



# The Communitarian

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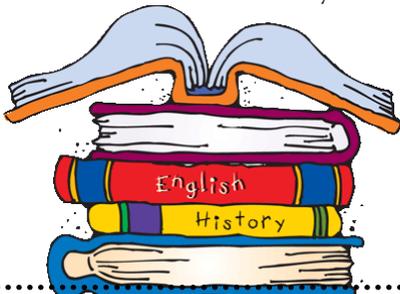
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20th. Submit your input to  
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September 6~

“Sharing the Words and Learning the Tune”

*Speaker: Rev. Doak M. Mansfield*

Our new minister, The Reverend Doak M Mansfield, begins his ministry with us with a message that gives a sense of his ideas and understanding of the Unitarian Universalist ministry.

*Worship Associate: Mike Truex*

*Musician: Ellen Fillion*

September 13~

“Mingling of Waters”

*Speaker: CUUC Members*

The Mingling of Waters is CUUC’s traditional ritual of gathering at the end of summer to mark the beginning of a new church year.

Everyone is invited to bring water that was collected from summer journeys and experiences (symbolic water welcome) and combine it with the water from others. We’ll have a chance to share the essence of our stories from this summer, the part that has meaning to us, and reaffirm our bonds of community.

*Worship Associate: Alex Emig*

*Musician: Fran Handy*

September 20~

“Spirituality and Community in a Post-Modern Culture”

*Speaker: Rev. Doak M. Mansfield*

Doak will consider the difficulty in finding meanings that make sense and bless, and relatedness that nourishes and nurtures in a society where traditions are suspect and ‘corporatism’ is enslaving. If his notions have validity, are there implications for CUUC in his analysis?

*Worship Associate: Diane Reed*

*Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex*

September 27~

“This I Believe”

*Speaker: CUUC Members*

Today, a few church members will share how they respond to an opportunity to say “This I Believe ...”

*Worship Associate: Mike Truex*

*Musician: Ellen Fillion*

## Minister

### Notes from the Journey *The Reverend Doak M Mansfield*

Hey there! First off.... I go by "Doak" for most all occasions. If it is a formal occasion and status is useful, e.g. interfaith meetings, hospital, and such, I prefer "Reverend Mansfield".

Peggy and I are thrilled to be here.

We so look forward to our work and life with CUUC. I completed on Aug 16 a two year term as Interim Minister for the UU Church of Tampa, Florida (140 members). We were a great match and the experience was very gratifying and from all reports a success. I'm very proud of our accomplishments there. Their new settled minister is now in place and their future looks wonderful.

Peggy is a native of the 'Piney Woods' of southeastern Mississippi and retired in 2013 after 36 years working in local chapters of the American Red Cross: ten years as Youth Director in Pensacola, FL and twenty-six years as Executive Director of a four county chapter in her hometown of Laurel, MS. She is a great cook and conversationalist. She collects friends like no one I've ever encountered. Peggy is addicted to water activities: water aerobics is a favorite and is in search of a good swim facility and swim buds. If anyone has any recommendations please call her: 601.470.8746.

I am a sixth generation Tennessean (mostly residents of Sequatchie Valley north of Chattanooga and the beautiful south central Tennessee - Fayetteville and Pulaski areas along the Alabama boundary) with ancestors who included lots of farmers, a few millers, teachers, merchants, and preachers. Most were Methodists but a few deserted to the Baptists. No Catholics or Jews that I've heard. Some were Rebels and a few Unionists who 'Saw the Elephant' in the Civil

War. My great grandfather wouldn't fight for either side! My ethnic legacy is German, Welsh, Scot, English, and Cherokee: the very common WASP demographic of the Southeast USA. Never rich not extremely poor my ancestors included no really famous characters and only a few infamous ones.

Over our time together I will be dedicated to getting to know you and serving our shared faith: contributing my ideas, concerns, and experiences to our shared existence as we sustain a community of transformations, where we explore our best selves and engage openly and lovingly with the meanings of life: our challenges, weaknesses, hopes, and our wondrous potentials and participating in promoting justice and most especially the health and happiness of our interdependent life. I'm mighty hopeful that our engagement is a long and good, good experience for us all.

We've found a nice apartment in Kennewick (200 S. Union, Apt 4B 99336). My cell is 601.498.0906. I like to eat and see new things!

In Community, *Doak*

***Minister's Schedule***  
***The Reverend Doak M. Mansfield, D.Min***  
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***minister@communityuu.org***

Doak normally will lead and offer a message the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. There may be an exception from time to time for special observances.

He will have office hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10 AM - Noon. Please call the church office: 509.545.6777 or Doak directly: 601.498.0906 to confirm his presence at the church as he may be called away or have

meeting's. Other times by appointment can always be arranged.

## Presidents Corner



### *From the President!*

*Respectfully Submitted by Mark Painter*

I hope you all are having a joyful and fulfilling summer. I've spent some time traveling and enjoying time with my kids. If you are near Ashland this season, I

strongly recommend the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's productions of "Pericles" and "Head Over Heels".

We are looking forward to meeting and welcoming our new minister Doak and his wife Peggy. He will be starting his work in September.

We have had a successful Community Service Project in the Alternative Gift Fair for a number of years. I've been involved in a number of discussions that have expressed the hope that we could come up with a second significant annual Community Service Project for the congregation at some other time in the year. Many ideas have been proposed, but to make something work, we will need someone to drive a project to success. If you have an idea that you are passionate about, tell me about it. It always starts with that first step.

Joy and Service, Right Here, Right Now!

Mark Painter



## Religious Education Children & Youth



### RE Children's Program

Members of the Religious Education team gathered for a retreat on August 15th to plan for the coming year. Together, we considered possible RE themes, topics, activities, and events. This year, Elementary and Middle School groups will explore a number of themes throughout the year such as social justice, tolerance, interfaith relations, and peace. They will learn about different religions, hunger, UU identity, gratitude, and more. They will also participate in a range of activities including special projects, fieldtrips, and seasonal celebrations.

In September, the Elementary group will begin by exploring *Diversity*, while the Middle School group talks about *Peer Pressure*. Next, both groups will participate in our annual *Mingling of Waters* intergenerational worship service. Then, Middle Schoolers will engage in dialogue about *Tolerance*, while the Elementary kids talk about *Bullying*. During our final Sunday of the month, Elementary and Middle School groups will be combined for *Peace Sunday* and explore peace through artistic expression. On this Sunday, September 27th, kids and their families are invited to participate in the Mid-Columbia Interfaith Peace Walk sponsored by the Tri-Cities Interfaith Alliance. At 2 pm, peace walkers will travel 3 miles from Beth Shalom to Shalom United Church of Christ in Richland. Come join in the fun as we celebrate peace together!

### September 6

Elementary: *Diversity*

Middle School: *Peer Pressure*

**September 13**

Intergenerational Worship Service: *Mingling of Waters*

**September 20**

Elementary: *Bullying*  
Middle School: *Tolerance*

**September 27**

Elementary and Middle School: *Peace Sunday*

**Mentors, Assistants, and Guests**

Being an RE mentor, assistant, or guest is a fun way to contribute to community as well as a way to foster warm relationships across the generations. If you would like to be a mentor, assistant, or guest or have a special interest or activity you would like to share with the kids, please contact Shannon Hays-Truex at [mike.shannon.truex@gmail.com](mailto:mike.shannon.truex@gmail.com).

**Nursery/Preschool Needs**

We need more mentors and assistants for the Nursery/Preschool group. The primary emphasis in this group is *free play* and *fun*! Please let me know if you are interested in participating in this way.

I look forward to collaborating with you all to create another fun year of RE!



**Board & Committee News**

*Board of Trustees  
Retreat!!*

*September 12, 2015*

***Hospitality***

***Souper Salad Sunday!***  
***September 6, 2015***

**Ensalada**



*We will have a Souper (Salad) Sunday after church on Sept. 6th which is Rev. Doak Mansfield's first Sunday with us. Please bring a salad or soup to share & join in welcoming him & his wife Peggy after that service!*

***Green Sanctuary***

**No New News!**

## Hands & Heart



The Hands and Hearts Committee would like to remind you that we are here to help, not just for big events where we all cry or laugh, but also for the little things as well. We are here to help you out in any way we can. You can seek us out at church (our name tags have the heart stickers) or call us up at home. (If one of us doesn't answer, keep on trying other numbers). If you know of somebody who needs looked in on, or if you want to discuss your own situation, please give us a ring. Bev is our card person, if you know someone who needs to receive a Get-Well Card, Sympathy card, etc. please contact her.

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## Women's Luncheon!

Tuesday, September 15, 2015  
@12:00p.m.

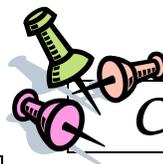


Beginning in June, Women's Luncheons will be held at Howard Amon Park. Look for us at the east end of Lee Blvd, just to the right of the turning circle. If you arrive first, please hold a table (preferably in the shade). In the event of wind or rain we'll meet at the Richland Community Center lobby. Mark your calendar for the third Tuesday of the month.

Sharon Faletti ~375-0467

## Social Justice

No new news!



## CUUC Bulletin Board

*The CUUC Men's Group meets on the third Friday of the month, beginning at 5:30 PM. Do not be afraid to be fashionably late! We are now primed for thought provoking debate, the world has turned, it's time to expand the conversation and get our creative juices flowing. The topics are often "out of this world."*

*Our next meeting is September 18th, and our gracious host is Mr. Gary*

*Scheidegger. Dinner will be provided, but bring your own beverage (BYOB). To find out more about the group experience, please leave a voice message for Fred Dunhour (208-522-4657) or e-mail: [fred.dunhour@mindspring.com](mailto:fred.dunhour@mindspring.com). Thank you!*

## ENCOURAGEMENT OF OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH (UU 3<sup>RD</sup> PRINCIPAL)

Just as my intellectual growth occurs through my schooling and career so is my spiritual growth a lifelong learning process.

From a Rev. Buckminster sermon “Look back upon your lives, and observe the numerous opinions that you have adopted and discarded, the numerous attachments you have formed and forgotten, and recollect how imperceptible were the revolutions of your sentiments, how quiet the changes of your affections. Perhaps even now your mind may be passing through some interesting processes, your pursuits may be taking some new direction, and your character may soon exhibit to the world some unexpected transformation.”

Rev. Buckminster envisioned life as a continuing process of spiritual and moral growth. May the Spirit of Love surround you everywhere you may go!  
David Comsto



At this year's General Assembly's Public Witness events with Lummi Nation it was mentioned that they would be traveling with a totem to Montana, to raise awareness about fossil fuel extraction on their tribal lands and the climate crisis. The totem will be in Hood River on **Tuesday, August 25 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**

Members of the Mid-Columbia Fellowship and our local partners Gorge Ecumenical Ministries and the Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network will be offering a ceremony to welcome Lummi carver Jewel James, Lummi leaders, and to bless the pole and our work fostering climate change. More information is contained in the press release below.

### **The Threat of Fossil Fuel Exports:**

#### **Joining with the Lummi Nation Totem Pole Journey**

*Sponsored by Gorge Ecumenical Ministries and  
The Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network*

**Riverside Community Church; 4th and State Street, Hood River**

**Tuesday August 25th, 12:30 to 1:30 PM**

*Contact: Rev. John Boonstra (541-505-6282) [johnboonstra@msn.com](mailto:johnboonstra@msn.com)*

*Community members are invited to participate in a historic event on Tuesday, August 25th as Lummi Tribal members bring a 22 foot Totem Pole to Hood River.*

The Totem Pole journey is led by Master Carver Jewell James of the Lummi Nation's *House of Tears Carvers*. The goal of the journey, from British Columbia to Montana, is to raise awareness of fossil fuel exports and their direct

threat to people like the Lummi and others  
throughout the region.

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