

NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY
JANUARY 7, 2007 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.
ORDER OF SERVICE

“Bess Kingman wasn’t interested in trying to improve anybody. Crippled by arthritis and other ailments she didn’t even want to think about, she had plenty of time to reflect upon the futility of such endeavors. Despite the continual commercial touting of the notion that a person can make herself into whatever she wants, Bess knew a few important things: 1) You don’t get to choose who you are. 2) You don’t get to choose who your *parents* are. 3) Already packaged in genetic material, you’re dumped into a culture not of your choosing. 4) Things happen to you, not of your choosing. 5) By the time you’re old enough to make any improvements, a lot of things are already set. 6) Changes are made at great cost. 7) The choices you have are modest. 8) Being who you are is a lifetime task.”

(Marcia Lewton, Hello, Gorgeous, p. 206)

*** Gathering Song** “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In” (#361)

Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

*** Call to Worship**

*** Lighting the Chalice** (in unison)

We are travelers. We meet for a moment in this sacred place to love, to share, to serve.
Let us use compassion, curiosity, reverence, and respect while seeking our truths. In this way we will support a just and joyful community, and this moment shall endure.

*** Musical Response** (Sung by the congregation – #1017)

+++++Latecomers may be seated+++++

Responsive Reading

MINISTER: On this first day of the new calendar year, we gather in our sanctuary to prepare our hearts and minds for the year before us.

CONGREGATION: We do not know what lies ahead of us in this coming year.

MINISTER: There may be challenges we have never had to face before.

CONGREGATION: There may be griefs we have never had to bear before.

MINISTER: There may be kindnesses we have never received before.

CONGREGATION: There may be joys we have never glimpsed before.

MINISTER: What lies ahead of us in this coming year belongs to the unknown.

CONGREGATION: But we have stood before the unknown in previous years and we have found our way.

MINISTER: And, now, with anticipation and wonder, fear and humility, once more we stand before the unknown, trusting that again we will find our way.

CONGREGATION: We depend upon strength and courage that may be more than we now know.

MINISTER: We depend upon resources from hidden springs to arouse and sustain us.

CONGREGATION: And we depend upon each other, for we do not walk alone in this great quest.

MINISTER: We walk together into this new year, strengthening, supporting, encouraging, and caring for each other.

CONGREGATION: One and all we commit ourselves to the unknown, seeking, searching, and ever enlarging the goodness of life and being.

*** Hymn #51**

“Lady of the Seasons’ Laughter”

H.O.P.E. Offering

Singing Out the Children

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Congregational Announcements

Offering & Offertory

Joys and Sorrows

Meditative Reading, Period of Silence, Musical Response

Reading

Special Music

Sermon

“Eight Considerations in Re-making Yourself”

* Closing Hymn #17

“Every Night and Every Morn”

* Spoken Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice

* Closing Song

“Shalom Havayreem!” (#400)

Shalom, havayreem! Shalom, havayreem! Shalom, shalom!
L’hitraot, l’hitraot, shalom, shalom.

* Please rise as willing and able

Hearing assistance devices are available to the left of the sanctuary door as you enter the building.

Tapes of Sunday Services can be ordered in the back of the sanctuary to the left of the front door (\$3). **Print** versions can be made from our website, www.quuf.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week’s Service, January 14, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. Guest Speaker: Bernard Meyer. Topic: “Become the change you wish to see in the world -- Mahatma Gandhi” Over the past five years Mr. Meyer has immersed himself in Gandhi's life experiences and teachings. He was called the "American Gandhi" while visiting India and portraying Gandhi by invitation in 2005. Mr. Meyer's portrayal of Gandhi conveys messages of human dignity and non-violence and brings Gandhi's thoughts to our present time. Martin Luther King, Jr. based his nonviolent civil rights movement on Gandhi's model and considered him a great teacher and world citizen. Through stories of his life, we will experience the persona that was Gandhi.

Mr. Meyer has undergraduate degrees in philosophy and history, and graduate degrees in theology, social change, and urban studies. He has a varied background working with homeless and addressing health and community issues in urban and rural settings in several states.

Everyone is invited to participate in the second and last of the **Building Task Force oral presentations and discussions on Monday, January 8, starting at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.** At this time the **Kitchen, Aesthetics and Furnishing, Worship/Music, and Acoustics/Technical Task Forces** will be presenting their reports, with time for questions and discussions after each. Earlier on December 18 the other five task forces made their presentations: Youth RE, Adult RE, Landscaping, Library, and Building Green.

The work of these task forces, and the discussion following their presentations, will be used by the Building Committee and Building Steering Committee in preparing the detailed guidelines to our architect, Richard Berg, for his design work which will come before the entire congregation for approval.

The QUUF Service and Stuff auction, QUID PRO QUO (something for something) will take place on **Saturday, January 27, 2007 at 6 p.m.** at the Jefferson county Fairgrounds. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes a great dinner. Food, drink and merriment are all included.

We need your donations of services and/or stuff to make the evening a success. Be creative and have fun with your donations... art, music lessons, dinner or your favorite book for example. You can find green donation forms in the back of the sanctuary on a clipboard. Completed forms can also be left on the clipboard. Expect a phone call from one of our acquisition callers. The auction is a fun way to replenish our QUUF general fund and to add to the new building fund.

Friendship Supper: food and love—what more is there??! Jan. 20th in people homes. Sign up with Jenifer Taylor.

The **Science and Religion discussion group** will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Discussion will be on chapters 7 and 8 of Daniel Dennett's book "Breaking The Spell". Contact Jim Tough at 385-3065 or tough@olympus.net for details. All interested welcome.

All-Congregation Stewardship Celebration Dinner. Friday, March 23, Erickson Building at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

QUUF will be hosting their second week in the **Church Hosting for the Homeless Program** from January 7-13. Volunteers provide food, fellowship, and night monitoring for homeless persons at the American Legion Hall in downtown PT. If you would like to be a part of this and haven't yet signed up, please contact Joyce O'Neal at joyjoy@olypen.com or David Ditzler at dditzler@aol.com, 437-0792.

Annual YRUU Polar Bear Plunge Sunday the 28th! Ft. Worden Kitchen Shelter, 1pm following the 2nd service. We've bumped the date up because the water was just way too balmy in mid-February! Oh, and 90% of YRUU youth will be in Bay St Louis in Feb, anyway. Don't miss YRUU's main Fund Raiser of the year. Proceeds help with Con scholarships, special outings, van rentals and other YRUU functions. YRUU has also made donations to local causes, and we'll be doing so again this year. Keep an eye out for our vibrant youth following both services on the 21st and 28th- Suggested donations are: \$5 to the knees; \$10 to the neck; \$20 all the way underwater. Bonfire to follow!!!

Interested in becoming a member at QUUF or in learning more about this congregation and the Unitarian Universalist approach in religion? The Membership Committee is planning a one-day **Newcomer Orientation** on **Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Rev. Bode will lead a discussion of religious philosophy and representatives from the Board, Finance, Music, and Religious Education will also attend. A delicious lunch will be served. Childcare upon request. Please sign-up at the back of the sanctuary. Questions? Call Barb Dyer at 379-0353.

If you wish to support the education of our children with the **Operating and Maintenance Levy for the PT Schools** on February 6th, please publicly endorse the levy with your name in the paper. **Signature sheets are available in the back of the sanctuary.** This critical levy provides 20% of district funds and requires a 60% YES vote!

**"AN EVENING WITH ROBERT FULGHUM"
Saturday, February 3, 2007, 7:00 P.M., Wheeler Theatre**

Our Sunday Services Committee is selling advance tickets today for an appearance by Robert Fulghum (guest in the pulpit Sunday, Feb. 4). His performance the evening before, Feb. 3, will be at the Wheeler Theatre. Tickets (advance, \$5; at the door if still available, \$8) and

more info are available at the back of the sanctuary today, at our office, or at Quimper Sound.

WINTER ALPS CLASSES TO BEGIN THIS WEEK!

Brochures for upcoming winter ALPS classes are available at the back of the sanctuary. Sign-up sheets are at the clipboard rack. Titles, times, and facilitators of classes as follows:

“Darwinian Evolution,” Fred Weinmann, Thursdays, Jan 11-Feb. 1, 7-9 p.m.

“Healthy Children, Healthy Planet,” Helen Kolff, Thursdays, Jan. 18-Mar. 15, 7-9 p.m.

“The Poetry of Emily Dickinson,” Bruce Bode, Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., and Fridays, Feb. 2-Mar. 30, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

“Intentional Communities: Condos, CoHousing, EcoVillages and Communes,” Kees Kolff, Tuesdays, Feb. 6-27, 7-9 p.m.

“Our American Roots: A History of Unitarians and Universalists in America,” Jan Forrest, bi-weekly Sats., Feb. 3-Mar. 31, 2-3:30 p.m.

“Brain and Mind,” Jim Oakland, Weds., Feb 7-Mar. 14, 5-7 p.m.

“At The Root of This Longing: Reconciling a Spiritual Hunger and a Feminist Thirst,” Robin Stemen, Thurs., Feb. 8-22, 7-9 p.m.

WHEEL OF LIFE

Henry Redkey, a pillar of QUUF, died at his home this past Wednesday afternoon, January 3, at the age of 99. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, January 27, at 1 p.m. in our sanctuary.

Andy Driscoll had a second successful knee replacement surgery this past Tuesday, Jan. 2 – the first knee was replaced in early November – and was already back at home this past Thursday.

THIS MONTH’S DESIGNATED OFFERINGS

January 14 – Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. We will collect Guest At Your Table boxes and checks as part of this offering. Any donation to UUSC of \$75 or more is matched by Shelter Rock Congregation in New York.

January 28 – Northwind Arts Alliance, dedicated to supporting, educating, and encouraging all the arts – visual, literary, music and dance – in our community. In addition to the many activities they currently sponsor, they are developing an Arts to Elders Project that will take the arts to elder facilities in the community.

FOUND: There are a few items in the office that want to go home: two fluffy scarves--one red, one blue, navy polar fleece gloves, child’s silver bracelet, “Widex” computer (?) chip, and clothing in R.E.