



QUIMPER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

A WELCOMING
CONGREGATION

Green Sanctuary

July/August 2010

JULY/AUGUST SERVICES 10AM

July 4 • *“Believe in Your Dreams”*— *Jeanne Murphy*

Through story and song, Jeanne will share her lifelong love affair with singing. Jeanne has been a member of QUUF for three years. She enjoys being an involved and active member of our Fellowship. After retiring, she traveled for four years. She settled in the Pacific Northwest in 2005. Before retiring, she had a private psychotherapy practice in Newport Beach, California for 18 years. She is a certified Bioenergetics Analyst and Psychodrama trainer and director. Her work has always focused on the mind/body connection towards healing. She credits singing as an integral part of her own healing process.

July 11 • *“A Service of Song”* — *Mona Warner*

This special music service will feature songs written, played (guitar and banjo), and sung by Mona Warner — songs that children will also enjoy. An elementary school teacher for 30 years, Mona has directed the children’s choir at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Portland for the past 25 years, as well as led numerous services in UU congregations in Portland. She sings in the Chamber Choir of the First UU Church in Portland and is friends with former QUUFers from the Portland area: Barb and Mack Boelling, Linda and Karl Bach, and Marla Streater. She is in Port Townsend this week participating in the American Fiddle Tunes program at Centrum, and helping with the children’s program there.

July 18 • *“Amazing Grace: An Agnostic’s Experience”* — *Joyce Francis*

Joyce was raised in a Presbyterian church in Kansas but slowly evolved toward agnosticism. In her 20s, she lived and taught abroad for several years, then returned to the U.S. to study then teach international relations at several universities. She and her husband Nils became Unitarians about a decade ago, joining the River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bethesda, MD. They moved to Quimper Peninsula in 2008 and promptly joined QUUF, where Joyce found a new career as chief painter.

July 25 • *“Addictions: Fall From Grace; Redemption: True North”*— *Terry Copeland*

After graduate school in the early 1970’s, Terry worked as a young captain in a federal prison in Kansas for three years before moving to Washington in 1979. After leading inpatient and outpatient programs for seriously mentally ill clients, Terry started his private practice in 1983 and has been in private practice since. In the last 28 years, Terry has evaluated over 800 felony sex offenders for the superior court system in King and Snohomish Counties. In the last five years, Terry has also evaluated over 400 individuals for bariatric weight loss surgery. In his spare time Terry cooks, plays the banjo, and dances with his wife, Chris.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 6-8
Family Camp

August 14, 6pm
*Rock ‘n Roll Dance
and BBQ*

September 5, 10am
Water Ceremony

September 12
9:15 & 11:15am
*Opening Sunday
Services*

September 12, 4pm
QUUF Picnic
HJ Carroll Park



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August 1 • *“Favorite Poem Service” – Joseph Bednarik*

Back by popular demand, this service is modeled after the successful Favorite Poem Project launched by Robert Pinsky, former U.S. Poet Laureate, and follows a simple format: A person stands before the congregation, tells why a particular poem – not their own – is important in their life, and then reads or recites the poem.

This home-grown service is part performance art, part anthology, and every Favorite Poem Service to date has been accented by laughter, tears, and audible moans. Even people who claim to not “get” poetry come away from this service as converts. Over the years, readers have ranged in age from 8 to 78 and the poetry featured has been wildly diverse in subject, form, and delivery. Poets who have been given voice include UU favorites like Mary Oliver and Rumi, as well as Ellen Bass, Ted Kooser, and Antonio Machado.

If you're interested in reading, please contact Joseph Bednarik at 379-9658 or lieslmarie526@msn.com. Preference will be given to those who have not yet participated.

August 8 • *“Is There a Purpose in Reality?” – Rev. Bode*

This sermon will explore the question and meaning of “purpose” in the overall scheme of things.

August 15 • *“Inner Work” – Rev. Bode*

A sermon on acquainting yourself with yourself.

August 22 • *“Ritual in Religion and Life” – Rev. Bode*

This sermon will explore the ritual dimension of life as it applies to religion in general and more specifically to liberal religion and our Fellowship.

August 29 • *“The Difference Between Optimism and Hope” – Rev. Bode*

Though often used interchangeably, “optimism” and “hope” are not the same. This sermon will explore the difference.

NOT MY USUAL SUNDAY MORNING

This is an unusual Sunday morning for me. Rather than being at services at QUUF, Flossie and I are in our car and on the road. We left early this morning from Bellingham (after visiting with my mother, sister, and daughter) and are heading to Minneapolis for the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association that begins this coming Tuesday evening, June 22. That meeting will be followed by the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly, June 24-27, at which QUUF members David Ditzler, Sarah Hull, Jeanne Murphy, Linda Norton, and Lloyd Westbrook will be QUUF delegates (in addition to Flossie and me).

Just now we're on Interstate 90 about fifty miles west of Moses Lake. Out the car window I see that a crop of towering white windmills has sprung up, planted on the ridges of the Columbia River Basin. I don't remember seeing these before in this area. Oh, and now I see that a number of them are not yet completed, so apparently this is a project of recent construction. I imagine that to some these windmills may be a blot on the land, but to my eyes they are an aesthetic pleasure, partially, I suppose, because of their purpose.

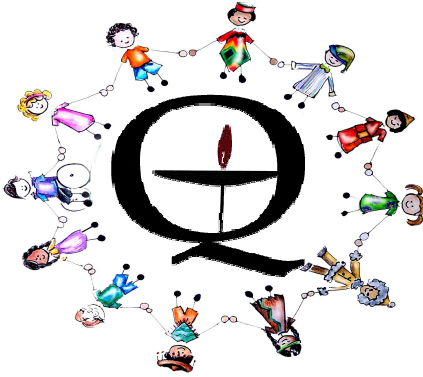
And now we have just crossed the Columbia River and are climbing out of the gorge on our way to Spokane. I've loved this magnificent river from my youth, when our family first visited Grand Coulee Dam. I've been impressed that it could carry so much water in this spacious but dry landscape. Did I say "dry"? Just now we've hit a rain squall.

I should mention that Flossie is at the wheel of the car while I'm writing my final ministerial column for the 2009-2010 church year on my little laptop keyboard, which I plan to e-mail to Candy and Deborah from a hotel somewhere in Montana later this evening. (How technology has changed from when I first began in the ministry!)

Okay, Flossie has just pulled off Interstate 90 at Moses Lake. Time for breakfast and a switch of drivers. And time to wrap up this column and take my summer break. I imagine that at QUUF now, The Right Reverend Robert Francis is making final preparations for the first of the 10am lay-led summer services. Sorry I can't be there, but I'll catch it on CD later. And I'll plan to see you all again on Sunday morning, August 8!

*Bruce A. Bode
June 20, 2010*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



- **Aug 6-8** **Family Camp**
(registration material on website)
- **Aug 14** **Rock 'n Roll Dance and BBQ**
(see elsewhere in this newsletter)
- **Sept 5** **Water Ceremony (10am)**
- **Sept 12** **Opening Sunday RE at 9:15am**
QUUF Picnic at HJ Carroll Park (4pm)

QUUF Family Camp will be held **August 6-8** at Deception Pass State Park's Cornet Bay Environmental Learning Center (ELC) on Whidbey Island. This is for QUUF members, friends, extended family members, and anyone who enjoys relaxing by the bay, playing games, hiking, getting to know others, eating good food. Did I say relaxing by the bay? This is our 3rd year hosting Family Camp, and we all have fond memories of the time together. Do you think other congregations have a minister who teaches Kick the Can to the children? And pitches to anyone who wants a turn at bat? We do.

Summer RE continues for its 12th year. Babies and toddlers are cared for by our wonderful youth. Kindergarten-5th graders enjoy worship circle, games, crafts, and conversation. Preschoolers may choose which group they prefer each morning. Middle School youth are invited to team with the adult and be the assistants. Call Kathy if you would like more information, or if you would like to lead a Sunday. Children begin in the Sanctuary as usual.

Middle School Conference 2010: September 24-26, 2010 at Camp Sealth on Vashon Island.

Join 80 other UU 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders from around the Sound as they enjoy a weekend of fun, sharing and living our UU Principles.

Sponsored by the Liberal Religious Educators Association's Puget Sound Cluster and PWND. Cost \$110, includes meals all day Saturday, breakfast & lunch Sunday, lodging, all camp activities. Transportation costs will be added when we know how many are attending. Look for registration forms in August.

Coming Up in 2010-11:

- Family Game Night!
- Chalice Journey for 3rd/4th graders!
- Coming of Age Program!
- Parent Covenant Groups!
- Many returning expert RE teachers!

*Kathy Stevenson, Religious Education Director
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ONGOING PROGRAMS

2010 ALPS SUMMER OFFERINGS

August 10, 1pm

Paradise Meadows Fora at Mt Rainier

Join us for one of the best high elevation foral displays in the West. We will meet at 1pm at the Paradise Visitor's Center in Mt Rainier National Park. The trip will be led by botanists Fred and Ann Weinmann. Most of the trail is paved and participants can go from 1-4 miles through a magnificent alpine floral display depending on your inclination. You will also be able to view the Nisqually Glacier up close and personal. Your viewing partners will include alpine marmots. After the excursion, we will collect at the lodge for a drink and field trip debrief. This will be followed by dinner at the lodge.

It will take four hours one way to drive from Port Townsend to Paradise. It is suggested that you make arrangements to stay at the Lodge, in one of the B&B's in Ashford, or camp. Some may wish to go the night before, others may stay the night of the 10th. There will be a sign up sheet at the ALPS table in the Fellowship Hall for the arrangement of carpools.

JUST GOOD BOOKS

Do you read in the summer time? We do, too — and then we talk about the books. Just Good Books will meet on July 26 and August 30 at 7pm in RE 2.

This might be a good time to try out the book club. No obligation. We will read the following books:

July: "The Winter Vault" by Anne Michaels

August: "The Gone Away World" by Nick Harkaway

September: "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese

FRIENDSHIP SUPPERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

These dinners will happen if you want them! July 17 and August 21 are the dates, being the 3rd Saturday of the month. There should be a purple clipboard in the Fellowship Hall on a table with signup sheets attached if you want to reserve a spot.

These potluck dinners are small gatherings of people interested in QUUF who want to become acquainted with other such folks, although we sometimes have neighbors, relatives, and friends. The host gets to determine the number of people who attend (usually 6-8), but there aren't any rules. At this point we are looking for both guests and hosts for these two months.

The food is always delicious; the conversation varies from the personal to the global to the ridiculous. Sometimes the jokes are priceless. These gatherings are a great, low-intensity way to get to know others in the Fellowship. Sign up or call Jenifer Taylor at 360-385-3666 or jentaylor@olympus.net

OLDIES BUT GOODIES ROCK & ROLL DANCE AND POTLUCK

Saturday, August 14, 6pm

Performers: Our star rock 'n roller returns once again from So. Ca., Mr. Dean Donin singing and playing the guitar, and our Backup Band with the fantastic Evan Millman on the piano, renowned Al Thompson on Sax, ever wonderful Lee Goldhammer on Bass, dynamic Carol 'Woody' on drums, Rockin' Ray Parsons on guitar & singing, marvelous Marj luro and other surprise guests! Rehearsals begin soon. Those of you hiding in the closet or "in the shower" singers can join us by calling Lee or Janelle at 379-9217.

This year we're having a potluck with suggested food categories. If your last name begins with A-G, please bring an appetizer, salad, or side dish. If your last name begins with H-R, please bring a main dish. If your last name begins with S-Z, please bring a dessert. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Since we don't have our great new dishwasher yet, plan to bring your own table service.

NEW SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

If you are a parent of an adult child who has problems, you might be interested in joining a group of QUUFers who are in a similar situation. Sometimes it is easier to talk to folks who share you basic values than to professionals who are strangers. Call Jenifer Taylor at 385-3666 or jentaylor@olympus.net if you would like to be put on the list.

THE ELDERS ARE RISING UP!

A group of our members who have been around a long time, either in QUUF and/or life, are organizing to develop a program that interests them. A preliminary meeting was held in April and a planning session on June 25. If you didn't get called and would like to know more about what this group is doing, call Carol Graves at 379-3299.

A-HA! SUMMER SCHEDULE

Summer A-HA! (Atheists, Humanists, and Agnostics) will meet twice in July — on Sunday evenings July 11 and July 25, from 6-7:30pm in Rooms 2 and 3 of the RE Building. Mark your calendars!

On July 11, David Beatty will lead a discussion on "Life Ascending." On July 25, Noel Criscuola will start us off with "Why We Should Be Atheists!"

There will be no potluck during the summer.

All are welcome to attend A-HA! If you have questions, contact Marcia Lewton at 385-4560 or mlewtton@olympus.net.

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

This column has to be delivered to the editor by the 22nd of each month. General Assembly in Minneapolis isn't over until the 27th of the month, so by the time you read this column, UU business there will have been argued over, debated on, and voted upon. We will know whether the Resolution to Boycott GA in Phoenix in 2012 was adopted or whether the vote reflected the result of our own survey at the QUUF Annual Meeting. That result was not to boycott, but rather to stand in public witness with fellow UU's in Arizona at GA in 2012. I'd like to share a footnote to that. I announced the survey result at the Sunday Service the week following. A guest that day was a member of a UU congregation in Arizona, and she asked for a copy of the text of our survey. I sent it to her and got this response.

"I so appreciate your sending me this email! I have forwarded it to our crew at Valley UU Congregation in Chandler. All four Phoenix area UU congregations are working in concert to try to keep GA in Arizona in 2012 and make it a real witness event. All of the state of Arizona UU professionals (ministers, music directors and RE directors from all over the state) are also working hard to keep GA in Arizona. The march on May 29th was an amazing event and we had more than 50 UU ministers from around the country, but also about 450 mostly local UUs (a big bus from San Diego, too) marching. We had the largest religious presence in the march, which was estimated at from 35,000 to 50,000 people. Although I understand the desire to boy-

cott, I really do think that a genuine witness is much more effective. And the truth is "todos somos Arizona," as now 18 states have passed or are voting on immigration restrictions that are very similar to, or even worse than, ours."

General Assembly will also have adopted a new Congregational Study Action Issue (CASI) to be studied, discussed, and researched over the next few months in congregations across the country. Feedback to UUA is used to craft a UUA Statement of Conscience to be adopted (or not) before a future GA. Last year it was "Ethical Eating" and our Green Sanctuary Committee took that up and did a great job with it. We will be asking members to create a QUUF task force to tackle the new CASI when we know what it is. QUUF'ers have the ability and the drive to make a mindful and valuable contribution to our National UUA family.

Our Delegates to GA have already expressed a desire to report back to members on their experiences in Minneapolis, so we will be setting something up to do this. In addition, we're hoping to hold a forum to have further dialogue on Arizona SB 1070 and how we may show our support for our Unitarian Universalist compadres in Arizona.

July Googlet: *Costa Rica disbanded its Army in 1949 and never missed it.*

*Sheila Lauder
Chair, Denominational Affairs Committee*

UUSC

UUSC Freedom Summer: A Civil Rights Journey Georgia and Alabama, July 10-17

Join UUSC for one week that could change your whole life! The 2010 Freedom Summer: A Civil Rights Journey — an inspiring, intergenerational experience — will take you to sites of significance in the U.S. civil-rights movement.

Participants will travel by bus from Atlanta, Ga., to the historic cities of Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Ala. There, you will meet and hear directly from some of the courageous people who worked to

desegregate schools, register new voters, and bring an end to racial discrimination in the United States. Freedom Summer will bring together youth and adults from all over the country. Come see where history was made, hear the stories of those who were there to witness it, and learn about the progressive, nonviolent organizing techniques used by civil-rights activists and how they are still being used today.

For more information or to download a flyer or application, please visit our website at <http://www.uusc.org/content/freedom-summer-civil-rights-journey-2010>.

BULLETIN BOARD

FURNISHED HOUSE FOR RENT

Furnished 3-br house for rent, December or January through May. In town, near QUUF, walking distance everywhere. No smoking, no pets. \$850 + elec. Call Lara or Lorna Wheeler, 360.379.2402.

CARES AND CONCERNS COMMITTEE

We are in the beginning stages of an expanded Cares and Concerns Committee. Carol Graves is joining Julie Duke as co-chair. Carol will be the primary contact for congregants who need support. This could include hospital visit, meals, rides, a lis-

tening ear, etc. Carol will be in contact with Bruce while he is away. Carol and Julie will communicate about providing services using those of you who have volunteered to help in these areas. Carol's phone numbers are 379-3299 and 643-0276.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

UU Ministry for Earth joins its voice to the many Unitarian Universalists, environmental groups, aid organizations and others who are horrified and concerned about the disaster unfolding in the Gulf from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. We encourage

our members and congregations to commit to actions that will provide assistance to those who are and will be injured by the spill and to efforts to lessen the environmental consequences of the disaster. **Read more about responses to the spill and steps you can take at www.uuministryforearth.org.**

THE GREENING KITCHEN

KITCHEN CARE IS EARTH CARE!

Dear Kitchen Witch,

When I attended my last committee meeting, our chair acquainted us with the Kitchen Care Committee's new checklist. I got the READ, OBSERVE, SIGN OUT for every kitchen user, but 14 areas to check seemed excessive!

Simplicity

Dear Simplicity,

Thanks for remembering the new checklist. For a simple approach, I suggest :

1. What you get out, put away.
2. What you mess up, clean up .
3. Store pre-event labeled food, not post-event. .

Appreciating you and a tidy kitchen,
Kitchen Witch and KCC

New Dishwasher and Coffee Machine Training – August

Among the first trainees will be KCC members and Building Hosts. All others welcome – especially coffee volunteers.

Watch for specific times and dates!
Kitchen Care Committee

FROM THE OFFICE

Gratitude: Thank you to the continually amazing office volunteers who were particularly helpful in those crazy weeks of June and the church year-end! Heartfelt thanks to **Mona Steffire, Alice King, Flossie Bode, and Lisa Crosby** for your hard work getting out bulletins, the newsletter, and the Annual Report, in addition to answering telephones and all the other ways you support the QUUF office.

Parking Courtesy: QUUF wants to be a good neighbor! Please do not block our neighbors' driveways when parking for church events on 22nd or 24th Streets. Also, please do not park in the bike lane on San Juan Avenue. The PT Police will ticket cars parked in the bike lane on San Juan Ave.

Summer Office Hours are in effect June 15 through August 27. Tuesday through Friday, 11am to 2pm. The office will be closed July 19-30.

THANK YOU!

Our thanks for the wonderful flower arrangements we have enjoyed in June. Appreciation goes to:
Nancy Shipley – in memory of Dick (flowers arranged by Brenda Wagner)
Susan & Dan Petrenchak – for their 54th wedding anniversary
Phyllis Waldenberg
Jeannette Richoux

You can sign up to bring an arrangement in the "Flowers" notebook in the Fellowship Hall and note the commemoration you would like to have in the Order of Service, or call Nancy Richards 385-2797. All of us enjoy the lovely blossoms you share with us!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 21st Intertribal Canoe Journey will land at Fort Worden in Port Townsend on July 14. The Journey provides an opportunity for tribal youth to reconnect with their history and culture in a drug and alcohol free environment. They also connect with their elders and many other tribes. Although most tribes who participate are from the Northwest, canoes from as far away as the Aleutian Islands and Hawaii have participated in the past. PT is one of the only non-tribal landing sites. How can we make sure that Port Townsend is a welcoming community for this important annual event? You can help by contributing volunteer time, or with cash or in-kind contributions. Volunteer tasks include working on the parking crew, helping to serve the evening meal, or cleaning up the campground after the event. We are also looking for contributions of fruit, cookies, or brownies to serve to the pullers at the canoe landing. Tax deductible cash contributions are also welcome and can be made to Port Townsend Quaker Meeting. Please indicate Canoe Journey in the subject line. To volunteer or contribute, please contact Carla Main at mainwest@yahoo.com or 344-4163. Thank you!

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