



UUNEWS



October 2011 Sunday Services

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| Sunday October 2 11:00 am | Rev. Heather Starr—“Soon the Day Will Arrive”: Everything takes time. But how long? How do we accept and find contentment in the slow unfolding of that which we are impatient for? |
| Sunday October 9 11:00 am | Rev. Heather Starr—“Without You, There is No We”: In this first “Fellowship Sunday” service, we will lift up the essential nature of shared ministry, of volunteerism, of co-creating together the community we value and rely upon. |
| Sunday October 17 11:00 am | Discussion Sunday with Charles Campbell and the Social Justice Committee: “Someone Was Already Here”: In recognition of Columbus Day, Charles Campbell and our Social Justice Committee will lead a discussion and reflection on the Doctrine of Discovery and how we now look upon the events of 1492 with new awareness. |
| Sunday October 23 11:00 am | Rev. Heather Starr—“To Dwell in Possibility”: For decades, this congregation, just like many of us in our personal lives, has thought in terms of what we can afford, what we can sustain, through the good and the bad economic times in Central Oregon. Is it desirable—or even possible—for us to dream bigger, bolder dreams? What keeps us from thinking beyond-the-basics? <i>Following this service there will be a meeting for all Fellowship Members to discuss and vote to move ahead with the UUFCO New Home project.</i> |
| Sunday October 30 11:00 am | UUFCO Lay Leaders Debby Lynn and Dick Falxa: "Remembering Our Losses: Day of the Dead": Today we come together as a community for our annual Day of the Dead service. Using candle-lighting, placing items on our shared table, private reflections, and more to commemorate what has been lost and found in the year since our last service, we will all share in a community-inclusive time together. A time of remembering those from the Fellowship who have passed from our presence will also be included. See inside the newsletter for details about what you might bring and how you might set your intention to participate in this special annual service. <i>This month's Greater Community Collection recipient is the Sisters-based organization Ten Friends.</i> |

EDITOR'S NOTE: While almost all UUNEWS submissions come to me as emails, I occasionally get something in the mail. I wanted to let you know that Deschutes County has changed the street addresses for homes in our neighborhood.

My new mailing address: Rebecca Boyer / 8619 NW 89th Place / Terrebonne, OR 97760. My phone number and email address remain the same. Thanks.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 Service 11:00a Youth Group 5:30p | 3 Red Tent Temple 4:30p/6:00p | 4 Mah Jongg 12p Choir 5:45p SJ History 7:00p | 5 OOS Deadline This I Believe 4:00p | 6 Path/Membership 6:00p | 7 Hiking 10:00a | 8 Circle Supper 6:00p Redmond Potluck |
| 9 Service 11:00a Fellowship Discussion 12:30p | 10 | 11 Social Justice Committee 1:00p Choir 5:45p SJ History 7:00p | 12 Outreach 4:30p Board Mtg 6:00p | 13 DEADLINE for Auction Items Trail Hours 3:00p Path/Mbrshp 6:00p | 14 | 15 Card Night 6:30p |
| 16 Discussion 11:00a | 17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 18 Mah Jongg 12p Choir 5:45p SJ History 7:00p | 19 OOS Deadline | 20 Trail Hours 2:00p | 21 | UUFCCO Annual FUNraising Auction 6:00p 22 |
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| 30 Service 11:00a | 31 | | | | | |



EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S FUNRAISER TIME AGAIN.... THE ANNUAL UUFECO SERVICE AUCTION

Put **October 22** on your calendars to join in the festivities at the **Bend Senior Center** at **6:00 pm**. The auction is one fun-filled night of food, fellowship and raising paddles to raise money for UUFECO and it's our biggest FUNraiser of the year. The potluck dinner and auction are an exciting event, not to be missed, with the fun continuing throughout the coming year as you redeem your auction purchases. Invite your friends and neighbors! They are welcome to bid on the many bargains and fun times ahead.

Start thinking about what you can offer. The committee has lots of suggestions if you aren't able to envision what you have to offer. The **donation slips** are available on the members-only area of the UUFECO web site, as well as at Sunday services. They need to be returned to Amy Falkenrath (uufco@yahoo.com) or Becky Dobrowski (uufco@yahoo.com), **NO LATER than Thursday, October 13** to allow for time to have the entire auction listing online two days later. (Note: If you either are not a member – yet! – or will not be at the next two worship services, please request an auction donation slip from Amy Falkenrath: uufco@yahoo.com.)

There will be a **Children's Auction** with items just for them. The older youth will also be offering items for auction. The proceeds from their items will be used to **fund a special trip** for them.

New this year A wine raffle will be held for 6-packs of wine, with raffle tickets only \$10 each. What a deal!! We'll be seeking donations of your favorite wine to fill the 6-packs. They should be donated the evening of the auction or given to one of the committee members for inclusion.

And now for the **potluck details**; please bring the following if your last name begins with:

- A - B Meat-based Main Dish
- C - E Dessert
- F - I Fruit/Cheese/Bread Plate
- J - R Vegetarian Main Dish/Hot Vegetable Dish
- S - Z Salad

As a courtesy to those with special food restrictions and/or allergies, please prepare a note if your dish contains wheat, nuts, dairy or meat. Bring your own beverages (wine & beer OK). UUFECO will provide dishes, cups, and table service. Please don't forget a serving utensil for your dish.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Set-Up/Sound (5-6 needed): Arrive at 5:00pm the night of the event to help with set up. These positions can involve some heavy lifting of tables and chairs, as well as pushing, pulling and shifting. After the set-up is complete you will be free to enjoy the remainder of the evening without any further responsibilities.

Potluck (1-2 needed): Potluck volunteers will set up of the potluck, direct attendees to the correct place for their dish, and hand out dish labeling cards on the night of the auction.

Silent Auction Helpers (2-3 needed): On the night of the auction, Silent Auction Helpers will be available to answer questions about how the bidding process works. You will be given all the information ahead of time and a ribbon to wear indicating your role as a helper. You'll be able to enjoy the evening as usual, but be available if attendees have questions.

Greeters (2 needed): You will be responsible for greeting attendees as they arrive and assigning them a paddle number to be used in the bidding process. Once the first portion of the evening is over, you will be free to enjoy the evening without any further responsibilities.

Voting by Proxy: If you are going to be away on October 22 (bad timing!), you'll be able to vote by proxy. If you're going to be away or if you just like to plan your bidding strategy ahead of the auction, the entire catalogue will be on the website at www.UUFECO.org by **October 15**. **Log in as a UUFECO member then click the Member's Area tab to access the catalogue.**

Amy Falkenrath, Grace Kennedy and Becky Dobrowski

DAY OF THE DEAD SERVICE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

UUFSCO Lay Leaders Dick Falxa and Debby Lynn will once again be leading a community-inclusive Day of the Dead service on October 30. We will be spending some time as a community with this seasonal ritual honoring the great cycle of life. During this service we will all have the opportunity to think about all that has come into being this year and all that has been lost. Through a variety of experiences everyone is invited to participate in their own ways. On that Sunday, you are invited to bring any small personal items, photos, written pieces, or anything symbolic of the people, creatures, or happenings that have inspired or brought change into your life in the past year. There will be a special time to place these on our shared table. There will also be a time for acknowledging those of our Fellowship who have departed from our presence since our last Day of the Dead service. May you be inspired and comforted as you consider what item or items you might add to our collective display, and what ways you might use this time together to remember and honor your losses during this special Sunday service.



JANUARY 28, 2012: ANNUAL UUFSCO TALENT SHOW!

If you were at this event last year, you know that it is absolutely not-to-be-missed. What hidden talents do you want to prepare and share for our community in the midst of Central Oregon's long winter?

JUNE 19 - 24, 2012: JUSTICE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

All year our Social Justice and Adult Religious Education Committees will be looking ahead and planning for a first-ever national "Justice GA" in Phoenix. Are you able to join us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to Stand on the Side of Love with thousands of other UU's? Please let Ellen Mercer or Rev. Heather Starr know if you would like to be a part of the UUFSCO contingent to Phoenix in June.



THE RED TENT TEMPLE OF CENTRAL OREGON

The Red Tent Temple will be meeting again on Monday, October 3 at the Old Stone Cottage. Open House will be from 4:30-6:00pm and Women's Wisdom Circle from 6:00-7:00pm. This Circle will be a time to share our wisdom about what Autumn means to us as a symbol, metaphor or rite of passage. Please bring a snack to share. RSVP to Beki: uufco@yahoo.com.

HELP NEEDED FOR BETHLEHEM INN DINNERS THURSDAYS OCTOBER 27 AND NOVEMBER 17

October 27, 2011 will mark UUFSCO's 42nd night of preparing and serving healthy, home-cooked dinners to homeless residents at the Bethlehem Inn Shelter! Dinners are served on the 4th Thursday of each month January through October, and on the 3rd Thursdays of November and December. We need least 15 volunteers (new volunteers as well as our many regulars) per month to prepare dishes and/or serve meals on those days. We (Leslie and Tom) are ready to support you at each step of this process from providing you with recipes to subsidizing food purchases.

There are Thursday October 27 and November 17 openings for the following positions:

- Off-site preparation/procurement of the meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cupcakes & milk and delivery of each entrée to the Inn at 5:10 to 5:30 pm on one or more of the Thursday evenings.
- Food servers as for each dinner. Food preparers can also stay on as food servers if they apply in advance. Experiencing the joy and gratitude of The Inn's homeless residents makes the meal-server role particularly rewarding. Servers are on duty 5:30 – 6:35 pm.

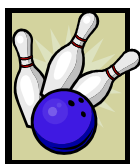
Contact Leslie Koc or Tom O'Brien (541-385-3908 / uufco@yahoo.com) if you have questions, need more detailed information, to volunteer, or get recipes.

ANNUAL BUDGET DRIVE COMMITTEE: SEEKING TWO VOLUNTEERS

The UUFCA Board is seeking two congregants to help on the Annual Budget Drive (ABD) Committee. This committee plans, organizes and executes the UUFCA Annual Budget Drive. The committee's responsibilities include: planning the ABD annual events like Pasta and Possibilities, developing informational material for the budget drive, and organizing the visiting stewards program.

The time commitment includes: a meeting in October, January, February and May with each meeting being about 60 minutes; attendance at the Sustaining Donors Gathering (early February) and the Pasta and Possibilities Potluck (late February); and 10-15 minutes per week for email with the committee chair during February, March and April.

Current members are Amy Falkenrath (Chair), John Coltman (Treasurer), and Rev. Heather Starr (ex-officio, Minister). Please contact Bob Barber (uufco@yahoo.com) or Amy Falkenrath (uufco@yahoo.com).



DOWN THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ALLEY

Just a few notes to keep us all smiling and connected ~~

Keeping Contact Info Current: Please remember that when you get a new phone number, address, or email address, please let me know so that I can update our data base and directories.

Many Thanks to **Denise Torres, John Coltman, and Bev Peterson** who joined forces with me on Saturday, September 24 to help move the office from the Cottage to our new location, in an upstairs office in the administration building of Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 469 Wall Street. Atop a flight of 18 stairs, and with a window facing the western sky, I'm calling it "The Belfry." Happily, there are no bats there! Because the location of Trinity Episcopal is near so much public foot traffic their building is locked, and our office also is protected behind two additional locked doors. Out of consideration for our new host (Trinity Episcopal), it would be appreciated if there are no random drop-ins. Please call either Bev Peterson, bookkeeper, or me directly if you need to deliver something, or are curious to see our new administrative "digs."

P Related to the office relocation, there **no longer is any wifi internet service** at the Cottage.

Member Log-In to Website: We are seeing more uses of the Members Area of the UUFCA website (www.uufco.org). In addition to an online directory of members, these are some of the resources available to you there:

- ü the reimbursement form for expenses incurred for the Fellowship,
- ü a downloadable, printable UUFCA directory of members and friends,
- ü the UUFCA Auction item donation form,
- ü instructions on how to reserve the Cottage (*for uses consistent with the mission of UUFCA*),
- ü a great treasure trove of Caring Committee resources.

We envision an interactive bulletin board where members can post items for sale, services available, events for the common good... and much, much more!

If you have never logged into the Members Area, and either have misplaced your log-in information (or perhaps never received it), don't be shy! I'm happy to get you what you need so you can begin to use this part of our communications hub. Just ask!

It continues to be a pleasure to be serving this vital, growing, caring congregation! Blessings to all as we wend our way into Autumn!

Yours administratively,
Chela

BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE UUFCO

Our next New Member Ceremony will take place during the Sunday service on **November 6, 2011**. The current Path to Membership series of classes began on September 29 and will continue on Thursdays October 6, and October 13, from 6:00-7:30pm in the Cottage. Please RSVP to Rev. Heather at [heathermstarr<at>yahoo.com](mailto:heathermstarr@yahoo.com). All are welcome to enjoy this class regardless of where you're at in your consideration of membership.

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.

Please join us in welcoming new Membership/Fellowship Committee Co-Chairs **Helen Seidler** and **Jerrie Jones!** You will be noticing the thoughtful involvement of Helen and Jerrie in the months to come—please thank them for taking on the leadership of what is now being called **Fellowship Committee** and let them know your thoughts, questions, and ideas.

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 October: Farewell Bend Trail at Reed Market

This is the loop trail along the Deschutes River that starts at Reed Market Road, crosses the river on a small pedestrian bridge, and returns to Reed Market on the other side of the river below Mt. Bachelor Village. I'll look for you under or near the overhang/shelter on Reed Market.

Join me on **Thursday, October 13, at 3:00pm**, or **Thursday, October 20, at 2:00pm**. Rain, sleet, snow or wind: come and get outside with me! 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 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 (541-390-6052 / [heathermstarr<at>yahoo.com](mailto:heathermstarr@yahoo.com))

I find hope in the darkest of days, and focus in the brightest.
I do not judge the universe.
Dalai Lama

COMMITTEE REPORTS



CARING COMMITTEE

Co-chairs: Dale Clark, 541-385-3908, uufco@yahoo.com

Marean Jordan, 541-385-3908, uufco@yahoo.com

Caring Committee Resources: The Caring Committee maintains a supply of medical equipment donated to UUFÇO (walkers, crutches, a wheelchair, bath bench, etc.) that can be borrowed on a temporary basis by those who need them. Please contact Marean if you would like to borrow one of these items.

Web Link to Caring Committee Resources: You can access some of our key resources on-line by going to the Member's Section of the UUFÇO web site (www.uufco.org). The Meals and Emergency Food Supplies for Hungry People has recently been updated. Other resources include the UUFÇO Nursing and Recovery Care Resource List, the UUFÇO Member Emergency Contact Form, and the Caring Committee Outreach Form. *If you can't get into the Member's Section, contact Chela (uufco@yahoo.com) to request your password.*

Mid-August through mid-September 2011 Activities of the Care Team: During this month, Care and Resource Team members and friends generously volunteered 20 times to place calls and send cards. In addition, they made 14 visits to people in our community. These involved making friendly visits, providing transportation, helping with packing, and delivering meals. Thanks to all the Care Team members and other members and friends of UUFÇO who provide generous support to our community.

Caring Committee Retreat on October 1: A retreat for Care and Resource Team members and Caring Committee friends is being held at Dale Clark's home on October 1. This is a time for us to nurture and renew ourselves and explore resources and ideas to help us better care for our UUFÇO community. The November newsletter will include information about the outcomes of the retreat.

New Care Team Members are welcome! If you have an interest in being part of the CareTeam and want to learn more about the work we do, please contact Marean.

Thanks to **Marean Jordan** and **Dale Clark** for co-chairing the Caring Committee. 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. You can contact your Caring Committee Co-Chairs if you need the support of either our Care or Resource Teams—we are here, as our weekly Covenant states, in order to love and “to help one another.”

“News & Notes” are based primarily on the Sunday morning Joys and Sorrows. If you have special news, announcements, or an update that you would like us to include in this section, please let our Caring Committee Co-Chairs **Marean Jordan** (uufco@yahoo.com/541-385-3908) or **Dale Clark** (uufco@yahoo.com/541-385-3908) know. We want to know what's going on in your & your family's lives—so please be in touch!



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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

Helen Seidler (541-385-3908 / uufco@yahoo.com)

Helen & Jerrie began the work of revitalizing this committee by meeting with a number of UUFÇO members with an interest in this area, Rev. Heather Starr, and the UUFÇO Board. We discussed the role of the committee and suggested a change

in name from Membership to Fellowship Committee to support our focus on the whole congregation, not just visitors and new members.

Based on input from those meetings we have created a Purpose Statement to guide our work on behalf of the entire community at UUFECO:

The purpose of the Fellowship function is to ensure that UUFECO is a healthy, intergenerational community in which people:

- ***Are known***
- ***Learn, share and value the UU principles***
- ***Feel supported in their life journey and spiritual explorations***
- ***Derive personal satisfaction and enjoyment***
- ***Are able to support the congregation in meaningful ways appropriate for each individual***
- ***Find ways to be of service in the larger world***

We invite all UUFECO members and friends to join us in sharing this work of building community and fellowship together. We're starting with a focus on Sunday mornings. It's true that "many hands make light work," and we need many hands helping each week to make the Sunday worship service a time for spiritual growth and human connection.

These Sunday morning volunteer activities are in addition to the many service gifts we all make in the larger world – they are service commitments to UUFECO without which our Sunday services could not happen. We are asking every adult and teen to make a minimum of **three (3)** "Sunday Service Commitments" to UUFECO throughout the Fellowship year. The Sunday morning tasks include set-up, greeters, hospitality, sound, flowers, welcome table, and hosting. We'll talk more about this in the service on **October 9** which has a theme of "Fellowship," and we welcome your questions and feedback after the service that day in a **discussion forum after the service**, starting at 12:30 in the Cottage.

Would you like to learn more about UUFECO or Unitarian Universalism? We will have an informal discussion once a month at **12:30pm** after the service in the Cottage for a "UU-FAQ" session. This is for visitors or anyone else who just has a question! The UU-FAQ sessions are led by long-time UUs and sponsored by the UUFECO Fellowship Committee. Mark your calendars for **November 13** and **December 4**. Contact Helen Seidler at 541-385-3908 or Jerrie Jones at 541-385-3908 if you have questions about the UU-FAQ sessions.

We'll continue to use the newsletter each month to keep you abreast of our activities to accomplish our shared Fellowship Purpose. We look forward to hearing from any who have thoughts or ideas you would like to share. Please contact Jerrie Jones or Helen Seidler with any questions or comments.

GOOD TIMES ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER

It is requested that you RSVP to the leader for an event with a specific date.

Circle Suppers: Come & join in the fun at a Circle Supper this Fall. Circle Suppers are small dinners hosted in a member's home so that folks have a chance to visit and connect with members or friends of UUFECO. Invite your friends or a recent visitor to attend a supper with you – there's great food and fun times for all who attend!

It's easy **to be a guest** and bring a potluck dish to share, and fun and easy **to host** since the guests bring the food!! The next Circle Supper will be on **Friday, November 11**. Sign up sheets will be on the entry table through October 30. **Plan ahead for the next Circle Supper dates: Saturday, December 10 and Friday, January 13, 2012.** If you have questions or would like to sign up to be a host, please contact Jerrie Jones (541-385-3908 / uufco@yahoo.com).

Redmond Potluck: A group of Redmond (and surrounding areas) UU members are having a potluck supper on **Saturday, October 8** at the Willsons' home. Please contact Joanne at 541-385-3908 if you are interested in attending.

Hiking: Toni Morris will lead a hike to Tumalo Mountain on **Friday, October 7**. Hikers will meet at the dog park on Columbia (near the Old Mill/Deschutes River) at **10:00am** and carpool to the trailhead. Please RSVP to Toni's cell phone (541-385-3908) no later than Thursday, October 6.

Mah Jongg: Players will meet at 12:00 noon on Tuesdays, **October 4 and 18** at Toni Morris's home. RSVP to Toni at 541-385-3908. Beginners are welcome.

Book Club (II): The group will meet at Jackson's Corner on **Monday, October 24**, from 3:00-4:30 pm. The October book is *Zoli* by Colum McCann. If interested in joining this group, or for further information, please contact Shera Hunn Felde (541-385-3908 / uufco@yahoo.com).

This I Believe Writing Group will begin **October 5, 26, and November 9** at 4:00pm at the Cottage. Dates and times for future meetings will be chosen at the first group meeting. Please email Shera Hunn Felde at uufco@yahoo.com beforehand to confirm location of first meeting. More information about *This I Believe* can be found at the website <http://thisibelieve.org/>.

Card Players: We will be playing cards at the Dobrowski's, Saturday, **October 15** at 6:30pm. We play Pinochle, Bridge and finish with a round of "Oh Hell." For directions or information call Jim or Becky at 541-385-3908. All levels of card experience are welcome.

GOOD TIMES ACTIVITY COORDINATOR ~ is being sought to continue to provide information to the Fellowship about various activities. If interested, please contact Larry Baker (541-385-3908 / uufco@yahoo.com). We also need volunteers to step forward to lead interest groups: hiking, canoe/kayaking, bird watching, and RV/camping outings. Until a new Good Times Activity Coordinator steps forward, please submit your event information to Becky Boyer, editor, for inclusion in next month's newsletter (uufco@yahoo.com), and to Gretchen Grivel, Administrative Assistant, for inclusion in the weekly Order of Service (uufco@yahoo.com).



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Co-chairs: Alice Elshoff (541-385-3908 / uufco@yahoo.com)
Bill Morris (541-385-3908 / uufco@yahoo.com)

Greater Community Collection: The Greater Community Collection to be received on the last Sunday of the month (October 30) will benefit *Ten Friends*.

Ten Friends is a local non-profit organization formed by two teachers from Sisters and a bunch of good friends. They write:

We are a 501(c) (3) non-profit and donations are tax-deductible. We work in Nepal – one of the poorest countries in the world. One of the beauties of the Nepali culture is its simplicity. Nepali people value family, religion, education, and basic needs like, food, sanitation, shelter, clean drinking water ... and a cup of tea with a friend. Our goal is providing those basics. Our projects focus on assistance that the Nepali people need – not what we think they need based on our culture or religion. Before we begin a project we always ask, "Is this something you need and can use?"

Our first project was delivering stretchers to villages along the trekking paths near Mt. Everest so that injured villagers could be carried safely to hospitals. Current projects also provide water filters to orphanages and schools in Kathmandu, support orphanages, provide housing and tuition to young mountain women so they may return as teachers in their villages, and in our village vision program we build toilets and water lines and place libraries in villages where children never have had books to read.

Ten Friends Project recognizes the human impact of economic hardship throughout the world. Our values are cultural respect, human dignity, increased quality of life, and environmental preservation. We are especially concerned with the challenges faced by children. These values will guide us as we seize opportunities to empower less fortunate people and enrich their lives. We all share a collective responsibility and together, with friends, we are prepared to act now.

Guidelines for Writing Bulletin Editorials: Annis Henson and Ellen Mercer have prepared an excellent single page guide for writing short articles for My Nickel's Worth (letter to the editor) or In My View (op ed). Consider writing your views on immigration, economics, ethical eating, or any of our UU principle-based stances on current issues! Just ask Annis or Ellen for copies of the guidelines. Team up with a co-writer. Let's share our views!

Buckingham Palace Wrote to Chuck Campbell: A representative of the Queen of England wrote Chuck to thank him, Mr. Kroc (sic) and Ms. Starr for their June 6, 2011 letter concerning the Doctrine of Discovery and noting that this is "not a matter in which the Queen would personally intervene." As Columbus Day comes this month, we can be aware of the presumption of the early immigrants to North and South America to claim dominion over all they found.

The next Social Justice Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, October 11 at 1:00 pm at the Old Stone cottage.** *New people are always welcome at our meetings.*

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Attention! 2011-2012 worship services are now being planned and scheduled. If you want to support and strengthen our UUFCO 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). Worship Committee Members include Virlene Arnold, Grace Kennedy, Debby Lynn, Nancy Stevens, Marean Jordan, and Bob Barber.

Our next Worship Committee meeting is Friday, October 21 at 1:00 pm in the Cottage. All are welcome.



DISCUSSION GROUP

On Sunday, **October 16**, UUFCO will have its monthly Discussion at 11:00 am in the Old Stone sanctuary. Articles will be distributed by email about 2 weeks in advance of the October 16 date via Tom Wykes' list. If you are not already on the Discussion Group email list, please contact Tom Wykes (uufco@yahoo.com).

Discussion Sunday with Charles Campbell and the Social Justice Committee (substituting for Tom Wykes): "Someone Was Already Here." The topic for discussion on October 16 is what should we do with Columbus Day in lieu of current understandings. The source material is from an article titled "1491" by Charles C. Mann published in *The Atlantic Monthly* on January 22, 2002. The article summarizes Mann's book *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus* (A. Knopf, 2005).

The Atlantic Monthly article discusses the three following areas: (1) The Doctrine of Discovery and conditions in Europe in and about 1491-2; (2) The variety and scope of the American cultures (they are not all the same and they were not savages as sometimes used as justification for actions); and, (3) Pre-Columbus and post Columbus population of the American continents.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Rebecca Fender, Director (uufco@yahoo.com / 541-385-3908)

Dear Members and Friends of UUFÇO ~

Happy Autumn! As we resume our Religious Education Program for Children and Youth, I am pleased to introduce UUFÇO's RE Teachers for the 2011-12 Fellowship Year:

- **Shannon Adams & Amy Foster-Wexler** will teach our Pre-K & K class.
- **Teresa Martin, Joel Greenfield, Wilma Campbell and Rebecca Easton** will teach our Grade 1-5 class.
- **Ayla Halberstadt, Sue Clarke, and Julie Platcha** will teach our Middle School class.
- **Jodie Walberg** will help lead the Children's Worship Services.

Please make the time to extend your gratitude and appreciation to each of these volunteers, without which our program would not be possible.

Below is the RE program schedule for the month of October:

October 2nd – RE Classes: Pre-K & K – Meet in the Childcare Room
 Grades 1-5 & Middle School – Meet in The Cottage

October 9th – Children's Worship Service in The Cottage for all ages

October 16th – Discussion Sunday – No RE / Childcare is available

October 23rd – RE Classes: Pre-K & K, Grades 1-5 & Middle School – Meet in The Cottage

October 30th – *Dia de Los Muertos* Celebration in The Cottage

Youth Group: Youth Group has resumed and is meeting the 1st and 4th Sunday of each month from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm in The Cottage. Open to all youth in grades 6 – 12, they gather to focus on topics and activities important to their lives with the guidance of their Youth Advisors. Activities include and combine self-exploration and creative expression, outings, making friends, fundraising and social service.

If you have any questions about our program please feel free to contact me.

With gratitude,

Rebecca Fender, Director of Religious Education

ADULT EDUCATION – OCTOBER UPDATE

Tuesdays, through December 13 7:00-8:30pm Old Stone Sanctuary
“Resistance and Transformation: Unitarian Universalist History of Social Justice”

Facilitators: Rev. Heather Starr, Ellen Mercer, Alice Elshof, Annis Henson, Bill Morris

This program presents the on-going struggle of our UU tradition to live up to our ever-evolving ideals of social transformation. The program leads us to ask the justice questions that pertain to our lives, congregation and society today, and provides models of action that inspire us to take on the social justice challenges of our era.

October workshop topics are:

- October 4: The Nineteenth Century Women's Peace Movement
- October 11: Just War, Pacifism and Peacemaking
- October 18 & 25: Religious Freedom on the Margins of Empire, Utopianism, and Counter-culture (We will condense three workshops into two sessions.)

To learn more about the curriculum, browse the link below.

<http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/resistancetransformation/index.shtml>

Immigration As A Moral Issue Event:**Thursday, October 13****7:00pm****First Presbyterian Church****Ben Daniel – *Neighbor: Christian Encounters with “Illegal” Immigration***

Ben Daniel is the Pastor of Foothill Presbyterian Church in San Jose, California. He is a graduate of Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA and of Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ. He is active in the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) joint work with the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico along the US/Mexico border. He will reflect on the contents of his book, *Neighbor*.

Neighbor is a readable primer on the complicated immigration issue. It has been described as “part theological reflection, part historical study, part political analysis and part compelling stories shared by a gifted writer.” *Rick Ufford-Chase*.

UUFCO is happy to be a supporter of this event, which is open to the public. All are welcome.

Information on Adult Education programs will be continuously updated in the Sunday Order of Service and in this newsletter. For additional information on any Adult Education offering or to sign up for a class, contact Program Coordinators Ellen Mercer (541-385-3908 / uufco@yahoo.com) or Annis Henson (541-385-3908 / uufco@yahoo.com).

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND OFFERINGS

§ ***“Finding God in Both Places: Solitude (the Joy of being alone) and Loneliness (the Pain of being alone)”***

A Fall Women’s Retreat, hosted by Trinity Episcopal Church, Saturday, October 8, 2011, 9:00am to 4:30pm, at the Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters, OR. **\$25 to cover lunch and materials.** The day will include large group and small group activities and individual time for reflection

The organizers of this event from Trinity Episcopal have extended the invitation to women in faith communities throughout Central Oregon. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pam Mitchell (of Trinity) at [pam8273 <at> gmail.com](mailto:pam8273@gmail.com) or 541-647-2499.

§ ***“Faithful Leadership: A semi-virtual leadership school for leaders in small congregations”***
(offered by the PNWD)

This is an ideal experience for people who have that spark and potential who desire some grooming to get them ready to step into leadership.

Topics Covered

Unitarian Universalist Governance and Theology
Religious Leadership Identity
Growth & Change in Congregations

Power & Authority
Appreciative Inquiry
Systems Theory

Schedule – October 2011 through March 2012

1st week of each month: reading assignment and internet response

2nd week of each month: webinar presentation on 2nd Tuesday from 4:00 – 5:30pm

3rd week of each month: “congregation as lab” team assignment

4th week of each month: small group ministry via email

Culminating retreat weekend: **March 16-18, 2012** at Anderson Lodge in Ariel, WA

Cost: \$200 per participant includes: books for your library, toolbox full of relevant resources, lodging, meals and program at the March retreat, travel equalization for March retreat, and as many webinars sponsored by the Pacific Western Region as you can take.

If you are interested in being a part of this exciting District offering, **please contact Rev. Heather right away.** ([heathermstarr <at> yahoo.com](mailto:heathermstarr@yahoo.com) / 541-390-6052). Instruction and assignments begins October 9!



LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER

*“You should take it as it happens, but—
you should try to make it happen the way you want to take it.”*—Old German proverb

Dear Friends,

The theme for October is Acceptance. What theme, you might ask? Inspired by other Unitarian Universalist congregations such as Tulsa (Oklahoma), Rochester (New York), and our own Portland (Oregon), the Worship Committee and I have been embarking on creating and implementing “monthly themes” in all areas of our congregational life.

The idea of monthly themes—also known as “theme-based ministry”—is to encourage us to share and delve deeper together into a “common language of faith.” Writes Rev. Marlin Lavanhar, one of the major UU proponents of monthly congregational themes, “It is often difficult to suddenly try to develop a spiritual life and an understanding of the most important concepts for living when one is in the midst of dealing with a major life crisis. For example, it is often when someone receives a terminal diagnosis that they begin to explore death and the meaning of life, or when they have been betrayed that they begin to try to understand forgiveness. However, when a person has a basic understanding of major life issues prior to encountering them, and also has an ongoing spiritual practice, this allows the person to move through life’s travails with greater integrity, gracefulness, and acceptance.”

And that brings us back to Acceptance, our theme for October. Do you have particular readings, quotes, essays or spiritual practices you think of when contemplating “Acceptance”? What are some of the most difficult things (or people, or challenges) for you to accept, in your life? What are ways and tools that you use to practice acceptance? Do you find it easier to accept the joys, or the sorrows, that come your way? I invite you to share your thoughts with me and with each other. I’ll be posting some questions for reflection on our UUFCO Facebook Group page—and if you have ideas about other ways and forums where we can support each other in “going deeper” through these monthly themes, please let me know!

And because I hope you’re curious to know what lays ahead, here are our themes for the current and continuing Fellowship Year:

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| ○ September ~ Return | ○ February ~ Love |
| ○ October ~ Acceptance | ○ March ~ Transformation |
| ○ November ~ Gratitude | ○ April ~ Patience |
| ○ December ~ Family | ○ May ~ Vision |
| ○ January ~ Letting Go | ○ June ~ Justice |

As our Unison Covenant reminds us, every week, may we continue finding new and ever-more-meaningful ways “to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.” I hope to see, correspond, or talk with you, soon.

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