

# Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

September 2008

## September Sunday Services

### **September 7, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.**

*A Time to Build*

Rev. Bode.

This is “Opening Sunday” of the 2008-2009 church year, a year in which we look forward to our long-anticipated building project. My sermon will look at what we are building and why we are building.

### **September 14, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.**

*Trying to live an authentic life – reflections of an anti-war activist in a time of endless war*

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Toni Vincent. Our guest in the pulpit this Sunday is a writer who splits her time between San Francisco and Port Townsend. Rev. Vincent, a graduate of Starr King Theological School, has been a Unitarian Universalist minister since 1986. She was ordained in the Church for the Fellowship of Peoples (Howard Thurman's church) and has been an anti-war activist since the Korean war.

### **September 21, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.**

*Who are We? Differing Identities*

Rev. Bode & QUUF members. This is the first in a 4-part fall sermon series looking at who we are as a congregation, the aim being to explore the range of living experience of those who make up the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Each week, following my introduction of the week's theme, three or four members of our congregation will tell a part of their life's story: What's my life like? How have I chosen to live? How have I needed to live? What makes sense to me?

In this first week of the series, three congregational members – Collin Brown, Celeste Dybeck, Selah Martha – will talk about an important part of their identity that may not be outwardly obvious.

### **September 28, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.**

*Who are We? In Our Stages of Life*

Rev. Bode & QUUF members. This the second in a 4-part fall sermon series looking at who we are as a congregation, the aim being to explore the range of the living experience of those who make up the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Four persons of differing ages will share what life is like for them at this stage in their living.

### **At a Glance Special Events:**

**September 7** Church picnic at HJ Carroll Park (4-7)

**September 27** Rummage Sale

October 24th through 26th **4<sup>th</sup> Annual QUUF Men's Retreat**

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## The Start of a Very Special Year



I hope the summer has treated you well and you find yourself looking forward to a new church year. "Opening Sunday" is held on Sunday, September 7, with two services at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. – I will be speaking under the title, "A Time to Build" – followed by an all-congregation picnic from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at H. J. Carroll Park in Chimacum.

But before I get too far into the new year, let me express my appreciation to the summer speakers from our congregation – Laurence Cole, Gayle Kaune, Jack Salmon, David Hundhausen, Robin Ditzler, Fred Weinmann, Joseph Bednarik – as well as to those who assisted them in these services. Each of the services were thoughtfully prepared and engagingly presented. I've listened to each of these services on audio-tape and found them delightful, both individually and as a group in terms of the range of themes. In addition to the audio-tapes, printed versions of several of these sermons are available – or soon will be – on our website (quuf.org) under SERMONS.

Speaking of sermons: I've been working with congregational member Collin Brown on a fall sermon series intended to explore the diversity of our congregation. The idea is to look at who we presently are as a congregation even while we are physically building for the future. Thus, the fall sermon series this year will be titled, "Who Are We?" On each of four successive Sundays, beginning on September 21, three or four persons in our Fellowship will be invited to tell a part of their life's story. The themes are these:

September 21: "Who Are We? Differing Identities"  
September 28: "Who Are We? In Our Stages of Life"  
October 5: "Who Are We? As Families"  
October 12: "Who Are We? Spiritual Paths"

If you haven't had a chance to see or sign-up for the fall line-up of ALPs (Adult Learning Programs), be sure you do so soon. The ALPs Committee, chaired by Rod Mitchell, has picked up where last year's Committee, so ably chaired by Jim Oakland, has left off. They've put together an outstanding set of classes.

So welcome to a new church year. Even more than usual it's hard to imagine what QUUF will be like when next September comes around. Let's pay attention to these precious days that lie before us!

Bruce A. Bode, August 22, 2008

# Office Offerings

If you planted a garden this summer, hopefully the time for harvest has come--that delightful moment when all your planning and hard work pays off. Those luscious red tomatos explode with flavor in your mouth and the velvet dahlias nod in the breeze. The time for gathering has come....food, flowers and people.

Welcome back to a brand new church year; like your garden it is rich with potential and provides a place to grow.

Would you like to help in the office? It is really nice to have a list of people who can come in to substitute when needed. It's easy work, and you get to sit in the "hug of action". A HUGE THANK YOU to my former, returning and new helpers: Donna Logan, Flossie Bode, Mona Stef-fle, Susan Pratt, Nancy Richards, Sue Estes, Bill Harju, Anne Bishop, and Jeanne Murphy.

## Washington State UU Voices for Justice: Your Advocate in the Legislature

**Join us!** Visit our redesigned website at [www.uu-voiceswa.org](http://www.uu-voiceswa.org). You will find information about WA UU Voices, how you and your congregation can become members, and how you can volunteer. Work with other Washington UUs as we engage with vital political and social issues. Questions? Contact WA UU Voices' coordinator, Carol McKinley, (360) 786-8074 or [coordinator@uuvoiceswa.org](mailto:coordinator@uuvoiceswa.org)

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### **November 20, 2008. WA State UU Voices Legis-lative Conference, 10am - 3 pm, Olympia WA**
































































Representatives from Washington congregations will build WA UU Voices' issues legislative agenda for the 2009-2010 biennium. Attend the conference and learn about the issues, speak for yours, and be inspired to do justice work in the WA State Legisla-ture when it opens January 12, 2009.

# Music Notes



The Choir is Back!

Come Sing with Us. The QUUF Choir welcomes more singers, all parts. No, you don't have to be able to sight read music, we will teach you. The schedule allows plenty of rehearsal time before each piece is performed. The choir sings both ser-vices every other Sunday and rehearses every Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Call Marj Iuro at 379-6623 or email [mniuro@gmail.com](mailto:mniuro@gmail.com).

-                For our July and August Sunday services,
-  many beautiful and unusual arrangements 
-  have graced our sanctuary. We would 
-  like to thank the following contributors: 
-  Linda Little 
-  Robin & David Ditzler 
-  Andy Driscoll 
-  Nancy Richards 
-  Holly Mayshark 
-  Jackie Barr 
-  **Green Sanctuary Committee** 
-  Jeannette Richoux 
-  Lee Maxwell 
-  Clara Klug 
-  September through October 5 the Green 
-  Sanctuary Committee will present ar- 
-  rangements of local produce to culminate 
-  in our Harvest Festival on Friday, Octo- 
-  ber 10. If you would like to add to these, 
-  call Jeannette Richoux at 379-4895. 
-  Thereafter, if you would like to contribute 
-  flowers, plants, art pieces or artistic ar- 
-  rangements and/or have a special occa- 
-  sion to celebrate or commemorate, please 
-  contact Nancy Richards at 385-2797 or 
-  Julie Duke at 385-4771. 

## Children & Youth Religious Education

**DRE Kathy Stevenson [kstevenson@olympus.net](mailto:kstevenson@olympus.net)**

### RE Calendar

Sept 7	Opening Sunday 9:15 & 11:15
Sept 7	Church picnic at HJ Carroll Park (4-7)
Sept 9	RE Committee meeting
Sept 11	5/6th OWL Parent meeting
Sept 14	YRUU 6-8pm
Sept 19	5/6th OWL begins
Sept 22	OWL parent meeting
Sept 26-28	MS Con on Vashon Island, register by Sept 10th
Sept 27	Rummage Sale
Sept 29	7-9 OWL begins
Oct 10	Harvest Party

WELCOME to a new beginning: 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 2008-09 church year. Robert Doss writes, "We should not hesitate to help our children see that what they learn here is Unitarian Universalism, and that our effort in the direction of liberal religion is born of a deep commitment to life. Through worship, and through learning and through relationships with others, it is the love of life we are doing our best to help along."

RE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS continue with enthusiasm and expertise. We welcome Tracy Thompson as our new RE Assistant. She is looking forward to serving the congregation. Stephanie Anderson continues as Youth Coordinator, with Celeste Archambault and Nils Pedersen as Advi-

sors. They are looking for an additional Advisor for the team. Speak to Kathy if you are interested or have someone to suggest. We have 17 volunteer teachers, 5 RE committee members (need 2 more), 5 OWL facilitators and several people already signed up to assist. It takes all of us to create this intergenerational community.

YRUU (Young Religious UUs 9-12th grade) Greetings to new and returning youth. The first get-together is Sunday Sept 14th from 6-8pm. We will cook up some food and get to know each other better. As always, you are welcome to bring a friend. If it didn't fit your schedule or interest last year, give it another try; there is lots of enthusiasm for this year's group. We want one more advisor, so be thinking of who you might like to join us.

CLASS GROUPINGS are made each year according to age, numbers of children and room availability.

#### 9:15

Under 3 & preschoolers (no curriculum)  
Treasure Hunters (K-2nd)  
Wisdom Seekers (3-5th)  
MSY (6th-8th)

#### 11:15

Under 3  
Chalice Children (Preschool)  
Treasure Hunters (K-2nd) 3rd okay

Please return your registration forms as soon as possible.

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) will be held for 5th/6th and 7-9th graders. If you have a child this age and have not received the information contact Kathy immediately. They begin in September.

CURRICULUM focus this fall is UU Identity. Most classes will explore the 6 Sources of Unitarian Universalism. We encourage families to set aside a table or shelf that can be used as an altar or worship table. The children will be bringing home items that represent the Sources, and the spiritual aspect will be enhanced if there is a special location for them.

## QUUF Events

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual QUUF Men's Retreat October 24th through 26th

Attention ALL Men of QUUF.

Please reserve Friday, October 24th through Sunday, the 26th for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual QUUF Men's Retreat. The retreat will return to beautiful Camp David Jr. on Lake Crescent.

I particularly encourage the new members to join us as this is an excellent opportunity to meet the men in our fellowship. This is done by our participants helping out with meal preparation, meal cleanup and participating or hosting different activities. Please step forward and tell us what activity you would like to lead. In the past we have had events such as knot tying, golf driving lessons, cribbage tournament, hiking, origami, poetry reading, harmonica lesson, to mention a few.

I agreed to honcho this weekend and help manage the food. Al Thompson will be organizing the different activities.

The cost of the weekend, including meals, is \$50.00. There will be more information coming in early Sept. when I get back in town.

See you all soon,  
Carl Nomura

### Rummage Sale September 27th

Just a reminder, keep in mind that we are going to have a QUUF Rummage Sale on **September 27th** and we will need your donations. Last year we could have used a few more donations to make it a bigger success so we're counting on you. No computers, electronics, or clothes please.

### Into the Mountains!

A small group of us went backpacking this summer. We walked from the car to Camp Handy which is 3.4 miles with only an 800 ft gain in elevation. At 3250 ft, we could have a campfire. We camped there for two nights, beside the Dungeness River. On the intervening day, we hiked up to Boulder Shelter at 5000 ft and then on to Marmot Pass at 6000 ft. That last leg was hot, being out in the open much of the way. The trip was great with perfect weather and few bugs or people.

We consider ourselves casual, walking geezers, carrying as little as possible, including, however, a natural history book. Car camping is an option also. We are planning another backpacking trip in September, probably to Royal Basin. Again, we would take two days so walking would not be strenuous. There are some nice camping spots on Royal Creek, part way up to the Basin. We might have to do three days so we could spend a day on top, near Royal Lake, which should be swimmable. If you are interested in knowing when this hike is going to occur, or when others are planned, send me your email address or call [jentaylor@olympus.net](mailto:jentaylor@olympus.net) 385-3666

### Friendship Supper September 20

On the third Saturday evening, a small group of us will gather to share good food, interesting conversation and usually considerable laughter. These dinners are a great way to get to know others who come to the Fellowship. Informal potluck, with the host usually supplying the main dish. Jenifer Taylor has volunteered to host, if no one else wants to. Email or call her to reserve your place at the table. [jentaylor@olympus.net](mailto:jentaylor@olympus.net) 385-3666

### Ongoing Activities:

The knitting group which meets **every Tuesday afternoon from 3-5**. Learners are welcome. For more information and location, phone Nancy Shipley 385-9024 or Nancy Richards 385-2797.

The singles breakfast group meets **every Thursday morning at 8:30 am** at the Light House Café on Water Street. For more information, phone Nancy Shipley 385-9024 or Lars Watson 385-5577.

## ALPs (Adult Learning Programs) FAI 2008

ALPS fall schedule: If you have not already received an ALPS fall schedule pick one up from Nancy or from the ALPS mail box in the office. We have a wonderful array of potential classes.

- Jung 101 – an introduction to the language and basic concepts of classical Jungian thought facilitated by Ron Strange (September 8)
- Theater Appreciation – pre- and post-play discussions of three area plays (Working at Key City Public Theater, Macbeth at Bainbridge, and Blithe Spirit at Bremerton) lead by retired theater associate professor David Hundhausen (September 16)
- Wood Art – six sessions in the studio or shop of various local wood artisans (September 16)
- Menu for the Future – the newest Northwest Earth Institute course focusing on how the food decisions we make impact our planet (September 22)
- Working Toward Peace – a discussion of issues relating to peace and justice led by retired professors of political science, Jack & Carolyn Salmon (October 2)
- Astronomy – utilizing Prof. Alex Pilipenko's course on Understanding the Universe (November 9)
- Build your own Theology – a systematic, disciplined, and communal approach to the process of building a new theology from the residue of the old. Facilitated by Bruce Bode, two sessions (Sept 23 and Sept 26)
- Just Good Books – New monthly reading group led by Carolyn Salmon and Kathy Francis. (Sept. 29)

### Everyone is invited to join the A-HA!

(Agnostics, Humanists, Atheists) Group who will gather in the sanctuary for a potluck dinner and discussion Sunday, September 21 and again Sunday, October 5. Meetings for the 2008/9 QUUF year are monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. Come at 4:30 PM to help set up, after which we socialize and enjoy the dinner contributions. BYOB plus your own table service to minimize clean up activities. Coffee/tea provided. At 6:00 we begin the brief presentation and extended discussion, after which we clean up together and lock the door sometime before 7:30.

Jack Salmon will be presenting the topic “Reversing Arms Races” on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Is a behavioral approach toward Arms Races possible? Such a theory has been developed by Charles Osgood, a distinguished psychologist and communications scholar. Could this be an answer to tensions between Israel and its neighbors? Pakistan and India? North and South Korea?

Hope to see you. Contact Judy Tough 385-3065 for questions.

### Decision maker?

There will be many opportunities to make decisions in the next year or so about the new building. We will consider new chairs, carpet runners, bulletin boards, art work (inside and outside) as well as where things might be located. If you have a hidden interior designer in you, an interest in the beauty of our new space and/or an interest in researching some of these activities call the aesthetics chair person Jackie Barr 385-3657. Our meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month 10 AM in the RE building. We'd love to see you.

## Money Matters

Each fiscal year, which runs from July 1 through June 30, the Fellowship contributes to the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Annual Program Fund (APF) and pays Pacific Northwest District (PNWD) dues.

Although these are voluntary contributions, the amount QUUF pays each fiscal year is based on rates suggested by UUA and PNWD. These expenditures are included in the annual operating budget, which is approved each spring. As QUUF membership grows, the amount expended to the APF and PNWD also increases.

The Fellowship recently received a letter of appreciation from UUA for contributing our full Fair Share to the APF during the 2007/2008 fiscal year. The full Fair Share amount expended for the last fiscal year was \$13,176. For the 2008/2009 fiscal year, QUUF will contribute a full Fair Share of \$14,336, which was based on \$56 per Fellowship member. QUUF also pays annual dues to the Pacific Northwest District (PNWD). For the previous fiscal year, QUUF paid \$4,880 to PNWD. For this fiscal year, \$5,376 will be paid in dues, which was based on \$21 per member.

### QUUF Religious Education Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Religious Education Program is to provide an environment that nurtures spiritual growth and opportunities for religious discovery through teaching and modeling our seven Unitarian Universalist Principles.

## Designated Offerings

The new church year presents even more opportunities for QUUF to support the important work that community organizations do. Two offerings are planned for September.

With school opening for the fall, we are reminded of the great gift that public education gives us all. Yet dedicated teachers must make do with inadequate budgets. The **Port Townsend Education Foundation** offers grants to individual teachers to accomplish goals in every area of the curriculum. They have impacted hundreds of children in the first year with special projects and purchases ranging from theater arts and science materials to yoga mats and cameras. Our first designated offering will go to PTEF on September 14.

On September 28 we will send our offering to COAST, which plans to open the shelter at the American Legion Hall this winter for the third year. A new electric heater has been purchased specifically for this purpose, with the hope of reducing heating expenses dramatically. Our offering is needed to help complete the installation and hook-up of the heater in time for the cold weather.

As always, the committee appreciates the support of the congregation, and welcomes suggestions for recipients. Contact Pam Daly (chair) with your ideas or concerns.

**The newsletter deadline is usually the 22nd of any given month.**

**The deadline for the October newsletter is September 22nd**

## From the Board

As we enter the height of the election cycle, please keep in mind that QUUF is not a political organization, and that we have members who hold a wide range of political stances. Please abide by the policy adopted by the Board in March 2004. Do not campaign on church property or speak on behalf of the congregation. Here is the policy (in our Operations Manual):

### POLICY ON TAKING A STAND ON CONTROVERSIAL PUBLIC ISSUES

1. The congregation may take a stand or position on a controversial public issue in either of two ways:
  - A. The board, as elected representatives of the congregation, may approve it by a two-thirds majority vote, or
  - B. The board or 10% of the voting members may call a special congregational meeting where members may approve it by a simple majority of those voting. Once a position has been taken, the QUUF name may be used publicly to endorse the position. A QUUF banner may be carried at events relevant to the issue.

Without approval by one of these means, no individual or group may speak for QUUF as a whole. As a non-profit organization, QUUF may not take a position endorsing political candidates.
2. Committee members may vote among themselves to take a committee position on an issue. If a two-thirds majority of committee members agree on the position taken, they may publicize this position as "The XXX Committee of QUUF ....." and the committee's QUUF banner may be carried at public events related to the issue. A committee of the church may not take a position endorsing a political candidate.
3. Because of its non-profit (church) status forbidding the endorsement of political candidates, QUUF may not allow political campaigning or political rallies on church property. Candidates and/or political groups may use the building for meetings.

Betty Oppenheimer, Board President

## Greening Kitchen

**Dear Kitchen Witch,**

What's the big fuss about **plastic bags**? What about the big guys, like the cement plant in Seattle spewing CO2? Why are the little guys stuck with the inconvenience of giving up plastic bags?

Too discouraged to recycle,  
Practical citizen

Dear Practical,

Plastic bags have been practical- cheap, light weight, water tight. Here are some of the reasons they are considered by many to be a "relic of the past":

- Aesthetically offensive – "white pollution" in China, Kenya's "national flower"
- Bio-degrading takes 1000 years, prevents it in paper in landfill
- Harm to marine life-Loggerhead turtles eat what looks like jelly fish. Albatross chicks ingest and die, One million seabirds, 100,000 seals, sealions, whales, and dolphins killed by plastic each year.
- Wasted resources - 430,000 gallons of oil to produce 100 million bags
- Breeding grounds for malaria-bearing mosquitoes
- Americans throw away 100 billion plastic bags every year; 0.6% are recycled.

So it's us, the little guys who can make the essential step toward environmental care. China closed down its largest producer of thin plastic bags. So totalitarianism isn't all bad? But I don't think we want to do it that way in PT.

Scientific American

Wikinews, March 9, 2005

Natural World, BBC program by Rebecca Hosking  
Jared Blumenfeld, Director of SF Department of the Environment,

Charlie Goodyear of the Chronicle

## SAEC

Update on Cara Leckenby's house: The work on Cara's house has been progressing quickly. Interior painting and trim work are now being done and the dedication ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, September 28th. Cara says this is the most beautiful house in the world! See the pictures on the SAEC bulletin board.

How important is social justice in your life? We know that people in our congregation are involved in many jobs and volunteer activities related to social justice: Bay St. Louis; Habitat for Humanity; the Boiler Room; Big Brothers, Big Sisters; DASH; health care access; and many others. We invite everyone who believes this is important in their lives and in the life of our fellowship to participate in the social justice empowerment workshop scheduled for **October 31-November 1**. The purposes of this workshop is for members of our congregation to assess the quality of our social justice program, to consider what we are doing as an institution to create a more just and caring world, and to reflect upon what we can do as a religious community to put our faith into practice.

### WANTED

An exercycle to borrow or rent  
Call Donna 385-0164

## UU Pacific Northwest District Leadership Training

The Fall Leadership Council will present "Leading from Our Theological Center" on November 8 at University Unitarian Church in Seattle, with the Rev. Dr. Terasa Cooley, author and District Executive, UUA Massachusetts Bay District.

Cooley's program is called *Finding Balance at the Center of our Faith: I, We and Thou*. As Unitarian Universalists, prophetic, spiritual, and communal obligations can seem to pull us apart, competing with one another for our attention. What if we understood these concerns as all of a piece; what if we placed our desire for individual fulfillment, our hope for loving community, our quest for a peaceful and just world as necessary spokes around the wheel of living a life of larger purpose? How do "I" live? in the midst of personal and religious communities (Who are "We"? in a way that takes us beyond ourselves in harmony with a greater good; What is our "Thou"? These are all calls for balance in our lives and in our religion.

This training is designed for congregational board members, lay leaders and professional staff. QUUF may send as many people as we desire, all for one set price. If you would like to attend this workshop, please advise Betty Oppenheimer ([bettyo@olympus.net](mailto:bettyo@olympus.net)) by October 15, so that a congregational RSVP may be forwarded to the district.

### OTHER MEETINGS (irregular ones not listed)

Personnel Committee	1st Tues.	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Building & Grounds	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs.	4:30 p.m. R.E. 2
Membership / Hosp. Comm.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.	4 p.m. R.E. 2
R.E. Committee	3rd Tues.	7-9 p.m. R.E. 3 & 5

## Growth News

**In Plain View:** You may have noticed that things around the garden look a little different. In July the heavy lifting crew (Bill Harju, Mack Boelling, Skip McInvale, Howard Richoux, Dick Williams, along with David Dickson and his skid loader) under the direction of Al Thompson, removed part of the Louise Nomura Memorial Garden walls in preparation for the dismantling and relocation of the fountain. This project is just the beginning of a number of tasks preparing the area around the building site for the heavy machinery to move in.

While this is the earliest evidence of the upcoming improvements, it will be one of the last to be completed when the construction is finished.

As will happen all during the construction effort, goodies and coffee were provided to the workers, thanks this time to Jeanette Richoux and Barb Dyer.

**Behind the Scenes:** The Building Design Committee has been poring over and tweaking the semi-final drawings from the architect. The permit application and plans go to the city at the end of August – sounds like the city may well give final approval before the end of September.

Financial plans are firming up. The Pacific Northwest UU Growth Fund loan was approved for \$100K @ 5% amortizing over 20 years. Promissory notes from members total \$160K, and an application for a \$300K mortgage has been submitted to Kitsap Bank.

The public hearing with the city folks went smoothly with no complaints from neighbors and the Conditional Use Permit was granted.

Details of the contract with WallyWorks are being fine-tuned.

**Furrowed Brow:** The sub-contractor bids are coming in to WallyWorks. As of this writing we do not have firm costs in hand, but this information will be available very soon. It is becoming

evident that we will have to find creative ways to cut costs. Trade-offs will be required, some of them painful, nothing so drastic as choosing between a roof and a floor, but we may have to choose between flooring and skylights in the bathrooms as an example. We will not be able to afford everything we desire, and this should be kept in mind when we feel a tantrum coming on. The final numbers are expected in mid-September. At that point, representatives from the building committees will be sorting out the hard decisions and building the final construction budget and preparing to sign the contracts with Malcolm and with the bank!

**The Big Question:** If all goes as expected, we are planning the ground breaking for October - stay tuned for further news.

## Membership

### Fall Orientation

As we gather this fall, the membership committee is planning an orientation series of three Wednesday evenings, **October 29, and November 5 and 12**. Anyone wanting to know more about Unitarian Universalism and this church is invited. Come to ask questions, and to participate in discussion with the minister and some long-time members. Attending an orientation is important--but not required--if you are interested in becoming a member.

If you are new to Quimper Fellowship we urge you to attend the orientations. But meanwhile do consider taking an ALPS (adult learning) class and/or joining a covenant group. These small groups meet in homes two times a month from October to May. Sign-ups for these will be later in September.

More information and an orientation sign-up sheet will be available soon at the greeter table. You may also call the office (379-0609) or membership chair Barbara Dyer (379-0353).

**Jeannette Earhart Lewis**  
**January 15, 1912 – August 8, 2008**

At our Sunday service on August 10, I lit a candle in honor of Jeannette Earhart Lewis. It was she and her husband Richard Earhart who put an advertisement in the local paper in 1976 inquiring if there were any Unitarian Universalists in the area that might like to meet. Those who responded met for ten years every other Sunday afternoon in the Earhart living room in Port Hadlock before moving to the community center in Chimacum.

In 1996, thirteen years after Richard's death, Jeannette married Jim Lewis. For health reasons – Jim's Alzheimer's – they moved to Pennsylvania to be near Jeannette's family. Jeannette, however, continued to remember the congregation she had co-founded. The large chalice that graces the front of our sanctuary was her gift to the Fellowship at the time of its building. It's a copy of one she liked in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in York where she attended. Jeannette was also interested in our current building project and has supported it financially at long distance, including requesting that any memorial funds go to our building fund.

In speaking with her daughter, Jola Shoff, I learned that Jeannette's death was as one might wish it could be. On the evening preceding her death, she and her two daughters had dinner at a fine local restaurant. The next day she quietly returned to the source land.

A memorial service celebrating her life was held at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York on Wednesday, August 13, with their minister the Rev. Robert F. Renjilian officiating. If you would like to write to the family, you may address your message to Jola Shoff, 936 Old Commons Road, Windsor, PN 17366.

Below are excerpts from the obituary that appeared in the York Daily Record following her death.

Jeannette P. (Proudfoot) Earhart Lewis, 96, of the Village at Sprenkle Drive, died Friday afternoon, August 8, 2008, at her home. She was the wife of Richard Earhart, who died May 12, 1983, and James Lewis, who died September 19, 1998.

Jeannette was born January 15, 1912, in East Cleveland, Ohio. She was the daughter of the late James L. and Ada Ola (Ambrose) Proudfoot. She was a faithful member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York and along with her late husband, Richard, she co-founded the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Port Townsend, Wash. She was a loving homemaker who, because of relocation with her husband's career, found herself residing in Ohio, Washington State, Oregon, and Pennsylvania. She volunteered with various organizations in every community in which she lived. She was truly loved and will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Jeannette is survived by her two daughters, Jola Shoff and husband, Bernell of Windsor, and Sharon Earhart Smith and husband, Dale of Casa Grande, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Ian Shoff, Melody Gotwalt, John Shoff, Krysten Biehn, and Jonathan Cahall; seven great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a dear friend, Jacque Meeker of York. She was preceded in death by her sister, Phyllis Smith. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2333 San Juan Ave., Port Townsend, WA 98368.

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