

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

May 2008

May Sunday Services

May 4, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

“Coming of Age Service.” We have 20 youth in this year's Coming of Age Program. Each youth has spent the year with a QUUF adult mentor, working on service projects, learning about Unitarian Universalism, and writing about their beliefs. In this worship service they will be presented to the congregation and each will read their Credo Statements. They are our future. Come help us honor them. Ten will present at the 9:15 service, and ten at 11:15.

May 11, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M. (Mother's Day Sunday & Dedication of Children)

Blessing Rev. Bode. On this Mother's Day Sunday I will speak about the powerful concept of “blessing,” inviting each of us to look at our past in terms of where we received blessing or where we missed it, and to look to our future in terms of both receiving and giving blessing.

May 18, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Beyond Denial or Despair Guest Speaker: Kurt Hoelting. Kurt will be guest speaker at both the 9:15 & 11:15 services, then will offer a two-hour contemplative program in the afternoon from 2:30-4:30 PM. His sermon will explore how the resources of faith can offer a third way through the great challenges of our time that doesn't default to the emotional impasse of denial or despair. He will share insights from his current explorations of his home region, reflecting on how this journey has renewed his experience of hope and resilience, even as he faces more squarely the daunting implications of climate change.

Kurt's afternoon program, titled “The Power of Presence,” will build on the themes of his morning sermon, offering poetry, contemplative practice and group dialogue as tools for opening new ground in our shared journey toward hope in these troubled times. This program will be by donation only.

Kurt Hoelting is a wilderness guide, commercial fisherman and contemplative teacher. At the start of 2008 he took a vow to go car-free for an entire year, and stay within a 60-mile radius of his home on Whidbey Island, as a personal response to the challenge of global warming. A life-long resident of Puget Sound, he has embarked on a series of explorations of the Puget Sound Basin on foot, by bicycle and kayak to rediscover his roots, while at the same time dramatically reducing his own carbon footprint.

May 25, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M. (Memorial Day Sunday)

The Ache of Memory Rev. Bode. On this Memorial Day Sunday, as we honor and remember those departed from us, my sermon will begin with a reflection on these lines from a poem by Robert Frost:

Only be it understood,
It shall be no trespassing
If I come again some spring
In the grey disguise of years,
Seeking ache of memory here.

At a Glance Special Events:

May 23-26, Memorial Day weekend, FELLOWSHIP FAMILY CAMP!! See page 5

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Vision



My wife pointed out a picture to me in this morning's PDN (Friday, April 18). The picture shows two gray-haired men, each with a white cane in one of their hands and their other hand touching the side of a van parked on a street in front of some houses. One of the men, the one with dark glasses, is standing upright and appears to be confidently pointing out something to the other man, an individual blindfolded and somewhat hunched over gingerly probing the pavement with his white cane.

It turns out this is a photo of me and Lynn Gressley, president of DASH (Disability Awareness Starts Here). And what the PDN photographer had captured on film was part of an event sponsored by DASH. Julie Duke from QUUF invited me to be part of this event, an exercise in which persons without disabilities are given an opportunity to take on a disability for a few hours in the company of those for whom such a disability was part of their lives. In my case, I was guided by a person who was completely blind, who could not even visually distinguish being light and dark (as I could even with blindfold on and eyes closed).

And what immediately struck me about this picture is how different this photographic view was from what was previously in my mind. For I clearly remember this event. I remember the two of us coming across some kind of vehicle alongside a road, and I remember Lynn explaining to me that this was probably a van, and to be alert for protruding mirrors on such vehicles. But at the time this occurred, I really had no idea what kind of vehicle I was touching, or any sense of what the posture of my companion was. To add this photo to my mental image of the occasion completely changed my mental sense of the event – "Oh, that's what happened there!" And what also struck me, of course, was that my guide, Lynn Gressley, would never be able to add this photographic image to his mental sense of the event.

So this was the most singular thing that came out of this exercise – an increased awareness of how there can be such different mental images of the same event. In another case, for example, I thought I was twisting and turning through what felt like a maze, only to discover, with blindfold off, that it was a long, straight corridor.

But something else also came through from this experience, namely, that even with very different mental experiences of events, a great deal of delightful communication can take place. So, for example, when someone kindly turned a light on for us as we entered a bathroom, it brought a good laugh. And to be in the presence of such a guide as Lynn Gressley – what a marvelous experience! Julie Duke tells me he puts computers together for her.

Bruce Bode April 18, 2008

Office Offerings

"Love is the weaver, the threads are living folk". This quote by Raymond Baughan makes me think of the beautiful tapestry we weave when we join together as a fellowship. I think love is also a by-product of the joining of hands and hearts, which we do so well at QUUF. In doing so, we make our mark by leaving something beautiful behind.

Would you like to "join hands in the tapestry" by helping out this summer in the office? There could be a week or two, or maybe just a day or two here and there, when I would need some fill-ins while I'm away. Office closes at 3 p.m.--easy duty.

Thank you to the Wednesday office volunteers for helping in general, and for their assistance in getting the Newsletter ready to mail: Flossie Bode, Donna Logan and Mona Stefflre and to the final assembly by Mona again, and Helen Oakland.

Music Notes



Coffee House a delightful success!

The annual QUUF Coffee House on Saturday, April 12th was a wonderful, moving and joyous event.

Thanks to Marj Iuro and Carolyn Salmon for organizing it, and thanks to the following performers who contributed to the program: Gunther Dohse, Lee Goldhammer, Deb Hammond, Evan Millman, Gary Nelson, and Selah Martha and her swingin' back up singers. You won't want to miss Coffee House 2009!

Designated Offerings

Designated offerings on the second and fourth Sundays of each month have allowed QUUF to touch many facets of our community. Recipients have expressed their appreciation for our help in carrying out their goals. In May we will have the opportunity to support two worthy causes: Habitat for Humanity on May 11 and ECHHO, Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization, on May 25.

Most of us are familiar with the excellent work that Habitat does in our community and around the country in making possible the dream of home ownership for families. The families commit to many hours of "sweat equity" and meet other stringent requirements. Joined with volunteers, the families participate in building their home. Port Townsend Habitat has built several homes and is beginning another very soon. Our support will be timely and helpful.

ECHHO is an organization that works in partnership with community organizations and volunteers to provide equipment, transportation, chores, and support service. It assists elderly and disabled people and those with limited incomes to live independently. One QUUF volunteer was called upon to use his truck to deliver fire wood for heating a home.

The Designated Offering Committee appreciates the support and enthusiasm of the congregation, and welcomes suggestions and feedback. Members for the current church year are Pam Daly, David Bommer, Sue Estes, Rod Mitchell, Jan Forrest, and Gayle Kaune.

OTHER MEETINGS (irregular ones not listed)

Personnel Committee	1st Tues.	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Building & Grounds	2 nd Thurs.	4:30 p.m. R.E. 2
Membership / Hosp. Comm.	4th 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

May 2	Coming Of Age dinner and over-night
May 4	COA worship service
May 11	Child Dedication
May 23-26	QUUF Fellowship Family Camp
June 1	Bridging of 4 high school seniors
June 8	RE Year Ends
June 8	Annual Meeting
Summer RE	June 15 - Aug 31 10:00

OWL (Our Whole Lives) sexuality program will be offered in the fall. 5th/6th and 7-9th grade will both begin in September. Children and youth currently registered in RE will receive a letter with dates and times. 5th/6th grade classes will be held Friday afternoons or Sunday mornings. 7-9th grade classes will be Monday nights.

Coming of Age and Bridging

Rites of Passage are an important element of religious communities. This spring we celebrate 2 such events. **May 4th** we celebrate the completion of the Coming of Age Program for 20 youth and their mentors. Come hear what our young people have to say about their beliefs. **June 1st** we will present 4 high school seniors who have been a part of QUUF. We honor them as they move from being youth to becoming young adults.

Child Dedication May 11th.

In November and May we offer an opportunity for families with young children to be part of a Child Dedication. The ceremony honors the role of the parents and calls on the religious community's help in nurturing the children. Sign up with Kathy or Bruce if you want to participate. It is generally for children under age 8.

QUUF Fellowship Family Camp!!!! Now is the time to sign up. See information on page 5.

YRUU

YRUU (Young Religious UUs)

A highlight for this year's YRUU group was a service project in April that took them to a farm outside Chehalis that was devastated by the flooding last December. The group received this email from their hosts:

"I was so honored and humbled by the generosity you and your group provided during our recent snow storm in Meskill/Dryad. You did soooo much for us. I can't remember the last time I laughed and smiled since the flood, except for the times it was easier than crying. It was a very special day. Thank you again for all your help and caring. "

Thank you to Colin, Lisa, Bri, Phoebe, Laurel and Celeste.

The advisors purchased a "Media Literacy" kit from Adbusters Magazine and look forward to engaging the group with the activities. We hope to have great turnouts on our remaining Sunday evenings.

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 * April appreciation and thank you notes go to *
 * Kate Dwyer, Lavonne Snel, Susan *
 * Petrenchak, and Donna Logan *
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 * 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. *
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Green Sanctuary

Donna Logan honored as EcoHero!

Donna was selected as the EcoHero of the year by the Green Sanctuary Committee for her tireless efforts as the self-proclaimed "Kitchen Witch". She and her team have made an enormous contribution to our general consciousness and actions, ranging from recycling to use of cloth napkins. On Earth Day Sunday she was renamed the Green Kitchen Queen.

Challenge of 100 Surpassed!

At latest count, over 112 adults and children have signed on to take at least one more action to reduce our impact on the planet this year. Our goal was 100 by Earth Day. Thanks, and if you need more ideas, check the info at the back of the Sanctuary.

Question: How Much Fun Can Fit into One Survey?

A recent survey indicated that 97% of all Unitarians *love* taking surveys—especially ones that are easy to take and “probe the depths.” The other 3% are curiously undecided.

This is good news for QUUF, because a thought-provoking Congregational Survey will be sent to all Members and Friends by early May. The survey will ask your thoughts and opinions on all aspects of church life, Sunday services, our minister, religious education, Adult Learning Programs, and social justice concerns.

This survey, which is called for by our “Covenant on Ministry,” is part of a larger effort to learn what attracts people to our fellowship, what keeps them participating, and whether or not they are happy with what they find at QUUF. By understanding what people want when they engage with QUUF, we can make better decisions about how to shape the ministry we provide. Your answers will be completely confidential.

So when that envelope arrives in your mailbox—stamped with the bright red word “IMPORTANT”—take a moment to appreciate its

heft. You would do well to ask, “How much fun *can* Unitarian survey makers fit into one envelope?” There is only one way to find out...

The Committee on Ministry thanks you in advance for your timely participation, looks forward to reading your anonymous responses, and then reporting back to the congregation after the data have been analyzed.

Joseph Bednarik Chair, Committee on Ministry.

Greening Kitchen

Dear Kitchen Witch,
I've found much of your eco information helpful.
Can you tell us more about yourself?
Your sister,
Glenda

thought you'd never ask -

- Earth Ministry has renamed me **Queen**, but I still answer to KW.
 - LaVaughn Snel has passed the Sunday Coffee Hour torch to KW.
 - **Cloth napkin use grows** thanks to 37 volunteers this fiscal year.
 - Also, some members have begun **borrowing for home use**.
- There's a check out sheet on the Kitchen bulletin board.
- Recently we had a **green Pledge Dinner**, attributed to dinner volunteers and all table organizers.
 - **Organic sugar** (No GMO beets) in the little brown packets has recently been purchased from the Equal Exchange, Interfaith Program in addition to our organic, fair trade coffee. Presently Equal Exchange tea and Choice teas are cheaper when on sale at The Food Co-op.
 - Coming up this summer - another **Eco Party** for lunch with a sign-up for specific foods such as blue berries from Farmers Market. Moving on from the successful napkin campaign, we'll also be presenting a new project, cloth bags for place settings at picnics and potlucks.

Glenda, I AM willing to trade my green apron for your ruby slippers, temporarily only.

From the Board

Notice of Congregational Discussion (May 4) and Vote (May 18), 2008

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

PLEASE JOIN US!

Discussion: Sunday May 4, 2008 at 12:45 p.m.

Congregational Vote: Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 12:45 p.m.

(both meetings follow the second service).

Two Important Events: Now that we have completed the design, obtained cost estimates for our new building and finished this year's combined Stewardship and Capital Campaigns, we can gauge what we can afford to build. Come to the May 4 discussion to hear all of the details of the building and how it will be funded. Come again on May 18 to vote on whether to move forward to groundbreaking and beyond.

The Vote: To fund (via a mortgage, capital gifts and other vehicles) and proceed with the building expansion designed to our Program Document specifications. The question to be voted upon will be presented at the May 4 and May 18 meetings, once the results of the Stewardship and Supplemental Capital Campaigns have been analyzed.

Attendance: We need a quorum of 30% of the membership in order to hold this vote, so please plan to be there. *As this is an extremely important vote, we are hoping for an attendance level much higher than 30%.*

Proxy Voting: If you cannot attend but wish to vote, proxy forms and instructions will be available in the back of the sanctuary. Note that proxy votes do not count toward the 30% quorum.

Notice of Annual Meeting June 8, 2008 (at 12:45 p.m. following the second service)

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The Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Correction and Approval of the minutes of the June 7, 2007 Annual Meeting, the October 21, 2007 Congregational Meeting, and the May 18, 2008 Congregational Meeting
- Elections: (Board Nominees: 3-year terms: David Ditzler, David Hundhausen, Marilyn Mitchell and Rob Roose (completing the 2 years remaining on a vacated term); Special Funds Nominees (3-year terms): Deborah Carroll, Don Dybeck; and Nominating Committee Nominees Diane Bommer (1 Year), Carrie Muellner (1 year) Helen Kolff (2 years), Joanna Sanders (2 years)
- Treasurer's Report and Approval of Annual Budget (John Collins)
- Unfinished Business
- Special Updates from the Building Steering Committee, Building Design and Construction and Volunteer Coordinating Committees
- New Business
- Election Results
- Adjournment

(Committee, President, Minister and DRE Reports are in the Annual Meeting booklet)

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Special Funds Committee

Start a Charitable Gift Annuity Now for the Best Rate of Return

The American Council on Gift Annuities is lowering interest rates for charitable gift annuities established after June 30, 2008. If you have been thinking about a Charitable Gift Annuity with the UUA, now is the time to get started, to lock in the current higher rate.

A Gift Annuity is a contract under which a charity, in return for a transfer of cash, marketable securities or other assets, agrees to pay a fixed amount of money to one or two individuals, for their lifetime. The contributed property (the gift), given irrevocably, becomes a part of the charity's assets, and the payments are a general obligation of the charity.

Gift annuities are simple to put into place. You may choose to arrange a deferred gift annuity which will secure the current rate and give you options about when you would like to start receiving annuity payments.

The UUA's Umbrella Giving Program enables you to designate your gift annuity beneficiaries as QUUF, other Unitarian Universalist entities, the UUA or a combination of these up to 100%, all managed at no cost to you. To learn more about charitable gift annuities and other gift planning options, please contact the Office of Legacy Gifts at giftplans@uua.org or by phone at 888-792-5885. Also, check out the online resource library that includes digital brochures and flyers: <http://www.uua.org/giving/plannedgifts/100780.shtml>.



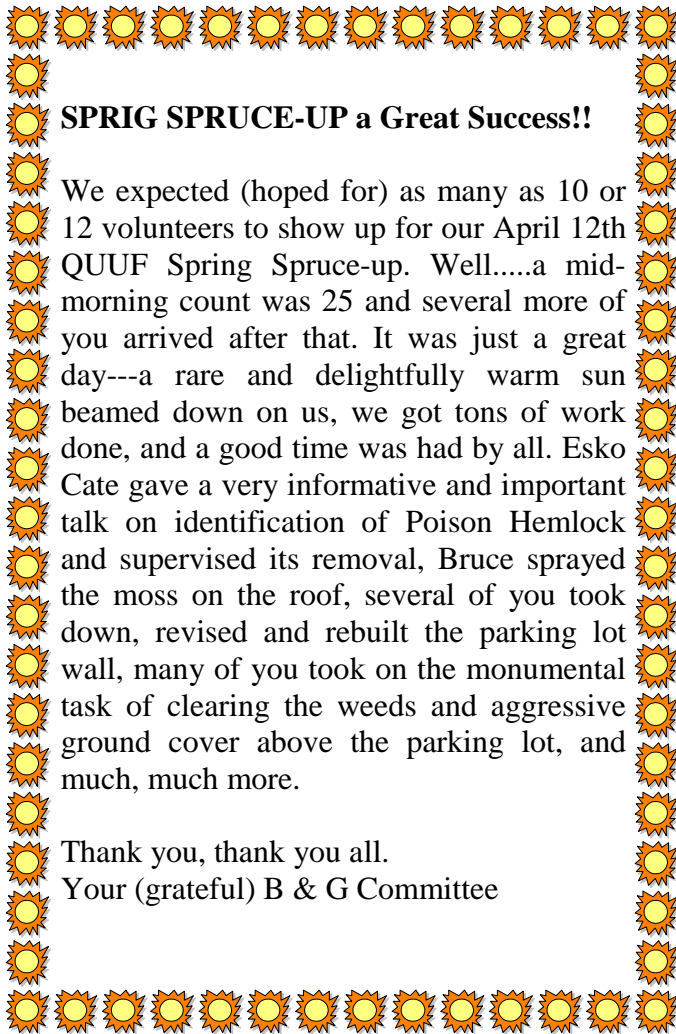
SAEC

April 27th was a very exciting day for QUUF member Cara Leckenby and her son Calvin! That was the day of the groundbreaking ceremony for their new home that is to be built this summer by Habitat for Humanity volunteers. Cara has been working on this house since fall of 2005 by putting in "sweat equity," choosing just the right house plan, and visualizing colors, accessories, and yard plantings. The Social Action and Education Committee invites you to join in this excitement by volunteering to help with the work of building and/or supporting those working at the building site (mainly by feeding them!). On Sunday, May 11th, during both services, we will "introduce" Cara and Calvin - not that they need introductions, they have been coming to QUUF for years, Cara is one of our RE teachers - and you will have the opportunity to sign up to help. Following the services, there will also be a chance to talk with them and to ask representatives from Habitat any questions you may have about that organization. I invite you to visit Cara's blog to learn more, <http://buildingdreams2008.blogspot.com>.

Membership Matters

Sunday, May 11, Invitations and other forms are due if you wish to join the fellowship this spring. The spring orientation program is occurring now; if you wish to attend any of these Wednesday meetings, check with the office.) If you attended a previous orientation or have met with Rev. Bruce Bode and return the forms by May 11, you may also sign the membership book on May 18 with other joining members. New members will be entitled to vote at the annual meeting on June 8 provided they attend the congregational meeting on May 4 or meet with a board or other person. This is in order to be an informed voter.

The next orientation program is in October and November. Please refer questions to the office or a membership committee person.



SPRIG SPRUCE-UP a Great Success!!

We expected (hoped for) as many as 10 or 12 volunteers to show up for our April 12th QUUF Spring Spruce-up. Well.....a mid-morning count was 25 and several more of you arrived after that. It was just a great day---a rare and delightfully warm sun beamed down on us, we got tons of work done, and a good time was had by all. Esko Cate gave a very informative and important talk on identification of Poison Hemlock and supervised its removal, Bruce sprayed the moss on the roof, several of you took down, revised and rebuilt the parking lot wall, many of you took on the monumental task of clearing the weeds and aggressive ground cover above the parking lot, and much, much more.

Thank you, thank you all.
Your (grateful) B & G Committee

A-HA!'s Successful First Meeting

A-HA! (Agnostics, Humanists, Atheists) had 51 people attend their first meeting. A social time and potluck dinner preceded the discussion of the topic, "Since I'm Human Does That Make Me a Humanist?" The hour long discussion did not lack for participation! After a many-hands-clean-up, we locked the doors at 7:30.

The next meeting is **Sunday, May 4, 5:00 PM** in the QUUF sanctuary. True to the shared value of *individual responsibility*, Marcia Lewton, a participant in A-HA!, will present the discussion topic "External Reality". A short essay on this topic can be found in the book What We Believe But Cannot Prove edited by John Brockman (page 103-4).

Growth News

Sunday, May 18 is the big day. We will vote at a congregational meeting on that day to authorize construction of our proposed new building and to approve a mortgage that will provide part of the funding. A quorum will be needed for this vote, so plan to attend. If this is not possible, give your proxy to someone else. Proxies do not count for the quorum, however, so show up if at all possible. If you attend the early service, come back at 12:30 for the meeting.

It's looking good. Pledges are coming in, both to cover mortgage payments in the future and to finance the building. Mortgage interest rates are down enough to help us. After all the doom and gloom of the "vanishing church", brighter times are here. It looks as though we will be able to build most (and maybe all) of what we want.

An explanation and discussion of this news will occur on **Sunday, May 4** after the second service. Be sure to attend if you possibly can.

Maitland Hardyman has finished constructing a model of the new building, which will be on display soon.

Volunteers will be needed this summer, between July 19 and August 3, to move trees, plants, stones, the fountain and the shed in order to make room for the new building.

Marcia Lewton

Stewardship Committee

Thank you all for stepping forward and meeting the multiple challenges of this year's dual campaign. We don't have the final figures but the numbers are looking very, very good. You will get a full report on Sunday, May 4 at 12:00 in the sanctuary. Plan to attend.

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DO WELL BY DOING GOOD
Estate Planning for You, Your Family and
Your Community
Port Townsend Marine Science Center

Thursday, May 22, 2008, 5 – 7 p.m.
Natural History Exhibit at Fort Worden State Park
Please drop by early (at 4:30) for refreshments.

Learn how to make an estate plan that will benefit you, your loved ones, and the organizations you support. You will learn what to include in your will, how to avoid probate, and about several different giving options. Your estate plan can also be an important lasting legacy for the non-profit organization (s) of your choice, after you have provided for your family and friends.

Bob and Cynthia Knudson's daughter Janna and husband Simon and baby Django are in PT now in a short term rental and are looking for a PT rental starting in June. They are non-smokers and have a gentle litter trained cat. Please call 626-482-0330 or 626-975-6829 or e-mail jannamarit@earthlink.net.

A Celebration of Song!

presented by

Linda Bach, soprano, and Nancy Grunewald, mezzo-soprano with
Helen Lauritzen, pianist
Sunday, May 11th, 3:00 p.m.

QUUF

\$10.00 at the door

Airs and duets from Bach to Mozart to Puccini and
Tchaikowsky, and more