otto Smith, Maitland Hardyman.

Flower Communion on April 13 is a UU tradition that invites us to celebrate our individuality and our communal life. Bring a flower to exchange.

Neighboring Faiths Program continues for Middle School Youth. For their study of Buddhism they will visit the home and meditation space of Adriane and Jim Oliver in Port Townsend. The following week they will travel to the Vajralama Buddhist Center in Ballard. Several of our children and youth plan to attend the events for the Dalai Lama during 5 days in April.

Coming of Age Celebration: 20 youth and 20 mentors have been working hard all year on community service, building relationships and recently, writing their credo statements. Don't miss this amazing religious experience when the Credos are read to you. Ten will present at 9:15 and ten at 11:15 on Sunday, May 4th.

Earth Day/Blessing of the Animals: Bring your pets, bring yourself, to this Intergenerational Service **April 20th**. Let Kathy know if you want to help with the procession of Earth's creations. This is for all ages, but childcare will be available for preschoolers and under.

Fellowship Family Camp!!!! New congregational event led by the Parent Covenant Group. See article on page 5 in newsletter and mark your calendars!!!

YRUU

YRUU youth group: Our service project is coming together on April 18th and 19th. QUUF youth will join the Olympia YRUU and take part in a Chehalis clean-up to help with the aftermath of the flooding last fall. There is some talk of a rafting overnight. Let's do it!

Think Ahead--Summer is Coming!

What are the attributes of an ideal camping spot? Of course we need water and a fireplace. Do we need a fishing pond for the kids? And the big kids? A shore on a river or stream? RV and tent sites? Hiking trails nearby, within walking distance? Send me your ideas. Jentaylor@olympus.net

It's Mowing Time Again!

Have you got the Right Stuff? Join the Elite QUUF mowing team. Requires 1 1/2 hours a week during high growth season. Call John Estes at 385-9577 or e-mail at jsestes@olympu.net (mowing is not gender specific).

QUUF Events

Women's Retreat

Registration is now open for the 11th annual Women's Retreat. It will be held the weekend of **April 25-27** at beautiful Camp David Jr. on Lake Crescent. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with the other women of QUUF for fun, fellowship, growing together, and getting better acquainted.

For only \$35, you get all your meals (yes, cooking and cleaning will be part of the fun), a bunk bed (easily enhanced with a sleeping pad or air mattresses) and wonderful friendships.

This year's workshop options will include different morning and afternoon craft sessions, nature walks, yoga, female sexuality, and other surprises. And, of course, there will be free time for your favorite hike, book, soaking in the hot springs, napping, canoeing, games or just relaxing with the best women you can find, the women of QUUF. Please plan on joining us.

Registration is open until Monday, April 21. So, get your form in early. The registration form is on page 9 of this newsletter, is available on the QUUF website, and will be on a clipboard at the back of the sanctuary. Pertinent information about the weekend and partial scholarship information can also be downloaded from the website. The link is at the bottom of the homepage.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer to help with the planning, please contact the co-chairs—Carolyn Salmon (379-9392), Jacque McInvale (379-2867), or Jan Forrest (385-2994).

Needed: Contra Dancing Women

Are you going to the Women's Retreat? We are going to teach contra dancing and I need help! If you have ever done that particular activity, and plan on going to the retreat, let's get together and practice a little before the end of April!

Call or email: Jenifer Taylor 385-3666 jentaylor@olympus.net

SPRING SPRUCE-UP!!

Mark your calendars now to help with our annual **SPRING SPRUCE-UP, Saturday, April 12th, 9 a.m. to noon**. There will be something for everyone to do....weeding, repairing pot holes and the failing wall in the parking lot, multiple fix-it jobs, taking out Scotts Broom and poison Hemlock, and more. A special feature will be a short presentation by Esko Cate on the dangers of poison Hemlock and how to safely remove it. Bring gloves and wear clothes that cover exposed skin. Esko's talk will be about 10 minutes long and will occur around 9 a.m. There will be coffee and snacks throughout the morning. Let's have a good turn-out!

From your QUUF Building & Grounds committee

Fellowship Family Camp Memorial Day Weekend 2008. QUUF and the Parent Covenant Group invite you and your friends and family to join us as we gather for a peaceful weekend at Cornet Bay on Deception Pass. Family Camp isn't just for families with children... it's for our entire Fellowship family, all ages are welcome. There will be lots of activities as well as time for community, relaxation, and renewal. **May 23rd to 26th**, plan to make this a yearly event!. Cost is \$50 per person (age 1 and under free), includes lodging and food, registration will begin early April. Please contact Jeff Logan (e-mail: jeff@insideout.com) to express interest in attending or for more information.

Spring Orientation Begins April 23

Do you want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and Quimper Fellowship? Do you have questions to ask the minister and members? Sign up at the membership table and attend the series of three meetings on **Wednesdays, April 23, 30, and May 7**. Attending an orientation is helpful to anyone considering membership. You will meet others who are interested and participate in discussions with them, the minister, the religious education director, and board and committee members.

Childcare and snacks will be provided. The evenings begin at 7 P.M. and last about two hours. If you have questions, please call the office or Rev. Bruce Bode (379-0609) or Barbara Dyer of the committee (379-0353).

A-HA! Group Starting

A-HA! (Agnostics, Humanists, Atheists) will have the first of twice-monthly get-togethers, on **Sunday, April 20, 5 PM** in the sanctuary. A potluck will be followed by a short presentation and discussion. (Please bring a potluck dish to share, plus your own table service - plate, tableware, glass/cup, napkin - in order to minimize cleaning-up activities.)

The discussion topic title is "Since I'm a Human, Doesn't That Automatically Make Me a Humanist?" Future topics will be selected from the book "What We Believe But Cannot Prove", edited by John Brockman. True to the common value of *individual responsibility* found within all the philosophies of A, H, & A, individuals within the group will be expected to choose and present a topic from this book for a future meeting.

Coffee and tea will be available for **your** cup. Child care will be offered. Please contact Judy or Jim Tough, A-HA! coordinators, if you have questions: 385-3065 or tough@olympus.net. Please let us know if you plan to attend (so we know how many tables/chairs to set up and how much coffee to perk). Thanks!

Money Matters

The Finance Committee is in the process of drafting an investment policy for the Fellowship. Issues being considered by the Finance Committee include procedures for determining whether QUUF funds should be put into a bank account or invested in long-term and short-term holdings. This includes determining what funds, if any, should be placed in an FDIC account. The Finance Committee is also evaluating whether the Fellowship needs a policy about accruing debt and if it should be a QUUF policy to encourage socially-responsible investing. If you wish to provide comments to the Finance Committee during the development of the policy, feel free to contact Carolyn Latteier (Finance Committee Chair) by email.

Designated Offerings

The Designated Offerings for April will be to Northwind's Arts for the Elders Project on April 13th and Jefferson County Animal Services' Animal Welfare Awareness Group on April 20th.

Northwind's Arts for the Elders will be the designated offering on **April 13th**. This program is an ongoing program that serves three senior residences plus Kai Tai Care Facility by providing two-hour visits by arts and humanities professionals. Each visit is designed to stimulate participation with the senior audience.

Animal Welfare Awareness Group of Jefferson County Animal Services will be the designated offering on **April 20th**. This is a new non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping the abused, neglected and unwanted animals of our county by providing shelter, care, veterinarian assistance and promoting public awareness and education.

Green Sanctuary

Earth Day Challenge - 100 pledgers!

Some folks signed the earlier 2% carbon footprint reduction pledge, while others found the carbon calculator and task a bit daunting. Now we have a new and simpler opportunity for you.

So far, 85 children and adults have signed to do at least one new thing to protect the earth this year from a handout of 30 posted ideas. The sign up sheet and list of actions are located in the back of the sanctuary. Let's see if we can reach 100 pledgers by Earth Day.

Questions? Contact Kees at: kkolff@olympus.net

Eco Hero – to be announced April 20th.

Don't miss the Earth Day Service, when we will honor one of our members as the Green Sanctuary Eco Hero.

Growth News

Irv Mortensen Chair of Building Design and Construction

“Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now.”
Alan Lakein

For over two years, we have been planning our building expansion and now that planning is rapidly moving to reality. We will determine at the conclusion of the annual Stewardship campaign at the end of the month how much of our vision/plan we can build now and how much will have to be deferred.

A congregational discussion has been scheduled after the second service on May 4th to present the specifics of the final project proposal. The ultimate Congregational vote to accept the design of the building project and to authorize spending our money making that design a reality is scheduled for May 18th.

This month, we have asked Richard Berg, our Architect, to move forward with the last stage of construction documents and we have begun the initial permitting process with the city. Our task forces, staff, various committees and individuals have reviewed the current schematic design and we will be providing the results of those reviews to Richard as he moves forward. **If you have any lingering concerns about the design now is your final chance to voice that concern. Don't be shy.**

What can you do? You can set aside some time from July 26th through August 3rd to volunteer as landscape gardeners, as carpenter helpers, as concrete apprentices, as heavy lifters and laborers and (most importantly) as suppliers of coffee and snacks and cookies. Please sign up when the Volunteer Campaign Committee comes forth with their survey of volunteers. This summer's activity will be excellent training for our work on the new buildings planned for the fall.

This summer's project will be preparing the site

for fall ground breaking. To provide room for the outdoor patio adjacent to the new Sanctuary, the fountain (with its associated rockery, retaining walls, pool, plantings, and trellis) will have to be taken down and reassembled closer to the RE building. The garden shed will be moved to a new location and expanded in size.

Join us as we build our new home for ourselves, for our community, and for those who will come after us – together, we are building the future.

From the Board

At its March 12, 2008 Board Meeting, the Board approved

- the Minutes of the 2/13 BOT meeting (with a correction to the Title of the document);
- Rod Mitchell as Chair of the ALPS Committee;
- the new form for evaluation of our minister;
- the release of an additional \$12K from the Building Fund, to enable the architectural firm to make progress on the construction drawings (using the design already approved by the congregation) through the mid-May congregational vote to build.”
- \$100 from the contingency budget for the current church year, toward the UU Voices state-level advocacy group.
- expenditure of approximately \$800 from the Administration budget on the microphone of its choice (probably an earset type) to replace the problematic lapel mic. The motion passed with 7 in favor and one abstention.

For more details on any of the Board meetings, refer to the complete minutes kept in a clip board in the back of the sanctuary, or contact Secretary Betty Oppenheimer for copies.

Stewardship Committee

Paying for Our Dream

The annual stewardship campaign is underway. The banquet is over. We are awed by our creativity and regaled by our thespian talents. The eating, the laughter, the sentimental tear all remind us how much we value QUUF and why we care about the future.

We have big plans and big dreams for an enlarged home. Can we afford them? This year's campaign raises complex issues of debt service and building finance. It is, in fact, a dual campaign. We are asking for an overall increase in operating pledges of 14%, from \$302,000 to \$323,000; and we want to raise an additional \$150,000 for the building fund. An increase in the operating budget of \$10,400 is needed to meet cost of living and operational increases. More significantly, the mortgage ramp-up must increase by \$18,600 in order to ensure that we can demonstrate to ourselves and to a bank that we can undertake the \$400,000 loan we envision. With an additional \$150,000 in the building fund we will meet the challenge of the \$50,000 matching grant and the goal of the capital budget. Do remember that the grant, provided by an anonymous QUUF donor, is made with the condition that matching gifts may not be made in lieu of annual pledge increases. We need to be successful with both aspects of the campaign. The results will determine the amount we can afford to borrow and the size of the building we can begin to build. Are we willing and able to pay?

Your neighborhood meeting is designed to answer your questions and allay your concerns. It will unravel the mysteries of the mortgage ramp-up, the \$50,000 matching challenge grant, the no-salary pie chart, the building options continuum, the two separate pledge cards, and more. You will want to be there. In the event that you are unable to attend the same information will be presented at a congregational meeting after second service on **Sunday, April 13.**

And remember, there is no putting off your com-

mitment this year. Your pledges must be returned by **Friday, April 18**, in order to factor into the Building Steering Committee financial deliberations. The numbers will be crunched and building possibilities will be presented at a **May 4** meeting and voted on, on **May 18.**

Greening Kitchen

Dear Kitchen Witch,
Which is better for the environment - cloth napkins or paper ones? What about the energy used in repeated laundering?
Transiting to cloth,
Amy Green

Dear Amy,
In the hierarchy of paper napkins from ungreen to greenest, those with virgin fiber and chlorine bleach fall at the bottom. Look for 100% post consumer material and Totally Chlorine Free (TCF). Remember that Elemental Chlorine (Chlorine gas) used to turn paper white releases powerful carcinogens.

When using the greenist napkin, cloth, follow these tips:

- Use more than once. (not an option at QUUF)
- Include dirty napkins in with another laundry load.
- Use cold water and eco-friendly detergent.
- Line dry.
- Use electric dryer - twice as energy efficient as the manufacture of paper napkins.
- Pick up and deliver napkins for laundering with your consolidated errands. (QUUF volunteers)

Information taken from Care2.comgreenliving
I recommend reading the whole article.

"Connections"

11th QUUF Women's Retreat Registration

Friday, April 25 through Sunday, April 27
Camp David Jr. on Crescent Lake

Please print for the benefit of our Registrar. Registration and carpool signup ends **April 22**.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email address _____

Please describe any special needs you have in terms of health, diet, mobility, etc: _____

_____ Are you a vegetarian? _____

I can bring _____ extra camping pads or air mattresses.

Carpooling is the GREEN thing to do and parking is very limited (No campers, RVs, Pop-ups allowed). Besides, it's a long drive by yourself. Carpools will be formed from the following information:

_____ I can provide transportation for _____ people.

_____ I need a ride. _____ I will arrange my own ride.

If possible, I'd like to ride with _____

I would like to leave at _____ pm Friday from: _____ Port Townsend, _____ Kala Pt/PT
Hadlock, _____ Pt Ludlow _____ Cape George, _____ Four Corners, _____ other location
(where?) _____

_____ I will only attend for the day on Saturday. I want to leave PT at _____ on Saturday.

Registration Deadline is Monday, April 21

We cannot make refunds past that date.

Registration Fee: \$35 Full weekend or \$20 Saturday only. \$ _____

Optional contribution to Scholarships \$ _____

Total \$ _____

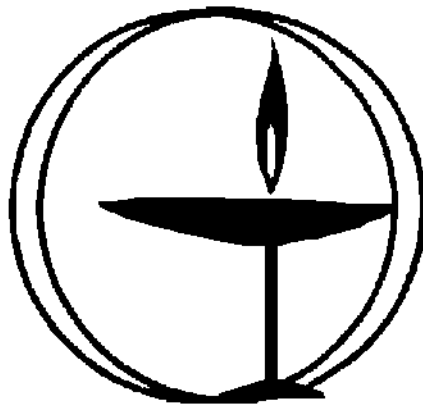
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First Class



CHANGE OF DATE FOR VOCAL RECITAL

Linda Bach's vocal recital of solos and duets with mezzo-soprano Nancy Grunewald and pianist Helen Lauritzen, originally scheduled for March 30th, has been **RESCHEDULED** to **Sunday, May 11th at 3:00 p.m. in QUUF sanctuary.**

Special original Piano solo CD by Nan Toby Tyrrell, \$10, 385-6653.