

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

March 2008

March Sunday Services

At a Glance Special Events:

3/23 Easter Egg Hunt

3/29 Stewardship Dinner &
Spring Fling

4/12 Annual Coffee House

4/25-27 Women's Retreat

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March 2, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Pancakes and Process Theology

Guest Minister: Rev. Liz Stevens (pulpit exchange). Process Theology is a metaphysic—a way of conceptualizing God and the universe—based on particle physics. With a sense of humor and an eye for practical applications, our speaker will explore this intellectually fascinating and intuitively resonant schema. A graduate of Yale University and Starr King School for the Ministry, The Rev. Liz Stevens currently serves the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Bremerton.

March 9: 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

The Will-to-Live

Rev. Bode. Albert Schweitzer's religious philosophy starts with the most immediate fact of human consciousness, "I am life which wills to live, in the midst of life which wills to live." The fourth sermon in this series explores the various dimensions of the "will-to-live."

March 16: 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

The Ethics of Reverence for Life

Rev. Bode. This fifth sermon in the series is at the heart of Albert Schweitzer's religious philosophy of Reverence for Life. What is this ethic? How can it be lived?

March 21: 12:00 NOON (A Good Friday Service)

The Fellowship of Those Who Bear the Mark of Pain

Rev. Bode. Dr. Albert Schweitzer, a physician in one of the most disease-ridden areas of the globe, spoke of "The Fellowship of those who bear the Mark of Pain." Who are the members of this Fellowship? This year's Good Friday service, which adapts and universalizes the Good Friday tradition, will explore that question.

March 23: 9:15 & 11:15 A.M. (Easter)

The Sacredness of All That Lives

Rev. Bode. To Albert Schweitzer all life was a sacred mystery; no life was without value. Easter Sunday, which celebrates the renewal of life both within and without, fittingly concludes my sermon series on Schweitzer's "Reverence for Life."

March 30: 9:15 & 11:15 A.M. ("Stewardship Sunday")

Principles of a Free Faith

Rev. Bode. Religiously liberal congregations are communities whose identity is related more to principles, processes, and values than to specific religious doctrines. This sermon will name and explain these core principles.

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Communication



I thought I might have escaped this year without my typical mid-winter cold, but not so, as I've just come down with a doozy. As I was entering this diminished state of health, I happened to listen to an audio recording of a poetry reading Robert Frost gave in 1959 in which several times the recitation of his poems was interrupted by a hacking cough. Frost, who loved the rhymed couplet and couldn't resist making them up at every turn, quipped:

“A crashing cough and a flooding sinus,
Has reduced my state from plus to minus.”

Since right now I'm in the middle of facilitating some winter adult religious education classes on the poetry of Robert Frost, I thought I might share this short Frost poem that I hadn't paid much attention to before. It's from his first book, *A Boy's Will*:

We make ourselves a place apart
Behind light words that tease and flout,
But, oh, the agitated heart
Till someone really find us out.

'Tis pity if the case require
(Or so we say) that in the end
We speak the literal to inspire
The understanding of a friend.

But so with all, from babes that play
At hide-and-peek to God afar,
So all who hide too well away
Must speak and tell us where they are.

(“Revelation”)

As with so many of Frost's poems, this one deals with the push-pulls of our lives. On the one hand, we tend to hide our real thoughts and feelings instead of expressing them directly, thus separating ourselves from those with whom we would be close. At the same time, however, we want to be understood and are disturbed when we aren't – “If you really cared for me, if you were really paying attention, you would know what I'm feeling; I shouldn't have to explain it to you so directly.”

But, advises Frost, if you want to be understood, you may have to forego the prideful(?) pleasure of being mysterious, deep, or coy and say as directly as you can what you're thinking and feeling. If you want to be known, allow yourself to be known. Communication is difficult enough; don't make a hide-and-peek game of it. Of course, there's risk in attempting to reveal yourself, for maybe you still will not feel understood. This, too, is part of the “courage to be.”

Bruce Bode February 19, 2008

Office Offerings

Did you see the lunar eclipse the other night? Up above the tall evergreens the sky was inky black, and a veil of ruddy pink had started to smear across the face of the full moon. I stood in the cold night air awestruck by the marvel of it all. It reminded me of a line from the bible: "the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Each of us makes the space we're in holy, and no better way to feel that is true than to be part of QUUF. Thank you to Mona Stefflre and Helen Oakland for their assembly and mailing of the February Newsletter.

Music Notes



Annual Coffee House! The theme is "Transitions". Saturday evening, April 12th at 7PM.

Finish your winter jigsaw puzzle and lend us your card table. If you wish to be considered for a reading or musical performance, contact Marj Iuro: mniuro@gmail.com

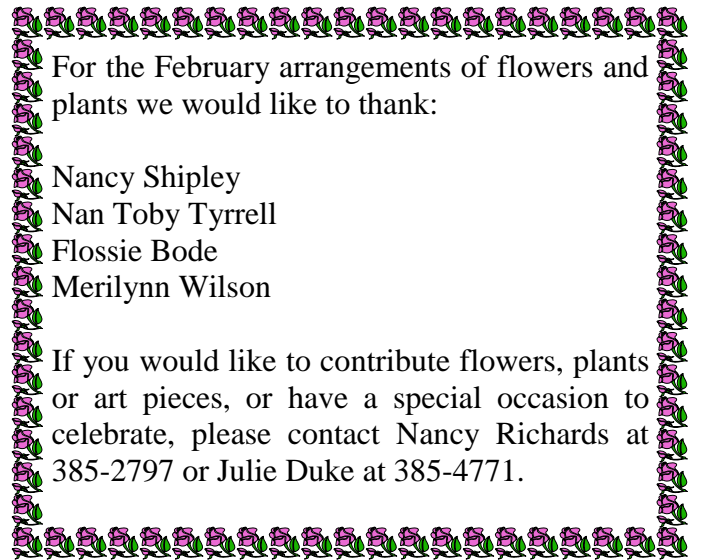
Our great Choir could use more voices!

New voices are welcome, especially sopranos, and you don't need to be able to read music. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Come sing your heart out. Contact Marj.

Music Program Committee needs YOU!

Want to help oversee the music programs and help plan the fabulous spaghetti dinner and coffee house events at QUUF? No musical talent required, only enthusiasm.

Meetings are usually the 3rd Friday at 3PM. Contact Carolyn S.: 2salmon@earthlink.net



For the February arrangements of flowers and plants we would like to thank:

- Nancy Shipley
- Nan Toby Tyrrell
- Flossie Bode
- Merilynn Wilson

If you would like to contribute flowers, plants or art pieces, or have a special occasion to celebrate, please contact Nancy Richards at 385-2797 or Julie Duke at 385-4771.

Green Sanctuary

Reverence for Our Planet

The March 16 sermon will be "The Ethics of Reverence for Life" - a time to consider the Earth as our home and its destiny as our own, and to consider signing our 2% pledge to reduce your carbon emissions.

This pledge is a simple way to be a good steward to our environment. No tests - only an easy form with your name and date. Figuring out your current 'carbon footprint' can be a fun game for the family. There's a link to the carbon calculator on our Green Sanctuary web page (under Committees at the QUUF website), where you will find easy ways to hit your 2% goal. Changing just a few incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescents or LED's could get you there.

There will be a sign-up table and carbon reduction information in the breeze-way on March 16. Please take a moment to sign the 2% pledge. It's easy and our Earth really needs your help.

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

Mar 2	Mt Zion Baptist Church visit YRUU Bridging meeting 5:00
Mar 7	Parent Night Out by Coming of Age group
Mar 7-9	SPAG Con for YRUU-Seattle
Mar 23	Easter and Egg Hunt
Mar 29	Stewardship Dinner & Spring Fling
Apr 6 - 13	Coming of Age paints RE
Apr 13	Buddhist Temple visit
Apr 27	Earth Day Sunday and Blessing of the Animals
Apr 25 - 27	Women's Retreat

Coming of Age Program

You can be proud of our 20 Coming of Age youth and their mentors. Each pair is required to fulfill 2 community service projects, one for the larger community, and one for QUUF. Three pairs (youth and adult) went to Kah Tai Care Center to visit with residents. Six pairs prepared meals for the homeless shelter. Three pairs will weed the garden at the PT library, and six pairs will pick up trash around town. Seven pairs will paint 3 of the RE rooms. Two pairs baked cookies for QUUF's week of hosting at the homeless shelter. Two youth helped serve at our auction. Three pairs are going to weed the QUUF garden and a member's home. Three pairs are going to bake you cookies for the March 9th social hour. Four pairs are offering free childcare for a Parent Night Out for QUUF children 8 and under. In the meantime they have all taken the Belief-o-matic survey on line to start them off on their assignment of writing a Credo. It has been a pleasure to spend time with this wonderful group of QUUFers.

Easter - Tradition or novelty?

A wonderful aspect of our religion is also the biggest challenge. When do we stick with tradition and when do we modify or discontinue something that doesn't fit for us anymore? The RE Committee and I, each year, look at the traditional Easter Egg Hunt and make this decision. It is so very precious to see the colorful hardboiled eggs, excitement, baskets bouncing, sense of wonder on the young faces, sense of tradition on the olders. Our Middle Schoolers are now the hiders, and it is one of our informal rites of passage. The flip side is the candy, of course, but for me even more, is the plastic, both eggs and filling. Our particular eggs are used year after year. I like that. So, what does this mean for this year? Can't give it up yet!!!!!! We will have an egg hunt towards the end of each service. Colored hardboiled eggs are always appreciated for variety.

RE Spring Fling

This is a party we have at the church for children when their parents/grandparents attend the Stewardship Dinner. We eat, play, sing and converse. We hire our youth to help us, so let Kathy know if you are interested in a paid position.

YRUU

Many Many thanks to the congregation for your generosity during the polar plunge. Thank you especially to those who also came and gave moral support! We will use the proceeds for food for YRUU events as well as to fund volunteer trips. It sounds like we will be able to do the Chehalis volunteer project in April, pending youth interest. So, Thanks so much!

Also, our overnight was a blast. Even a small group can have a bunch of fun. We proved it. Let's plan another! We did everything from contemplating the meaning of life to stuffing the entire group into the table closet. (tight fit)

A few youth will be attending the SPAG (Social and Political Action Group) Con in Seattle on March 7-9. The deadline is not yet passed if more youth would like to attend. Email me pronto.

Stepha@q.com

QUUF Events

Women's Retreat

A reminder to all QUUF women: Don't forget to reserve the weekend of **April 25-27** for the 11th annual Women's Retreat at beautiful Camp David Jr.

For only \$35, you get all your meals (albeit, you may have to help cook), a bunk bed (perhaps a little lumpy), and wonderful friendships.

This year's workshop options include crafts, nature walks, yoga, female sexuality and perhaps writing (any volunteers?). And, of course, you'll have free time for your favorite hike, soaking in the hot springs, canoeing, games, or just relaxing with the best women you can find -- the women of QUUF.

Registration will begin around March 15 through April 21. If you have any questions, or want to volunteer to help in the planning, please contact any of the co-chairs -- Carolyn Salmon (379-9392), Jacque McInvale (379-2867) or Jan Forrest (385-2994).

FEEL THE SUN!

It is getting warmer and the sun is shining longer. Think about how much fun it would be to go camping with your friends and your dog in the summer ahead. Does anyone have a favorite camping place in the National Forest? Lena Lake is good; nice sites and trails. Plan to join this all Fellowship event, when it happens! Jenifer Taylor

Annual dinner and burlesque extravaganza.



Stewardship Committee

Before we know it the annual stewardship campaign will be underway. We have some big challenges and opportunities this year and lots of information to share. You will be hearing from us in many forums and formats. Here is an early heads up as to what to look for:

- March 9 & 16 Why we care. Keep your ears and eyes open at the Sunday services.
- March 10 How we succeed. Watch for your annual brochure in the mail.
- March 22 What we know. Neighborhood meeting hosts and presenters will be having breakfast and training.
- March 29** What we enjoy. Annual dinner and burlesque extravaganza. Theme: Great Works of Art.
- Mar 30-April 6 How we learn. Neighborhood Meetings.
- May 4 How we give. End of campaign and celebratory announcements.

It's a Dual Campaign!

This year the Fellowship has a unique challenge. The operating budget continues to increase to meet the needs of a growing congregation in a larger facility with a significant mortgage. And, to realize the building that we have dreamed of and planned for, we will need to supplement our building fund. To meet this dual challenge, the Stewardship Committee and the Subcommittee on Income Recommendations for the New Building (SIR) are merging forces in one fund raising effort. In addition to your annual pledge we will be asking you to consider an increase in your contribution to the building campaign. You will all receive lots of information to consider and we hope to see you at a neighborhood meeting to raise questions, challenge our assumptions and make decisions that reinforce your commitment to our collective vision and reaffirm that the decision process we all value has again served us well.

ALPs (Adult Learning Programs) WINTER & SPRING, 2008

Dr. Nina Salama – March 15th
7:00pm QUUF Sanctuary

The ALPS Visiting Scholars program is designed to bring to the Fellowship scholars most members would normally not interact with in an effort to broaden our experiences and explore subjects we would gain from visiting. This year's last Visiting Scholar will be Dr. Nina Salama of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Dr. Salama is working on the bacteria *H. pylori* which is linked with gastric cancer, the second leading cause of death by cancer worldwide. She is looking at the genetic interaction between the bacteria and the immune system that in some patients causes mild discomfort while in others the outcome is death. This is an opportunity for you to see how cutting edge scientific research is conducted and learn more about the interaction of genetics, the immune system and cancer. Dr. Salama has given many talks as a part of the Fred Hutchinson Community Outreach Program and is sensitive to audiences of varied scientific backgrounds. For further information contact Rod Mitchell – rodm90@cablespeed.com

It's not over Quid Pro Quo Auction Still Lives

Thought you missed your chance for bocci, baseball or charades?? Were you washing dishes during the live auction and missed your chance to play baseball at Bruce and Jim's annual ball game?

Several auction items still have openings for UU members who are looking for fun and action.

1035 Fondue and Charades- 1960's party. Fondue dinner followed by Charades. May 3, 2008 at 6 PM Bids are \$25. per person open to six people. Donors: Pam Daly and Marilyn and Rod Mitchell

2016: Music Lessons: four 45 minute lessons on any band instrument at any level. Bring your own instrument. Al can provide music. Donor: Al Thompson Starting bid: \$45. Value: \$100.

5009: Bar B Q in the Park: one spot left at \$20. Ruth Merryman will provide food and live music on a lovely summer evening.

5010: 2nd Annual Bocci Tournament and Spaghetti Feed: No experience necessary. All ages welcome. Per person is \$15. or \$5 for kids. Practice starts at 11 am on June 7, 2008 competition at 11:15. Held at Cape George gazebo park. Donors are Lynn Taylor and Rod Mitchell.

5014 Beach Walk and Picnic: Sneak peek of new state park. Saturday, May 24, 2008. Hike on Miller Peninsula State Park thru the woods and to the beach. Anticipated new state Park opening in 2013. 2 spots left at \$30 each. Donated by Irv Mortenson and Betty Oppenheimer

5019 Walking Tour of Historic Port Townsend with Picnic Walk includes downtown, Jefferson County Historical Museum, 1869 Rothschild house and lunch in Chetzemoka Park . 4 spots left at \$15 each. Donor: David Alvarez

5029 Field of Dreams, Co-ed slow Pitch Softball Game Too long to write entire catalog description... great time for everyone, including fans at no cost. Ball game to be held 3 PM , June 1, 2008 at Fort Worden field. 11 spots left at \$15 each. Donor: Bruce Bode and Jim Golden

5030 Casino Night The Golden Hex on September 20, 2008 has 2 spots left at \$20 each. Donors: Jim and Kendra Golden and Linda Little and David Rymph.

If interested in any of the "**Still available auction items**": Call Jim Golden 379-6904 or e-mail at: jimandkendra@olympus.net

Auction Appreciation !

The Green Sanctuary Committee thanks All who washed dishes, napkins, etc. and recycled bottles and catalogues .

Growth News

Costing the various aspects of the building project continues, with input from Malcolm and the city. These figures will give us a realistic picture of what we can (and cannot) afford to build, what must be done first, and what can be done later.

There will be opportunities this summer for volunteers to get their feet wet on outdoor projects that will precede the actual building project in the fall. The fountain with its associated pond, rockery, and trellis all need to be moved to a new location on the circle - closer to the RE building. The garden/storage shed also needs a new permanent location with a new slab floor installed - there may be a possibility of enlarging it as well. Also, some plantings and trees will need to be relocated - all of this in preparation for the first phase of our new sanctuary. Our tentative schedule for this activity is July and August. Stay tuned for further details.

Marcia Lewton

Social Action & Education

QUUF finished their commitment to the homeless shelter the last week of January with the help of 68 volunteers who worked a total of 245 hours either preparing meals or as night monitors. This does not even count all those wonderful people who have pitched in as night monitors during times that other churches have asked for help. Thank you, thank you, one and all! As you may remember, our last week (Jan. 27-Feb 3) was quite cold so the shelter was filled to capacity - we had over 20 guests on a number of nights. They all have different stories, different situations, but they were all very appreciative of the good food and the warm bed. I heard one guest say that QUUF had the best cooks, but, then, she might have told everyone that!

SAEC is now gearing up for our next project - helping Cara Leckenby with her Habitat for Humanity house. Our church has been very involved with HFH in previous years and now it is very exciting that we will be able to help one of our mem-

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Designated Offerings

Designated Offering for March 9th:

Port Townsend Educational Foundation.

The Port Townsend Educational Foundation is a none profit community based organization founded to supplement the academic component of the Port Townsend public schools. This spring it has budgeted \$15,000 to provide twenty grants to individual teachers and teaching teams. The grants will allow teachers to bring to their students experiences and materials that are not affordable under the Districts current budget constraints. The Port Townsend Educational Foundation has also established an endowment which with growth will assure future continued support of the academic program.

Designated Offering for March 23:

Veterans for Peace.

Veterans For Peace, a national organization with a local chapter 109 (including 4 members of QUUF) on the Olympic Peninsula, has a project that furnishes Iraq hospitals with units that produce sterile water. These Sterilight units produce 8 gallons/minute and are manufactured in Ontario, shipped to Amman, Jordan, where a former Iraqi water engineer ships them to Iraq. So far, VFP has shipped 10 units at a cost of \$ 1500 each. Recently the furnishing of fiberglass water tanks to Iraqi schools was added to the project. All the donated money goes directly to the project and is a way of helping repair damage done by the US sanctions and invasion. More information is available at www.iraqwaterproject.org.

Mark your calendars!

A Spring Recital presented by
Linda Bach, Soprano and
Nancy Grunewald, Mezzo-Soprano
Helen Lauritzen, Pianist
Sunday, March 30, 2008

4:00 p.m. QUUF \$10.00 at the door
Solos and duets by Bach, Britten, Cornelius,
Handel, Haydn, Liszt, Mozart,
Puccini, Schumann, Stenhammar
(Swedish), Tchaikowsky.

Greening Kitchen

Dear Kitchen Witch,

Some days my attempts at earth care are almost overwhelming - remembering my fabric bags, checking the numbers on my plastics, allowing enough time to walk etc, I am reminded of Al Gore's word "inconvenient." There is so much to change!

Needing to vent,

One of the Endangered species

Dear Endangered,

First of all, your caring is appreciated. Let's try moving from the minutia of your eco tasks to a bigger picture painted by Thomas Berry, a passionate priest and a leading environmental thinker. His editor Mary Evelyn Tucker writes in the preface to *Evening Thoughts*:

We are caught between alarm at the **destruction of life-forms** and **disintegration of civil society** even as we are attracted to creating a viable and **sustaining future** . This is what Thomas offers us: a means of walking the ridge between the evident destruction and the **emerging creativity of our times**.

He situates us at the end of the **Cenozoic era**, a period characterized by 65 million years of flourishing life, and at the beginning of the **Ecozoic era**, where **new human-Earth relations** are being shaped. Thomas shows us as well how one can be happy in small ways while navigating this passage ... **being happy entails entering into the wonder, beauty, and intimacy of the earth community**. For Thomas, our fascination with ever-renewing processes is what sustains us despite sorrow and loss. His poetic sensibilities are focused on the daily cycle of life: the stars that capture our imagination, the dawn that brightens the day, the evening that holds us in mystery.

Evening Thoughts

Reflecting on Earth as Sacred Community

QUUF Newsletter Policy

The Board of Trustees approved a Newsletter Policy at its February 2008 meeting. Here is a brief synopsis of the high points. Please read the entire policy at www.quuf.org in the Operations Manual.

- Space and emphasis will be allocated according to the following priorities:

1. Sunday Services
 2. Minister
 3. Religious Education Programs and Classes
 4. Information about all-church functions
 5. Communications from the Board, staff and church committees
- (See policy for a complete list)

- **Deadline:** End of the day on the **22nd of the month prior** to the newsletter publication month.

- **Length:** In order to keep our postage costs predictable, to minimize the unnecessary use of paper, and to keep the newsletter consistent from month to month, every effort will be made to keep the newsletter 10 pages in length; and in 12 point font size for readability. In order to accomplish this, word count limits must be utilized, as follows:

- Sunday Services: 350-400 words
- Minister's Column: 350-400 words
- Religious Education: full page 500-600 words
- Abbreviated Seasonal ALPS Class listing (2-3 times per year), full page 500-600 words.
- A typical monthly committee report is one quarter page (150-170 words).
- Items such as Growth News, Messages from the Board, Designated Offering are typically one half page (250-300 words)

From the Board

1. At our Feb. Board Meeting **the Board approved**

- Libby Urner as Chair of **Long Range Planning Committee**
- Jenifer Taylor as Chair of **Technology Committee**
- **Newsletter Policy**, which will now be added to the Operations Manual and sent to all committee chairs. You can read this policy on the QUUF website. (and summarized on pg. 8)

2. The Board Reviewed QUUF's **Policy on Taking a Stand on Controversial Issues**: Balancing people's desire for both quiet worship time and political involvement on Sundays is a challenge, particularly in our overcrowded space. People should familiarize themselves with the Policy on Taking a Stand on Controversial Public Issues in the Operations Manual on the QUUF website. The Board would draw people's attention to the following clarifications:

- a No partisan or electoral politics should be conducted before, during or after worship services.
- b Socio-political announcements should be written in a neutral way with information on the issue and where to go after the service to learn more.
- c Those giving out information are not to approach others or circulate petitions. They are to sit behind a table and wait for interested parties to approach them seeking information.
- d The membership/greeting table is not to be used for socio-political issues. It is for new members and visitors to learn about UUism. Anyone with petitions, tickets, sign-ups, fundraisers, etc. should set up either at a table at the FRONT of the sanctuary on the rug, OR outside in the breezeway, making sure to leave room for people to flow in and out of the sanctuary, the RE building and the garden.
- e Once we have a new building, information on socio-political issues will be offered in the fellowship hall, NOT in the sanctuary.

f It may be necessary to have additional usher training to insure that ushers understand where to direct socio-political issue activity, to be certain that the greeting table is clearly available to visitors.

3. Board Liaisons agreed to meet with their Committee Chairs within the next month to present several clarifying documents produced by the "Fostering Volunteerism" subcommittee of the Board, Board Liaisons agreed to meet with their Committee Chairs within the next month to present

- i "Developing Effective Committees,"
- ii "A Good Committee Chair,"
- iii "Roles and Responsibilities of Committees,"
- iv "Roles of Board Liaisons and Committee Chairs," and
- v a questionnaire which will help the board determine which committees need help.

Expect a call from your liaison. This valuable information will also be put in the Operations Manual on the QUUF website.

Money Matters

The Finance Committee has reviewed the internal control policies and procedures currently in use at the Fellowship and will be proposing several procedural improvements to the Board for approval. Internal control refers to the implementation of policies, systems, and procedures that help keep our assets safe, reduce the potential for fraud and error, and provide accurate accounting information about the finances of the Fellowship. While many of the policies and procedures currently in place ensure that QUUF assets are safe and properly accounted for, we have identified several ways to strengthen them, particularly in the areas of petty cash, cash receipts, and disbursements.

Reminder: If you plan to itemize your charitable contributions for tax purposes, you may want to write a check to QUUF rather than give cash. Beginning in 2007, the IRS now requires that you maintain as a record of the cash contribution a bank record (cancelled check) or a written record (receipt or statement) from the charity, regardless of the amount.

Membership

Sarah Hull and Jeanne B. Murphy

Sarah and Jeanne are both retired, now living in the Gardiner area. Sarah's professional background includes medical technology, sales and production pottery. Jeanne formerly was a psychotherapist in Newport Beach, California. Sarah is now enjoying teaching a new Australian method for learning how to play the piano, called "Simply Music." Jeanne is having fun studying the piano, acting, singing and raising a guide dog puppy.

Carol and Hyatt Barnes

Before retiring after 17 years as an instructor at a community college, Hyatt spent four years in the USAF and 16 years as a "corporate guy." Carol is also a retired community college business instructor. They have been married for 40 years.

Sylvia Bowman

Sylvia spent her first 35 years in the Northeast, the next 35 years in Texas, and seven in Port Townsend. She's traveled a lot, has a Ph.D. in English literature, and taught/administered programs in an open-enrollment university. Here, she's been a Jefferson County library trustee for seven years, and is active in the Tri-Area Garden Club and Classics Book Club. Sylvia is married with two children.

Betty Lou and Earl Burgett

Betty Lou says her mother bragged about three things, which says a lot about her upbringing -- being Lutheran, a Swede, and living in Scobey, Montana. Earl grew up on a farm in northeastern Montana in an extremely religious Methodist, Republican family. They have both taught -- Betty for a few years, Earl was a public school teacher/administrator for 30 years. He also has been a wheat farmer and manager for World Book Encyclopedia. They have been married for nearly 60 years with six children, 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Betsy Carlson

Originally from Connecticut, Betsy moved to Port Townsend in 1993. Her love of travel and career as an environmental educator has taken her to

many countries, including two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Haiti and six years doing botanical work and serving as a Peace Corps Program Director in Madagascar. She recently left a position as an educational specialist at Olympic National Park to spend more time with her family -- sons **Gus** (9) and **Anders** (7) **Wennstrom** and husband **Erik Wennstrom**. Erik is currently working as a solar thermal system installer.

Heather Gordon

Heather grew up a UU, attending the fellowship in Pocatello Idaho. Currently a student at Peninsula College, she plans to become a nurse. Heather enjoys singing in the QUUF choir as well as Trillium. Her interests include music, ballet, massage therapy, spending time with her nephews, and making superb espresso drinks.

Bob and Janet Palmer

Bob and Janet have lived on the Peninsula since 1988. Bob is a physician and Janet works in the office of the Port Townsend Women's Clinic. Their three sons are now young men, the youngest graduating from high school this year. Their hobbies include traveling, hiking and rowing.

Ashby (Abby) Pamplin

Abby is new to Port Townsend, but has been a UU since 1990 when she joined the UU congregation of Fairfax, Virginia. She's a retired fundraiser and grant administrator for the nursery and landscape industry. Abby enjoys gardening, politics, reading, collecting, and hiking with her standard poodle.

Sharon L. Railey

Born in West Virginia, Sharon lived in upstate New York for over thirty years. She moved to Port Townsend in 2006 to be in a small town, next to the water, with a terrific dance community, where people care about its animal inhabitants. Formerly the Director of the NYS Appalachian Health Program, she currently works part time as a Resource/Job Development Coordinator for Gathering Place. Sharon volunteers weekly for the animal shelter and is active in the local dance community. Formerly a Methodist and Baptist, Sharon says QUUF feels like home.

Beth and Doug Ross

Beth, Doug and their daughter **Cassie** (10) have lived in Port Townsend for two and a half years. Beth is originally from Wisconsin, Doug from California, and Cassie was born in Colorado where the family lived for 11 years. As a family, they enjoy skiing, hiking, cycling, sailing, crabbing, and (oh yes) Beth and Cassie love horses. Beth is a "recovering" attorney and Doug sells textiles.

Jim Watson-Gove

Jim retired after 35 years as a telecommunications engineer for a small press publisher, Minotaur Press. A poet and abstract painter, Jim's work is sold at Waterfront Gallery in Port Angeles. He hosts a weekly open mike show on Mondays at Lehani's Coffee House.

Cris and Steve Wilson

Cris and Steve lived, worked and raised their two sons in Fairbanks, Alaska. After the wars in the Balkans, they worked at the International School of Belgrade during the period of rebuilding. Since moving to Port Townsend in 2005, Steve is a volunteer Red Cross instructor and Cris works part time at the Port Townsend library. They recently built a home in North Beach and are looking forward to greater involvement in the community.

DO YOU LIKE COLLEGE STUDENTS?

The U of W is offering an alternative spring break experience to their Health Care students. This is an undergraduate program at the Seattle campus. The idea is to send interested undergrads to clinics to shadow health care professionals over Spring Break. At this time, 6 students are signed up at Jefferson Health Care. They need a place to sleep! The ideal is to have them close to JHC but that is not necessary as some will come with their own wheels. The best arrangement would be for a minimum of two students per house, hosted from Mar. 24 to Mar. 28. They can bring sleeping bags. The gender can be arranged to suit the housing offers since both men and women will be coming. If you are interested in being a part of this alternative spring break for these young folks, call Jenifer Taylor 385 3666 or jentaylor@olympus.net.

Attend a Kick-Off Event/ Skills Training for the Death with Dignity Initiative Campaign!

Saturday, March 8th, at 1:30pm at the Quimper UU Sanctuary co-sponsored by the Quimper UU Social Action & Education Committee. Learn more about the Death with Dignity campaign sponsored by former Gov. Booth Gardner... and endorsed by the WA State UU Voices for Justice. www.itsmydecision.org

Based on the very effective Oregon law that was enacted 10 years ago, this initiative would allow terminally ill, mentally competent adult Washington residents the option to receive and self-administer life-ending medication.

It allows people of every faith to live and die according to their most personal beliefs, values, and religious ideals.

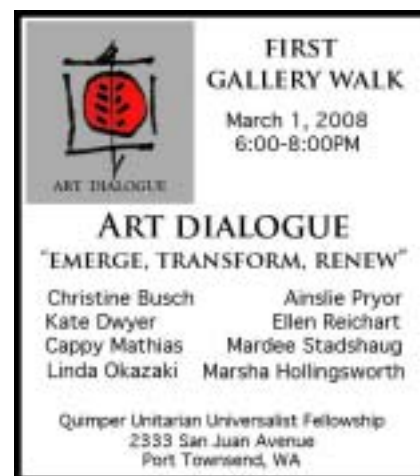
At this campaign event you will also receive training on how to collect signatures and ensure that this important initiative makes it onto the 2008 ballot.

For more information, please contact any of the following people:

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bers is build her own house. Groundbreaking will be sometime in April, probably, with the bulk of the work beginning in May. Cara has been putting in sweat equity for several years now and states she has been "thoroughly enjoying meeting and being humbled by the absolutely phenomenal group of volunteers and staff who work so diligently to support these projects." She has picked out her house plan and is now daydreaming about colors and accessories, yard plantings and furnishings.

Cara has been a member of QUUF for a number of years and attends with her 10 year old son, Calvin. She is an assistant land use planner for Jefferson County and has been working to complete her BS in Social Sciences from WSU, taking a break from that this year in order to put her attention toward this house. I'd encourage you to read her story on her blog (<http://buildingdreams2008.blogspot.com/>) as she describes her struggles managing as a single parent. She states, "This house ... will be the last piece of the puzzle falling

into place for my family. The last of the things that I worried about being able to provide for my family."

Habitat will host a group of "Caravaners" in June who will work intensively on the house for 10 days. QUUF will join other churches in hosting them by providing breakfast and lunch on 1 or 2 days during their visit. Volunteer needs take many forms - on site construction, painting, clean-up, providing snacks or lunch for workers; HFH also uses volunteers in their office and in their store. They would really love to have experienced construction people who would be willing to share the job of on-site supervision for even a few days a year. But workers of all abilities are welcomed. Not just welcomed. Very much needed!

Please let Diane Bommer know if you would be willing to help with a task force whose job it will be to keep our congregation informed about this project and to help with the project. Stay tuned for more on this subject.