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UUNews May 2017

May 2017 Services



Theme: Embodiment

May 7 at 10:30am: "Wishing Well"

Rev. Scott Rudolph

Wishes do come true! But sometimes it takes a little more than tossing a penny in a well. This morning will be a multi-generational service led by our candidate for settled ministry, Rev. Scott Rudolph with special guest musician David Roth.

May 14 at 10:30am: "Somebody Else's Babies"

Rev. Antonia Won

This Mother's Day, Rev. Antonia shares her stories and reflections on racism and privilege, as a mother of biracial children, as someone living between two countries, and as a Unitarian Universalist.

May 21 at 10:30am: "Crafting Hope"

Rev. Antonia Won

Prompted by the theme of 'embodiment,' Rev. Antonia explores the concept of craft as a spiritual practice and expression of human dignity, and the value of craft in our day and age.

May 28 at 10:30am: "Roots, Wings and Staying Woke"

Ayla Halberstadt, Director of Religious Exploration

Imagine growing up with media coverage 24/7. Join a panel of UUFCO youth reflect on growing up absorbed. What keeps them grounded, what keeps them dreaming, and what keeps them engaged.

The Reverend's Reflections

As I write this, preparations are being made for the visit of your candidate for minister, Rev.



Scott Rudolph. By the time you read this he will be among you, preaching, greeting, and meeting. Excitement and hope is high! May the week be wonderful and the vote decisive and clear.

You as a congregation have worked very hard to get to this new threshold, a threshold that is about the community and ministry that you are, well beyond the beauty of the building. I describe the building as a wonderful ally in ministry, welcoming and comfortable, but a congregation's ministry will never stand on a building. It stands on what the congregation is and does as a community in a community. And that stands on the ability of the leadership to work together in prophetic and loving ways.

UUFCO has grown in maturity, in wisdom, diversity and spiritual depth these past three years, and most especially in the past twelve months. A year ago, serious challenges to the wellbeing of the congregation and its ministry arose. We had a failure of understanding and a breach of trust; we wrestled to find some shared interpretation and failing that, Board and Minister together, we determined to carry on, grounding our priorities in the quality of our relationships and mindful process.

Through the bond of the covenant we share and with the willingness to seek outside help, healing happened and new, hopeful commitments emerged. Relationships were redefined, forgiveness was asked and given, focus was put on learning better ways to communicate and build trust; and new respect, and honesty, cohesion, love and even joy emerged.

Would this congregation be as strong today without having had these challenges? I suspect not, for UUFCO as a congregation has now gone through a difficult time and experienced 'reconciliation,' an experience that sets the precedent for how the community responds to future conflicts, or resolves them proactively. Church professionals speak of congregations having 'DNA,' traits that endure through decades. If our past year together has developed traits of engaging difficult things proactively, a willingness to pivot towards reconciliation, and commitment to leading at the speed of trust, this will be a year of UUFCO history to be cherished and celebrated.

During this year, leadership has successfully undertaken a massive amount of catching up to

- be an organization with an adequate institutional framework of bylaws, policies and leadership groups to function effectively
- realize the necessity of treating one another respectfully, in the spirit of goodwill and assuming the other's best intention, and the role of mindful process in promoting respect and cooperation in the group

- know what cohesion and faithfulness feel like as a larger community

There are conversations to have about what ministries UUFCO wants to serve, and what qualities you as a congregation seek to embody with one another and with the people beyond our walls, people who need ministry of some kind. I expect in the year ahead, the Board and your new minister will begin new dialogue about these waiting questions. Indeed, a number of committees are reaching a point of readiness to launch new initiatives and waiting for clarity about overarching directions and vision, that they may align themselves.

Exciting times indeed! I wish you and Rev. Scott a revealing and hopeful candidating week together, and look forward to our celebrations of this transition when I return.

Rev. Antonia

The President's Perspective

Mark Hickman



This month I am deeply aware of my own limitations as a leader. In spite of my aspirations to be thorough, clear, open and inclusive, I am aware that there is incomplete work, some details have been ignored, some statements have been unclear, and some members do not feel like their voices were adequately heard.

One thing we must recognize about our leaders, both paid and unpaid leaders, is that they are human, and that they will have blind spots and limitations. I am no exception. Ministers are not an exception to this rule either.

As we approach the question of whether or not to call Scott as our settled minister, and think about how to begin a relationship, it is important that we show excitement and optimism, but also remember that he is only human, and that we are only human. The question we are being asked in the Call process is not “have we found a perfect being,” but rather “have we found a human being whom we would like to help us on our journey, and whom we would help on his journey as well.”

I write this letter before we have had a chance to meet and interact with Scott, but I do so with the hope that we are approaching this week with open arms and hearts, and that we all feel like we are ready to engage deeply in conversations and reflection. This is a very important time for us all, and a chance to begin a new relationship. I am excited for the opportunity, and hope you are too.

In connection and openness,

Mark Hickman
Board president

Director of RE

Ayla Halberstadt



One of the most meaningful worship moments I have had happened in a few years ago. I was completely exhausted and it was close to 10 PM, crammed in a hot room full of high school youth and young adults all in a tight circle holding hands, eyes closed, and singing. “Make us aware we are a sanctuary, each made holy and loved right through. With thanksgiving, we are a living sanctuary, anew.” Singing those words over and over as the grips tightened around the room. There was a pulse and energy in that space that was palpable, a hum of sorts that felt safe and intimate. So safe that when we transitioned to a much more upbeat pop song that transformed our swaying bodies to ones that were running around the room still hand in hand feel natural and needed. Transforming from a vulnerable raw space of being reminded of our holiness to declaring that love is strong enough to keep us all bound together. Letting go of inhibitions and shouting “Do you feel the love? I feel the love! C’mon C’mon let’s shout it out, let it pour out of your soul!” Worship like this makes me feel like I am embodying my faith. I need engagement, touch, and movement. I want to be a part of something, a cog in a machine, a working part.

Part of being a working and living system can mean picking up a little extra from time to time and that can also cause overwork. Take a breath and think about what makes your faith feel like a live wire. What makes you feel that pulse and have you fully engaged and embodying your own truth? As we move together into a new chapter in UUFCOs ministry I look forward to embodying our beloved community values together.

In faith and love,

Ayla Halberstadt, DRE

Healthy Congregations Team



Happy Spring from the Healthy Congregations Team. It's looking like we weathered the winter well despite the snowstorms and political thunder. We can now embrace the light of spring as we celebrate together what we've accomplished this year and the prospects for the next.

Looking ahead, the HCT is looking forward to sharing our work and vision in bringing compassionate communication to UUFCO as a means for putting our Covenant of Love into every day action. While we have action plans proposed for the fall, we are certain Rev. Rudolph will infuse his experience and fresh energy into the mix and are so excited about that. Rev. Won's consultation has been helpful in defining our direction and we are poised to transfer our ideas into action.

As this issue is coming out we are in the midst of candidating week where we will no doubt be focusing on our growth together and our dreams for our future. We have been and will continue to be our strong resilient selves as we exercise our mission of *seeking meaning, celebrating life and serving the spirit of love and justice in our world.*

Ministerial Search Update

Vote on May 7!

The work of the Ministerial Search Committee is drawing to a close. We are looking forward to a week of congregational activities with Rev. Scott Rudolph, our settled minister candidate, bookended by sermons on April 30 and May 7 and a vote by UUFCO members immediately after service on May 7. Per our bylaws, a quorum of 40% of our membership is necessary, and an affirmative vote of at least 90% of those present is required to call Rev. Scott as our settled minister.

Read more from the MSC [here](#).

Candidating Week

Rev. Scott Rudolph, our settled minister candidate, will be with us during the candidating week of April 30-May 7. He will be preaching on both April 30 and May 7 and there will be numerous opportunities to meet and get to know him throughout the week.

Rev. Scott's wife, Rebecca, will join the gatherings on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6.

Wednesday, May 3
12:00pm-2:00pm in Redmond
530 NE Shoshone Drive
Potluck lunch - please contact Mayme Trumble if you can bring a dish.

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Friday, May 5
1:00pm-3:00pm at UUFCO

Snacks provided

Saturday, May 6

2:00pm-4:00pm at [Higher Ground](#)

Ice cream social at Higher Ground's community house. This event is especially for families, children and youth.

Events and Announcements

Notebook for Rev. Antonia

A Word of "Thanks"
in Appreciation to
Reverend Antonia Won
for Her Service to
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon

We are compiling a "Notebook of Appreciation & Blessings" to present to Rev. Antonia on her last Sunday with our Fellowship. Feel free to submit an original poem, blessing, words of appreciation, quotes, drawings, a letter etc. - share memories, thoughts, appreciations, anything that helps you to express your Gratitude for the time, wisdom and leadership that she has given us here at UUFCO.

You can place your contribution in this notebook. There are plastic sleeves that can hold what you prepare or create. During the week this notebook will be in the office, and on Sundays it will be on the Kiosk.



If you have any questions please contact [Wendy Howard](#).

Farewell Festivities for Rev. Antonia

As the end of Reverend Antonia's time with us approaches, we want to make you aware of upcoming plans. Mark the dates and plan on joining the festivities.

Friday, June 23 7:00pm -10:00pm: Join together for a fun-filled evening of finger food, dessert and wine. Wear your dancing shoes and come prepared to share stories, songs or other tributes to Reverend Antonia. Contact Ellen Mercer if you are able to help with the event or would like to share a song, skit or tribute the night of the event.

Sunday, June 25: Come to church for Antonia's final Sunday with us. Worship committee members James Simmons and Susan Kinney will lead worship, the kids are planning a musical number and we will all celebrate with an extended coffee hour after the service.

Planning committee members: Michael Carr, Susan Kinney, Leslie Koc, Ellen Mercer and Max Merrill

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Read more [HERE](#).

Board Meeting Thursday, May 11 6:00pm in the Conference Room

If you are interested in having time on the agenda please contact [Mark Hickman](#). You are always welcome to come to a Board meeting.

Governance Resources

Videos with Dan Hotchkiss available at [Search Committee Website](#).

In our library: *Governance and Ministry* by Dan Hotchkiss

Chalice Lighters Reminder

Send or use PNW UUA website to hurry along your \$15 or \$20 promise to assist the UU congregation in Twin Falls ID.

Access Chalice Lighters here: <https://pnwduua.org>

UUFCO Sponsored Concerts Save the Date! Friday, May 12 at UUFCO 7:00pm to 9:00pm

UUFCO is sponsoring a concert/dance fund raising event for Bethlehem Inn featuring the Notables Swing Band with Betty Berger. This music filled fun evening featuring the music of Duke Ellington and Count Basie with free admission. Donations are requested to support the work of Bethlehem Inn, a community-supported emergency shelter that provides a warm, safe place to sleep, nourishing meals, and case management services for adults and children experiencing homelessness in Central Oregon.

Special Note: This event needs your support. We'll be looking for volunteers to help the success of this event. We need people who can help greet, do kitchen duty, prepare coffee, direct parking, serve, set-up, clean-up etc. We will also need volunteers with alcohol servers licenses. If you could help or would like more info please contact [Herb Blank](#) or [Debbie Leonard](#).

Bethlehem Inn Benefit Concert and Dance
Featuring the Notables with Betty Berger



No Host Bar
serving
Beer and Wine

All Ages
Event

Friday, May 12, 2017
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon
61980 Skyliners Ranch
Bend OR 97703
Doors open 6:30 pm
Dancing from 7:00 pm–9:30 pm
Admission Free– Donations Gladly Accepted
RSVP: Notableswingband@gmail.com
or donate at the door

Social Justice at UUFCO

The discussion on "Helping Children Succeed" led by John Horwich has been **canceled** for Wednesday, May 3rd.

Community Dinners Make a difference and volunteer!



Bethlehem Inn Dinners Bend Thursday, May 25

Our dinners are back to the fourth Thursday of the month. You can prepare turkey meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, cupcakes or 1% mile...or be a server! Or both! No experience is necessary. Thank you!

Sign up using this [link](#), at the Sunday sign-up table, or by emailing [Leslie Koc](#).

Jericho Table Serving Your Community in Redmond Saturday, May 27

Please come and help other UUFCO'ers as we bring food and serve a "party" dinner for the Jericho Road/Table program once each month. Sign up at the link below to provide a main course, a fruit/veggie salad, drinks, or a dessert for 45 hungry people. We also need servers to help with the meal. Please join us!

Sign up by emailing [Pam Horwich](#).

FIREFLIES: Igniting sparks in young learners

Our Fireflies are fired up and "sparking" brightly, thanks to so many in our congregation who have contributed to the new book project for Juniper Elementary students. With donations from your recycled bottles and cans (special thanks to Chela), the bake sale led by our RE children, and funds in our Social Justice budget, we have made our \$3000 goal. Thank you all for your enthusiastic support of this project-- very rewarding for the Social Justice action team as well as for the young readers.



The librarian, teachers, and administrators at Juniper are very excited about this opportunity to purchase books, both non-fiction and fiction, to engage the kids during the summer and keep up their reading skills (prevent the "summer slide"). We are scheduling a day in late May for filling 200 colorful bags (that can be worn as backpacks), bearing our fireflies logo, with new books being ordered now. The reading specialist and librarian are selecting high-interest non-fiction and fly-off-the-shelves fiction books that meet the specific needs of these students and excite them about reading. Supplementing the books will be useful, fun items for the kids and flyers for parents that provide tips in guiding their children's reading. The celebration and presentation of the book bags will happen the second week of June or just before the school year ends.

Social Justice Movie Night - "[Lion](#)"

Friday, May 26

6:00pm

Linus Pauling Hall

Join us for this well-reviewed, current film based on the real-life story of Saroo Bierley. Five-year-old Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of Kilometers across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty-five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally return to his first home. Bring your drink of choice and snacks, if you wish.

"Complex, surreal and with profound themes of home and identity" 120 minutes



Ceasefire Oregon

We can prevent gun violence.
Step 1 is showing up.

Saturday, May 13, 10:00am to 1 PM
Community Conversation on Gun Violence
UUFCO

**A UUFCO Social Justice co-sponsored event
Free and open to the public**

Come to be inspired, encouraged, informed, and empowered. Bring questions and constructive ideas.

We seek to begin a larger conversation on the common goal of keeping guns away from children, depressed people, felons, and others who should not have them.

Please note that firearms are not allowed in the fellowship.

Speakers

- Ceasefire Oregon Education Foundation
- Gun Owners for Responsible Ownership
- Moms Demand Action - Oregon

More information: 503.451.3630 or ceasefireoregon@gmail.com

GCC for May

The LOFT

Cascade Youth & Family Center/The LOFT (Living Options For Teens) is where youth experiencing homelessness find safety, shelter, and support. This organization is the primary resource for homeless and runaway teens in

Central Oregon, providing help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.. Their program provides emergency shelter, street outreach service, support for victims of human trafficking and counseling, works to reunite youth with their families, strengthens family relationships, encourages stable living conditions for youth, and supports youth in choosing constructive courses of action, toward education completion and employment.

Funds donated will support their emergency shelter beds and the supplies a youth needs when they enter shelter such as toothbrushes, clothes, hygiene items and more. Your donations will also support youth by providing staff to help youth get enrolled in school, see a doctor, obtain employment and life skills training/support. The LOFT works with youth in a wide variety of circumstance and each youth is met with compassion, understanding and support.

Requested Donations or Volunteers

Potluck Hosts for NUUrishment Nights

We will be having a potluck **once a month** on a NUUrishment Night. If you would like to become a Potluck Host, please contact [Chela](#). Responsibilities are: come early to set up tables for food, set out plates and silverware, welcome friends as they arrive, oversee clean-up.

RE Classroom Volunteers Needed!

RE classroom volunteers needed! To ensure our Religious Exploration program is up to safe church guidelines and that we are protecting both our adults and children in the program, we need two adults in each class a week! Volunteering in Religious Exploration as a classroom assistant requires no prep work and is a meaningful way to get to know the children and youth in our congregation. You would be assisting our lead RE teachers with discussions and activities during our 30-45 minute RE classes. Please contact [Ayla Halberstadt](#), Director of Religious Exploration to sign up today!

Sunday Service Volunteers

May is Team D's turn to help out with volunteering at Sunday services. This is a valuable way to contribute to our UUFCO congregation. Please check your calendars to sign up for one or two Sundays. Please click [here](#) to access SignUp, UUFCO's online volunteer sign up sheet.

Not sure if you are on Team C? Check out the list [here](#).

Adult RE Offerings

Leaning Into Our Seven Principles **Wednesdays, May 10, 17, 24** **7:00pm to 8:30pm** **Linus Pauling Hall**

Join us on Wednesday evening May 10th as we wrestle with our 5th Principle which states: "We affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large."

The format begins with a panel of three congregants who share their personal experiences in response to discussion questions, and then we share our own experience in small groups, and wrap up with large group discussion. This format allows us an opportunity to share our successes as well as our struggles in an attempt to live our principles out loud. Sharing where we have fallen short or need a hand is especially welcomed. We continue with the 6th principle on Wednesday evening May 17 and wrap up with our 7th principle on Wednesday evening May 24.

Take a few minutes to review the [discussion questions](#) for the 5th Principle and come ready and willing to share your experiences, not just your thoughts. No RSVP necessary! Come to any or all of the Wednesday evenings where we explore our Seven Principles together.

Spirituality Book Club

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Linus Pauling room. Next meeting is May 9 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Drop-ins are welcome.

We are exploring Marshall Rosenberg's book, *Non-Violent Communication: A Language of Life*. The format is experiential; we will spend most of our time practicing compassionate communication, using the reading as guidance. No

prior knowledge of Non-Violent (Compassionate) Communication is needed. Any questions, contact [Robin Slocum](#).

Dances of Universal Peace

[Chela Sloper](#) hosts the monthly gathering of Dances of Universal Peace - celebrating traditions through song and movement. Join us May 23 at 7:00pm.

Spiritual Practices available at UUFCO

Wednesday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am

Our approach at UUFCO is to offer a slower, gentle class which is appropriate for beginners and for experienced students. Find out how yoga supports your well being by improving your balance, strength, and ability to relax. Please come a few minutes early to get settled for class begins. If this is your first time the teacher will orient you to our sign in process and you will need to sign a liability of release form. Teachers in May will be Nancy Hodge and Wendy Howard. For questions please email [Wendy Howard](#) or call 541.598.4794.

Sunday Morning Meditation Sunday Morning at 9:00am

Chandra Smith invites you to a weekly Sunday morning meditation before worship in the Founders Fireside. We have returned to a seated meditation inside. All are welcome. Email [Chandra](#) with any questions.

Good Times Activities

Quilting

The next meeting for the quilting group will be May 20 at 9:30am. We will meet in the Bela Bartok (Green) Room behind the Sanctuary. Bring a project to work on, or just come to learn more about the group and add your ideas. Contact [Virlene Arnold](#) or call 541-408-0019.

Family Dinner Night - Canceled for May due to holiday

Come join other UUFCO families and friends for a potluck! Everyone is invited! Bring a dish and a smile to share. Contact [Megan Michell](#) for more information.

Camping

- The UU camping group will start our season with a trip to Silver Falls State Park on May 15, 16, & 17, coming home on the 18th. The park is a gem with water falls, hiking trails, biking trails and the Oregon Gardens are nearby. The camping, tenting and cabin sites fill quickly, so if you'd like to join us in a fun filled trip, make your reservations very soon. [Silver Falls State Park](#).
- UU Campers will be enjoying food, fellowship and frivolity at Belknap Hot Springs (Hwy 126) on June 12-15. Check out Belknap [here](#). There are lovely lodge rooms available -at this writing-if you prefer your "camping" under a roof with air conditioning. We spend the days loosely organized, swimming in the hot springs-fed pools, hiking, boating nearby, walking in the gardens, or just resting in the fresh air. One evening includes a potluck, but we gather most evenings to enjoy a campfire with drinks, chatting, singing and more (roasted marshmallows anyone?). Contact [Judy P.](#) before May 12 for more information.

Knitting

The Yarn Connection meets every Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the Fireside

Hiking

May 11, John Lawton, leader. Deschutes Land Trust

May 18, Marianne Spur, Flatiron, Oregon Badlands

May 25, Betsy Dickinson, Dillon to Benham Falls, Deschutes River Trail

June 1, Karen Maier, Paulina Creek, Newberry National Volcanic Monument

Check out the Kiosk for more information on upcoming hikes.

Card Night

If you are interested in playing cards on a regular (monthly) bases, email [Jim Dobrowski](#) or call 541.410.4887.

Game Night

Check weekly ACE for upcoming events.

Movie Night

"Lion"- Friday, May 26 at 6:00pm in Linus Pauling.

The Yarn Connection

Every Thursday at 3:30pm in the Founder's Fireside Room. We welcome any knitters as well as crocheters who care to join us.

Contact [Judy Paulsmeyer](#) for more information.

Circle Supper

Circle Supper is May 26 at 6:00pm. Sign up at the kiosk in the Gathering Hall. Contact [Pam Wilson](#) for additional information.

Book Club Numero Uno (#1)

We invite new people to join Book Club Numero Uno. We read a variety of books, both non-fiction and fiction. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month from 2:00 - 4:00pm in the Founders Fireside room. Please call Bo Hanson (541-550-7656) or Wendy Howard (541-598-4794) for more information.

Happy Birthday to....YOU!

Ellen Atkin

Rachel Baker

Wilma Campbell

Becky Dobrowski

Elliot Dutcher

Jenn Egan

Elliot Emerson

Kathleen Harrington

Jim Henson

Cynthia Homan

Judy Paulsmeyer

Dick Pond

Debbie Schmerber

Judy Trask

Maxine VanSlyke

Beverly Wilson

Dick Wilson

Tom Wykes



May Calendar

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The Ministerial Search Committee began our work in July of 2016. Our journey together since then has been a richly rewarding one. We have delved into the history of UUFCO and learned about the structure and work of our board, many committees, and staff. We had many opportunities to hear from you about your hopes and dreams for UUFCO. And we have explored the life and spirit of many other congregations around the country as we moved through the rigorous selection process. As a committee, we have gotten to know each other well through collaboration on many tasks, through meetings, meals, and laughter, and through a process of study, discussion, deep listening, and discernment that moved us ultimately to a point of consensus. We are concluding our work with great appreciation for the talents, thoughtfulness, and integrity that each member contributed to this long process and with a deep belief in the bright future of our congregation. We are thrilled with the spirit, talents, and experience that Rev. Scott promises to bring to UUFCO and now look forward to your getting to know him during candidating week. Below is a letter to the congregation from Rev. Scott.

Dear Good People of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon,

After a long and winding road for your Ministerial Search Committee and for me, I am so excited that we have arrived at the same place! The invitation to be your candidate for settled ministry thrills me to my core. It has been a joy getting to know the congregation from your search materials, through conversation with the search committee and others who have served the church, and then by visiting Bend in March.

I am currently in my sixth year of ministry serving the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Rebecca and I have two children, Simon, (7), and Tessa Jane (5) along with a dog named Hobbuddy and a cat named Ninja. We are quite in love with all we have learned about the congregation and the area of Bend. We are nature lovers at heart and the idea of soaking our own souls in the outdoors and raising our children in this environment is remarkable. I hope you will have a chance to view my ministerial search website [www.revscottrudolph.com] before I arrive for our candidating week together on April 30 - May 7.

Given all that this fellowship has accomplished in your past and how healthy and vibrant you are right now, the future of the congregation is full of possibility. The kindness and dedication of the members and friends comes through clearly. You have a history of strong lay leadership and involvement. Challenges have arisen through the years and the people have engaged them together. The congregation is moving out into the community to work for justice. Spiritual and personal growth are central to your shared time. You are a caring community of people who live life deeply. You have dreamed big and then realized these hopes with your building and your solid community life. All of these congregational qualities call to me deeply. Now the next chapter awaits.

From the beginning, the people and story of UUFCO captured my imagination and never let go. My hope is to bring my skills and talents into this community to help the congregation continue its good work as we envision together what could be next. I look forward to meeting you soon and hearing more about your experiences at UUFCO. Should the congregation choose to call me as your next settled minister, I would be honored to contribute my energies to UUFCO's mission of seeking meaning, celebrating life, and serving the spirit of love and justice in our world.

With Joy,

Rev. Scott Rudolph

Candidating week schedule:

Sunday, April 30

10:30 am-11:30 am Service with Rev. Scott preaching

12:00 pm-2:00 pm Finger food potluck. Please sign up with Ellen Mercer to bring something to share.

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Vote of the UUFCO members immediately after the service.

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Marty Rudolph is our nominee for Vice President. This is a three-year commitment. Marty will be President in FY 2018-19 and Past President in FY 2019-20.

Marty Rudolph moved to Bend in 2013. Prior to that, Marty managed an art gallery in Hood River, taught marketing at the regional art centers for the Oregon Arts Commission and served as President of the Columbia Gorge Ecology Institute. A pioneer in sports marketing, Marty worked for Levi Strauss on the 80 and 84 Olympic Games and for the 88 U.S. Biathlon Team. She served as Vice-President of the Women's Sports Foundation and upon moving to Portland helped found the Portland Sports Authority. A Unitarian since age of 26, Marty has volunteered as a tutor, member of the Communications Committee, the Membership Committee, the Leadership Development Committee, the choir, and a regular Bethlehem Inn cupcake volunteer. She volunteers for the Central Oregon Symphony Marketing Committee and serves on the board of Amistad International.

With the new UUFCO Bylaws approval in November 2016, all Board positions are a three-year commitment. **Sylvia McFarland** is our nominee for Treasurer and **Erika Beard-Irvine** is our nominee for Secretary.



Sylvia McFarland has served on the Finance Committee, the Facilities Management Committee, and the Project Grace Committee. In addition, she and her husband work the sound board and slides, and are Sunday volunteers at UUFCO. She also volunteers with the Red Cross. She and her husband (Lew) moved to Bend in late 2014, after living in Goldendale, WA for eight years and in Portland for over 30 years. She is retired from her career as a commercial real estate appraiser. In addition to volunteering, Sylvia enjoys walking/hiking and reading.



Erika Beard-Irvine moved to Bend with her family in May 2014. Before leaving the Navy after 16 years, she lived outside Washington DC, in Florida, and in Okinawa, Japan. She also did earthquake relief in Haiti in 2010 on the hospital ship Comfort, which accounts for most of her sea stories. She is a pediatrician at the Oregon Youth Challenge High School and at a small

private practice in Bend. She is also homeschooling her kids George and Stephanie. She enjoys knitting, sewing, reading, training in karate, and gardening. At UUFCCO, she has been a worship host, helped prepare and serve dinner at Bethlehem Inn, tutored at Juniper Elementary School, and chairs the Children's RE Committee.

UUFCCO members will have an opportunity to vote for the nominees at the May 21 annual meeting. As per the Bylaws, nominations will be taken from the floor for accepting nominees.

The continuing Board members for FY2017-2018 are:

Max Merrill, President

Mark Hickman, Immediate Past President

Paul Bennett, At Large

Amy Falkenrath, At Large

Greg Byrne, At Large

Thank you to all those who worked with the LDC in our first UUFCCO Board nomination process. And our deepest thank you to Marty, Sylvia and Erika.

If you have a question, please seek out Leslie Koc, LDC Chair.



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