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# UUNews



## June 2010 Sunday Services

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| <p><b>Sunday<br/>June 6<br/>11:00 am</b></p>   | <p><b>Rev. Heather Starr: “From A Distance: Why We Need Immigration Reform Now”:</b> Last weekend, concerned people from around the country gathered in Arizona to advocate for Comprehensive Immigration Reform, in response to the contentious Senate Bill 1070 being written into law there. Why is it particularly important that we give our attention to the immigration issue now? <i>Join us in welcoming our newest members during the service today.</i></p>                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>Saturday<br/>June 12<br/>4:00 pm</b></p> | <p><b>Annual Cave Service with Rev. Heather Starr with Larry &amp; Rachel Baker: “Finding Our Balance”:</b> Join the fun and adventure of this annual cave service at Boyd Cave. We will ponder the importance of finding our balance at all times of year—between light and dark, activity and rest, joy and sorrow. See within the newsletter for directions and further details.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Sunday<br/>June 13<br/>11:00 am</b></p>  | <p><b>Rev. Heather Starr: “Time Off the Wheel”:</b> “Sabbath time,” writes Wayne Muller, “is time off the wheel, time we take our hand from the plow and let God and the earth care for things, while we drink, if only for a few moments, from the fountain of rest and delight.” What arises when we step back, when we slow down the busyness of our lives to listen, observe, and surrender?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>Sunday<br/>June 20<br/>11:00 am</b></p>  | <p><b>Discussion Sunday with Tom Wykes: June topic: “What Torture’s Taught Me” (from a lecture by William F. Schultz):</b> (See inside newsletter for details.)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>Sunday<br/>June 27<br/>11:00 am</b></p>  | <p><b>UUFco member Debby Lynn: "The Spiritual Journey and Concepts of God, Spirit, and Mystery":</b> Using her own experience of the twists and turns of spiritual journey, Debby will share how our concepts of the divine can change as our life's story is written. What brings these changes about? How do we embrace this exciting and difficult journey? How do we navigate those times of transformation within ourselves and with others? <i>The June Greater Community Collection recipient is the Unitarian Universalist Association, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year.</i></p> |

### Saturday, June 5, 8:30 - 4:30, UUFco Annual Yard Sale

Please donate your household  
 We need household goods,  
 equipment, books, CDs, DVDs, toys,  
 (but no clothes, please). If you  
 drop them off at the Old Stone



treasures to UUFco's annual Yard Sale.  
 accessories, furnishings, tools, sports  
 games—anything you're willing to part with  
 can, please affix prices to your items and  
 Church parking lot between 7:00 & 7:30 am  
 shift throughout the day. Can you help?

on Saturday, June 5. If you need help, someone can pick up your items. Volunteers are needed to come early and help set up tables and merchandise. Also, volunteers are needed to work a 2-hour

Please contact Kathy Day ([uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908).

| Sunday                                                                                                                                       | Monday                     | Tuesday                            | Wednesday                                                                     | Thursday | Friday                          | Saturday                           |
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| 30<br>11am - Service @ Old Stone                                                                                                             | 31                         | 1<br>5:45pm - Choir Practice @ Old | 2<br>5pm - OOS Deadline                                                       | 3        | 4                               | 5<br>8:30am - UUFCO YARD SALE      |
| 6<br>11am - Service @ Old Stone<br>11:15am - New Member<br>12:30pm - Calendar Meeting<br>12:45pm - RE Committee<br>5pm - Youth Group (14-20) | 7<br>6pm - Adult Religious | 8                                  | 9<br>1pm - Walk w/Minister @<br>5pm - OOS Deadline<br>6pm - Board Meets @ Old | 10       | 11<br>1pm - Worship Committee @ | 12<br>4pm - Cave Service @ Boyd    |
| 13<br>11am - Service @ Old Stone<br>2pm - YUUIgans meet @ TBD                                                                                | 14                         | 15                                 | 16                                                                            | 17       | 18                              | 19                                 |
| 20<br>11am - Discussion @ Old<br>4:30pm - Honor Kathy Day @                                                                                  | 21                         | 22                                 | 23<br>UUA Genl Assembly, Minneapolis @ Minneapolis                            |          |                                 | 26<br>11am - Bend Pride Festival @ |
| 27<br>UUA Genl Assembly,<br>11am - Service @ Old Stone<br>1pm - Noxious Weed Pull @                                                          | 28                         | 29                                 | 30<br>3pm - Touchmark Tea @<br>5pm - OOS Deadline                             | 1        | 2                               | 3                                  |



## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

### **Metamorphosis**

This is my last letter as President of the Board. As of July 1, this position and article authorship will be in the very capable hands of Leslie Koc. As I reflect on the last 11 months with the many “almosts” and all the joys and sorrows, I am reminded why I accepted this responsibility. It is you, the members and friends of this fellowship who are now part of my extended family. You have given me the energy and desire to meet, work, dream, fret and meet some more -- all for the purpose of maintaining and extending the opportunities for us to be together and fulfilling our mission.

I will not review the past events nor list all those others who have contributed their time because you know who they are. That being said, I will tell you that I am constantly amazed by the depth of resources and energy that magically appear just when needed. We have an abundance of experts on all sorts of areas, as well as people who say “I just want to help so give me that job.” Old and new members alike, it makes no difference. I guess I’m an old member now since there are a bunch of members who have been here less time than I have. Also I know where the name tags are kept and I know the secret code for the tool box.

So as I move from the head of the table to a side seat, I thank all of you who put your trust in me. All who said, “Sure, you can do the job.” I have tried my best and I hope that you feel that it was sufficient.

My new position as immediate Past President will put me in direct contact with many of you. My new job will be to encourage and develop qualified individuals for leadership opportunities as they emerge. What does qualified mean? It means that you have a strong desire to contribute in an area that you both feel comfortable with and you believe is important. However, it isn’t necessary for you to wait to be asked. I’m happy to talk to anyone at any time about their interests and current and future UUFCCO needs.

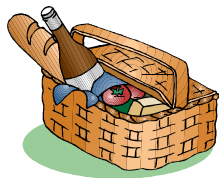
When I was about to become Vice President, I met with the incoming President to discuss my goals. I told her that one of my goals was to be able to greet at least 50% of the fellowship by name without reading a nametag. Over the last two years I’ve accomplished that goal and even exceeded it, if you allow for knowing either the first or last name as sufficient. While I’ll never reach 100%, I’m satisfied knowing just about everyone’s name. So if you catch me looking at your name tag, I’m just checking.

So, Goodbye and Hello. I’m gone, but not very far. My commitment is very strong and I’m just going down a different path. I hope to meet you along the way.

***Owen Mitz, Board President***



### **SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1 PM, UUFCCO ANNUAL PICNIC**



***Fremont Meadows picnic area in Shevlin Park. Come join in the fun! Bring a dish to share, your own beverage (alcohol OK) and table service; UUFCCO will provide water and games! A barbecue grill will be available to use. There are large picnic tables, but you might want to bring a chair to sit in the shade. Contact Chandra Smith for more information ([TravelWithChandra@gmail.com](mailto:TravelWithChandra@gmail.com) / 909-538-6905).***



## **The Discretionary Funds**

During May a contribution was made to the Religious Education Discretionary Fund “in honor of Owen Mitz’s birthday on May 15 and in recognition of his untiring and dedicated work for UUFECO.” In addition, another contribution was made to this fund “to honor and express appreciation for Director of Religious Education Rebecca Fender.”

If you would like to commemorate an anniversary, birthday, event or honor a special person by making a donation to one of the three Discretionary Funds (Religious Education, Music, Minister), please contact Administrator Kathy Day. If you wish, a letter will be sent to the appropriate Director or Minister and, if appropriate, to the person being honored, informing them of your gift (but not the amount). These funds were established to provide resources for special supplies or projects that are not available in the budget. For example, Director of Music Virlene Arnold was able to purchase new teal songbooks with donations to the Music Discretionary Fund that were made in memory of the late Frank Arnold.



## **EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 12:30-1:15 PM: FIRST ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL CALENDARING GATHERING**

Have you tried to schedule anything UUFECO-related in the past year? Did you worry about it conflicting with other things? Did you miss something because of your own travel plans, and wish that you had known about it sooner? This gathering is going to be our attempt to look ahead at the coming church year (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011) and talk through some of the major events and dates so as to avoid potential conflicts and surprises. All are welcome. Bring your calendars and a snack or sack lunch. Planners, unite!

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 4:00 PM: ANNUAL CAVE SERVICE**

*Rev. Heather Starr with Larry & Rachel Baker: “Finding Our Balance”*: Join the fun and adventure of this annual cave service at Boyd Cave. Meet at 3:30pm in the Old Stone Church parking lot to carpool. Directions to Boyd Cave: Get on China Hat Road by going South on Hwy 97; turn right on the Baker Road exit, then turn left and cross the overpass over 97. After crossing the overpass turn left back onto 97 and return toward Bend. China Hat Road will be the next right turn. Proceed on China Hat for about ten miles. Just before the pavement ends turn left and go about 200 yards and park. Things to bring: a flashlight and/or a headlamp! Hiking shoes or boots, a warm coat, perhaps a thermos of hot cocoa or tea—it’s cold down there under the ground! Don’t forget your sense of humor and reflective ponderings about being in the dark together. We will have a short service underground with some familiar components (candles, a song, a story) and experience the darkness as we head into the brightness of summer.

### **A CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF KATHY DAY**

Join us Sunday, June 20, 4:30-7:00 pm, at the home of Becky & Jim Dobrowski to honor our beloved Administrator. Kathy Day, who has been running the show behind-the-scenes, is retiring after five very busy and dedicated years. Come toast Kathy Day! RSVP to [heathermstarr@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermstarr@yahoo.com) / 541-390-6052.

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 26: BEND PRIDE FESTIVAL, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

Through the leadership of the Human Dignity Coalition, Central Oregon has held Pride Festivals now for six years and counting. In 2010 the Festival will return to the original location in McKay Park in Bend. Live music, picnicking in the grass, local and statewide vendors and a day of solidarity and celebration for the LGBTQ and allied community in Central Oregon. Can you help table and represent our Welcoming Congregation on this day? Please let Rev. Heather or our Social Action Committee know. And regardless of your ability to volunteer, plan on strolling by and supporting this community festival!

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MINNEAPOLIS, JUNE 23-27**

As Rev. Elizabeth Greene, our Pacific Northwest District representative to the Unitarian Universalist Association Board of Trustees writes: “This is a very good year to attend General Assembly. If you can’t go, make it your business to see that your church sends informed, enthusiastic, open-minded and creative delegates.” This is going to be a very significant annual General Assembly—the national gathering of delegates from all of our congregations. The UUA Board will potentially be reduced by half of its current (26 member) size. The possibility of moving General Assembly to every other year will be discussed right and left. Delegates will be voting down the 5 proposed Congregational Study Action Issues to one, which our congregations will grapple with for the next 2-to-4 years. Can you participate and join Rev. Heather in attending General Assembly in Minneapolis from June 23-27? Please let her know your interest right away.

## **PLEDGE CHALLENGE!**

**Help UUFCO reach its goal for FY11**, which starts July 1. Inspired by a desire to see the Fellowship meet its budget goals for the next fiscal year, UUFCO Members Christine Herrick and John Coltman have generously offered a challenge to encourage those who have pledged between \$80 and \$1500 to increase their pledges. They will match, up to a total of \$3,000, all pledge increases or one-time gifts from this group of pledgers.

If your pledge is between \$80 and \$1500 for next fiscal year (which starts July 1, 2010), are you able to increase your pledge or give a little extra so that it will be matched, and thus the increase doubled? If everyone in this group increased their pledge by only \$10 a month, that would increase total pledges by over \$4,000! And, with Christine’s and John’s challenge match, that would increase our total pledges by \$7,000!!

Please let Treasurer Herb Blank ([uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908) or Administrator Kathy Day ([uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908) know if you would like to take advantage of this challenge match and increase your pledge or make a one-time extra gift.

Thanks to Christine Herrick and John Coltman for their generosity to UUFCO!

## **NEW EMPLOYEES**

As you know from the first article above, Administrator Kathy Day is retiring at the end of June. The Board decided to split the one part-time position into two part-time positions: Office Administrator and Accountant. The Personnel Committee interviewed eight candidates for the two positions, and we’re happy to report that Chela Sloper will be the new Administrator and Beverly Peterson will be the new Accountant. They are both experienced and talented individuals, and Kathy will be training them throughout June.

## **CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR MINISTER**

“Trail Hours” are times each month when I set out on a nearby trail hoping that you will join me in conversation out-of-doors in beautiful Central Oregon. Call me if you have questions or are planning to come so that I know to expect you. Dogs and children are more than welcome.

**Trail Hours in May: Shevlin Commons:** This is the “upper trail,” above and before Shevlin Park as you drive west from Bend. Join me on Wednesday, June 9, at 1pm. We’ll meet in the Shevlin Commons parking area—take Greenwood/Newport Avenue out to where it becomes Shevlin Park Road and turn left on NW Park Commons Drive, then an immediate right into the parking area there. Please let me know if you’re thinking about coming and also if you’d like further directions.

As always, if there is another time or place that you’d like to go for a walk, have a cup of tea, or that’d be good for me to come by and visit with you in your home, I’d be delighted to do that. Please be in touch! I look forward to talking with you and getting to know you better.

—Rev. Heather ([heathermstarr@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermstarr@yahoo.com) / 541-390-6052)

## RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT TO BEING CENTRAL OREGON'S MOST VISIBLE & ACTIVE WELCOMING CONGREGATION

This Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is Central Oregon's most active and visible Welcoming Congregation—one of only 2 congregations in Central Oregon that are explicitly welcoming of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. It is time for us to become more “out, loud, and proud” about this role, and also more prepared to support, stand with, and advocate on behalf of our gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender members and families. If you are interesting in revitalizing and deepening our commitment to being a Welcoming Congregation, please speak with Rev. Heather soon. A small group of us are looking into the Unitarian Universalist Association's curriculum for deepening this welcoming work, called “Living the Welcoming Congregation.”

Also: Human Dignity Coalition is now offering a Transgender Support Group! This a social and educational support group open to anyone who identifies as transgender, transsexual, cross dresser, intersex, or anything that is outside of the gender binary. The support group meets the first Wednesday of each month (next meeting: June 2) at the Human Dignity Coalition office from 5:30pm to 7:00 pm at 354 NE Greenwood Ave. in Bend. For more information, please contact 541-384-3320 or [office@humandignitycoalition.org](mailto:office@humandignitycoalition.org).

## BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF CENTRAL OREGON

Our next New Member Ceremony will take place during the Sunday morning service on June 6, 2010. We welcome you into membership when you feel the timing is right for you. Membership with UUFCA involves: (1) Attending a Path to Membership class series, a Newcomer Orientation, or scheduling an individual conversation with our minister, Rev. Heather Starr ([heathermstarr@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermstarr@yahoo.com) / 541-390-6052); (2) Investigating in what ways you will engage in an ongoing spiritual practice; (3) Making a monetary contribution (and/or pledge) of any amount to the Fellowship with your name clearly noted; (4) Signing our membership book; (5) Considering the ways that you can be involved in the ongoing energetic creation of our congregational community.

We welcome you into membership and into more meaningful engagement with this community at the point when you feel ready to join. Please contact Rev. Heather if membership is something you'd like to explore.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### CARING COMMITTEE

Co-chairs: **Jerrie Jones**, [uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908

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**The Caring Committee has a New Co-chair!** We are delighted to announce that **Jerrie Jones** has accepted the position of co-chair of the committee. She brings talents, skills and sensitivities to the job that will benefit our efforts and the congregation as a whole.

**Caring Committee Appreciation Luncheon and Program:** On May 2 after services 17 of us enjoyed good food and fellowship in the Cottage, and then proceeded back to the Sanctuary for a very meaningful program and discussion. Wendy Howard started by creating an atmosphere of calm and connection and then provided us with many ideas and recommendations for how to be genuine and present for someone who is gravely ill or dying. Sharing so much of her own practice and experience, Wendy compiled a rich resource kit full of principles, readings and other resources that we can consult as needed. Don Hartsough then took up the topic of how to be truly helpful when someone is in need. He encouraged us to listen and ask questions that can assist someone identify for themselves what it is they might need. We also talked about having empathy and acknowledging someone's situation without necessarily talking about ourselves

and our stories. The Caring Committee is grateful to have Wendy and Don among us, and we appreciate all that they do for us and those in our larger community.

**Just a reminder:** The Caring Committee has a small collection of medical equipment available for loan. If you think you might need something, please contact Jane Mitchell ([uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908) ahead of your procedure so together you can determine whether we have something that will work for you. Also, the Caring Committee has for our members and friends a “UUFCA Nursing and Recovery Care Resource List” that is a compilation of the programs and facilities available in the area to people who may need care beyond what they can manage by themselves. If you would like to have a copy e-mailed to you, please contact Caring Committee Co-chair Jerrie Jones.

**Mid-April through mid-May 2010 Activities of Care Team:** In the past month the Care Team responded 19 times with cards, phone calls, and other forms of assistance to UUFCA members and friends.

***Caring News and Notes from Rev. Heather:*** There have been many meaningful joys and sorrows in the lives of our Fellowship members and friends in the past few months—they will not be printed here this month but we’ll begin printing them again soon. As always, do send a card or note to one another if you feel it would be welcome. These “news & notes” are based primarily on the Sunday morning Joys and Sorrows. But if you have special news, announcements, or an update that you would like us to include in this section, please let us know. We want to know what’s going on in your & your family’s lives—so please be in touch!

June Birthday wishes go out to **Lillian McNeill, Simone Franco, Wendy Howard, Max Beason, Marean Jordan, Leslie Koc, Jim LaPorte, Dick Falxa**. Many happy returns to all!

Thanks to each of you for sharing what’s going on in your life and the lives of those you love, and to all of you for reaching out to care for and connect with one another. Please say the word if there is anything that we can do to support you. You can contact your Caring Committee Co-Chairs if you need the support—we are here, as our weekly Covenant states, in order to love and “to help one another.”

## **GOOD TIMES ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE -- GEARING UP FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES!**

We will be resuming hikes, kayak & canoe trips, RV/camping trips, and bird watching. We have new leaders for a digital photography outing and a summer biking group! Please check out all the new sign-up sheets Sunday mornings so that you can be notified by email of upcoming events for your interests. Look for the 3-ring binders on the entry tables for all the sign-up sheets.

**Circle Suppers:** We have a new organizer for our popular Circle Suppers. Jerrie Jones has graciously offered to get the circle suppers going again, just in time for spring and summer get-togethers. The next Circle Supper will be on June 24, with a barbecue plus potluck format. We have one host family to start, with the capacity for 20-25 people. If we have more folks than this interested, we’ll recruit additional hosts. Please sign up on the Resource Table at the Sunday service or contact Jerrie Jones before June 17 ([uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908).

**Kayak/Canoe Paddles:** Led this season by Dave MacGurn. The following three paddles are scheduled. Please email or call Dave with questions ([uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908).

| <b>Date</b>      | <b>Paddle</b> | <b>Meeting Place</b>             |
|------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Tuesday, June 15 | Hosmer Lake   | 9:00 am, Hosmer Lake boat launch |
| Tuesday, June 29 | Sparks Lake   | 9:00 am, Sparks Lake boat launch |

**Hiking:** Led by Duncan Brown, a Tumalo Mtn. hike is planned for 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 17th. This is a moderate uphill hike of about 2 1/2 miles (200-foot climb). Bring a snack or lunch, water, a windbreaker, and your Forest Service parking pass. We will meet at the parking lot across from Mt. Bachelor (prior to Dutchman Flat). Please sign up if interested and watch emails for upcoming hikes. Contact Duncan with questions ([uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908).

**New Biking Group:** Led by Toni and Bill Morris. Toni will lead a road ride Saturday, June 19 from 10:00 am to noon, for beginners, mostly flat, less than 10 miles, route TBD. If interested, contact Toni for details [uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908. She will also lead another ride mid July with date and location TBD.

**RV/Camping:** Contact Larry Baker for more information ([uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908) if you are interested in any of the following trips:

*June 19 -- Camping at Elk Lake.* This one will be close to home. Take Century Drive past Mt. Bachelor to Elk Lake. Bring your kayak or canoe. Bring your golden age card. Fishing is good. There are campsites for RV's and tents. Cabins are available. Check ahead of time,

*July 23, 24, & 25 – Camping at Wild Horse Lake on the Washington side of the Columbia Gorge.* We will see “She Who Watches” (an exciting petroglyph), Mary Hill Art Museum, and some beautiful waterfalls.

*August 14 --* This will be the date of the service auction item offered by the Bakers:

*A Play Day at the Crescent Creek Ranch.* Purchasers of this item will receive e-mails with directions. Those on the waiting list will be included. Waiting list people should send the \$20 payment to UUFCA, P.O. Box 428, Bend, OR 97709.

*September 17 & 18 – Camping on the Oregon Coast at South Beach Campground, one mile south of the Yaquina Bay Bridge.* Birding, beach walks, kayaking and canoeing on the bay, and dining at local seafood restaurants.

During all these camp-outs there will be charges for campsites that each individual must accept.

Reservations have not been made yet, so we may have to accept campsites that are not together. We did have good luck in this respect last year.

**Drum Circle Group:** Led by Chandra Smith. The next meeting is set for June 11 at 7:00pm at the OSC cottage. The group is open to all ages. Bring your drums or any rhythm instruments you have to use or share; there will be extra instruments available if you don't have any. The current plan is to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. Please let Chandra know of your interest at [uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908, or by signing up at the entry tables.

**Card Players:** Jim & Becky Dobrowski are hosting card playing evenings monthly. The gatherings are set for the Saturday before Discussion Sunday at 6:30pm, the next being June 19. All skill levels are welcome and a variety of games are offered. No need to sign up, but e-mail or call Jim or Becky if you have questions. [uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908.

**Stitching Group:** For those interested in stitching crafts (quilting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc.), Gretchen Grivel has graciously agreed to lead the group. Meetings are set for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 10:00am at Dudley's Bookstore in downtown Bend, AND the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7:00pm at various homes. It is hoped that these times will allow everyone interested to attend at least some of the gatherings. Please use the sign-up sheets to indicate your interest, and contact Gretchen for details ([uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908).

**Family Fun!:** Get to know other families (kids ages 0-18ish) in the UUFCA by joining in some Family Fun! Potluck dinners (Family Feasts), outings, and more. What are you interested in? Picnics at the park? Outdoor concerts? Nature walks? Camping? To give your opinion and to volunteer to help with this group, contact Claire Spampinato ([uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908).

**YUULigans!:** A group for young adults, ages 18-35, is being re-organized under the leadership of Amy Falkenrath and Aaron Coe. Contact Amy or Aaron for more information ([uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908).

WATCH!! For announcements, new sign-up sheets, emails, etc. so you don't miss the start-up dates for summer activities. It promises to be another season of really Good Times!



## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Charles & Wilma Campbell, Co-chairs ([uufco@yahoo.com](mailto:uufco@yahoo.com) / 541-385-3908)

### Save the Date!

No, this is not a June wedding, but Sunday, June 27 is the day selected for pulling noxious weeds along the UUFCA Adopt-a-Trail. This fun, all-ages event will happen after the Sunday service at 1:00pm at the trail head. Noxious weed experts will quickly teach you everything you need to know to keep Central Oregon beautiful. Wear old clothes, bring gardening gloves and a picnic lunch. More details in the announcement inserts in the June order of service.

In addition, Sunday, June 27 is the Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA) Association Sunday. Proceeds from our Greater Community Collection will be donated to the UUA. This year's special collection will go to ensuring that our faith thrives for generations to come. Beginning in spring 2010, the UUA will embark on an in-depth strategic review of leadership and growth in order to develop an action plan to strengthen our UUA community. The Rev. Peter Morales, President of the UUA, says this: "We want congregations that are spiritually deep places, where strong and enduring relationships can flourish, and that are engaged in their communities as sources of moral vision and effective action. We want our religious homes to be truly multi-generational and reflect the racial and cultural diversity of the wider world. And, we want professional religious leaders who are visionary, spiritual, innovative, and diverse." Help us realize this shared vision by joining with fellow Unitarian Universalists across the country this Association Sunday.

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Attention! 2010-2011 worship services are now being planned and scheduled.

- *Do you know someone in Central Oregon who you think would make a great guest speaker?*
- *Do you have an idea for a worship service you think others would enjoy?*
- *Would you like to Host or help with worship in the future?*
- *Is there a particular topic you'd like to speak about from your own experience?*
- *Is there a particular theme or issue that you'd like to see UUFCA address or explore?*
- *Would you like to be involved in scheduling, hosting, or creating worship services?*

If you answered "Yes!" to any of these questions, or if you want to support and strengthen our UUFCA Sunday services, please let Rev. Heather know. We want to hear from you to make sure that services are relevant to your spiritual needs, your inquisitive minds, and your open hearts. In particular if there is a service topic that you would like to lead, please let Rev. Heather know ([heathermstarr@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermstarr@yahoo.com)). Worship Committee Members include Virlene Arnold, Grace Kennedy, Debby Lynn, Nancy Stevens, Marean Jordan, Bob Barber, and Pam Allyn. Our next Worship Committee meeting will be Friday, June 11, at 1pm in the Cottage. All are welcome—please join us.

Also if you are interested in learning what is involved in being a Worship Host during a Sunday morning service, Rev. Heather will be conducting a Worship Host Training on Thursday, June 10, at 1pm in the Old Stone Church Sanctuary. All are welcome—come and learn how to lead worship!



## DISCUSSION GROUP

*On the third Sunday in lieu of service, UUFCA has a discussion meeting led by Tom Wykes. Everyone is welcome at 11:00 am in the Old Stone Church. Articles are distributed by email in advance--if you would like to be on the UU Discussion Group email list, please contact Tom Wykes at [wykes@bendcable.com](mailto:wykes@bendcable.com).*

**June topic: "What Torture's Taught Me":** This lecture was delivered by the Rev. William F. Schulz, Executive Director of Amnesty International, on June 21, 2006, at Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri. Rev. Schulz reminds us, "It is remarkably easy to turn (the average) Joe into what most of us would regard as a monster: put him in a restricted environment like a police or military training camp under the command of a vaunted authority figure. Subject him to intense stress. Then, having created an angry, bitter, but obedient servant, you provide the sanction, the means, the opportunity and the rationale for him to take his outrage out on a vulnerable, much despised population."



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Dear Families & Friends ~

Our RE year is drawing to a close, and I find myself in awe of the fact that our time together has passed so quickly. Spending each Sunday with your children has been a true delight, and I know that each of our RE teachers & childcare providers feel the same way. As a way to honor this year and the wonderful, spiritual work your children have been realizing, we'll be hosting a Year-End Celebration on June 13 in the Cottage following the service from 12:30-1:30pm. Please, join us for the festivities.

Our last RE class will be June 13. There will not be any RE classes during the summer break, but we will have childcare available during our summer services with planned crafts and board games. RE classes will resume again in the fall with our first class planned for Sunday, September 13. Look for additional information about exciting changes to our RE program in upcoming newsletters.

Our UUFCA Youth Group is now meeting once per month with our next gathering on Sunday, June 6. We start at 5:00pm in the Cottage behind the Old Stone Church. All youth ages 13-20 are welcomed and encouraged to attend and will find a space of genuine acceptance, deep questioning and personal reflection. We will continue to hold Youth Group throughout the summer months.

Our RE program is looking for teachers for next year. If you love children, are interested in nurturing your own spiritual growth and can commit to one Sunday per month from September 2010 – June 2011, please, consider volunteering as a RE teacher. In order to implement a more extended, age-focused RE program for next year, we need 18 people willing to give 2 hours of their time for one Sunday each month. If you're interested, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Rebecca Fender, at (541)480-8043 or at [becksfender@gmail.com](mailto:becksfender@gmail.com). There will also be sign-up sheets available during services over the next couple of months.

A BIG THANK YOU to each of our teachers from this year's RE program: **Amy Foster-Wexler, Jane Mitchell, Anita Elliott, and Anne Barrett**. Without you, it would not be possible to offer everything that we do for our children's spiritual growth and exploration. You are each bright, beautiful gems with shining facets of love, creativity, dedication and authenticity.

With gratitude and joy,  
Rebecca Fender, Director of Religious Education

## ADULT EDUCATION – JUNE UPDATE

### Ethical Eating – Thoughts to Chew On Quiz

Beginning in December, three ethical eating tidbits of information were included in each month's newsletter with a promise of a quiz in the May newsletter. Names of those who participated in the quiz were put into a drawing for a meal for two at Chow restaurant. The deadline was set for May 30 and the winner was to be printed in this month's newsletter. Since the submission deadline came after the publishing deadline, we will have to wait and make that announcement in the Order of Service on June 6. However, we CAN print the answers to the quiz.

### Ethical Eating Quiz Answers

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|----------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 1. True  | 2. True | 3. False | 4. True   | 5. True  | 6. True  |
| 7. True  | 8. True | 9. False | 10. False | 11. True | 12. True |
| 13. True |         |          |           |          |          |

*(The answers are based on the information provided by each source used in the quiz.)*

Thanks for joining in the spirit of UUFCO's Ethical Eating focus and hope you learned a little something along the way!

We are at the end of our planned classes and activities for this church year's Adult Education program. We will be asking for your input as to where we should put our focus in the upcoming year and your ideas for classes, workshops, talks, discussions and events. Look for these opportunities and be generous with your input as our Adult Education program needs to reflect your needs, interests and concerns.

**UU Looking For A Job!** My husband Mike and I are relocating to Bend within the next three months. I'd like to find a part-time position (of 20 to 24 hours a week) to aid this transition. I have a great deal of experience in health education, administration of nonprofit organizations, and staff training. Currently I'm a hospice chaplain. Any leads would be very welcomed! I can be reached at [dtorres9@pacbell.net](mailto:dtorres9@pacbell.net). Thanks for thinking of us! -Denise Torres



## LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER

*"Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy." —Rabbi Abraham Heschel*

Dear Friends,

As we step gladly towards the summer months, a more mellow and expansive time of year in Central Oregon, I hope you will consider giving me a call just to check in or catch up. I will be spending much of my summertime trying to grow things here in the High Desert—literal, physical, edible plant things, in my new garden at 1430 NW Newport Avenue. If you'd like to come by and—depending on the erratic weather—have a cup of tea or glass of lemonade and give me a respite from weeding—or join me in the weeding!—please do. I'd love to hear how you are and what's going on in your life.

One colleague of mine writes: "Sometimes people have told me they didn't contact me with a concern because they thought I was 'too busy,' or the concern was 'too small.' Please don't let those thoughts deter you from reaching out to me—I'm not too busy to hear from you and get to know you better—that's what I most enjoy about ministry, actually—getting to know people well and the privilege of hearing about the up's and down's of your lives. And with that in mind, here's a "reprint" of a classic column on ministry originally written by UU minister Rev. Peter Lee Scott, modified and drafted by many over the years..."

### CALL THE MINISTER WHEN...

- \* When you don't know me, but would like to.
- \* When you are having problems with your job, children, marriage, or anything else where a sympathetic ear might help.
- \* When you are going to the hospital or know of someone else in the congregation who is.
- \* When someone close to you has died or is critically ill or you're dealing with a significant loss of some kind.
- \* When you are planning to be married or divorced.
- \* When you're pregnant but wish you weren't. Or you're not pregnant, and wish you were.
- \* When you would like a child dedication ceremony for your child.
- \* When you or someone in your family has been arrested or is in jail.
- \* When you're considering joining the congregation as a member.
- \* When you have a friend or neighbor or family member who would like to know more about Unitarian Universalism.
- \* When you have concerns or suggestions.
- \* When you have religious or spiritual questions.
- \* When you'd like to help on a committee or teach a religious education class.
- \* When you have suggestions for a sermon, or comments about a worship service.
- \* When you'd just like to visit or know someone else who'd like to.
- \* When there are community issues you'd like to discuss.
- \* When you wish to discuss funeral or memorial arrangements ahead of time.
- \* When you are upset with me or would like to express appreciation.
- \* When you have an idea about something you'd like to work on that would strengthen our UUFCO.
- \* When you'd simply like to deepen your connection—with yourself, with the congregation, with questions of spirit, meaning, or service in your life.

The important point is that, as your pastor, I am available and interested in listening and talking with you, whatever the reason. If we haven't talked in a while, give me a call!

So grateful to serve as your minister,

**Rev. Heather Starr** ([heathermstarr@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermstarr@yahoo.com) / 541-390-6052)