



# The Communitarian

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The *Communitarian* is the monthly newsletter of the  
Community Unitarian Universalist  
Church

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The deadline for the November issue  
of *The Communitarian* is October  
20th. Submit your input to  
[office@communityuu.org](mailto:office@communityuu.org).

## October 4~ “The Virtue of Gratitude”

*Speaker: The Reverend Doak M. Mansfield, D.Min*

Doak says of this topic, “I always cringed at Mother’s admonition to ‘Be Thankful!’ I will nevertheless offer some thoughts on the quality of gratitude as an aspect of character and the spiritual life.”

*Worship Associate: Mike Truex*

*Musician: Ellen Fillion*

## October 11~ “Can't We Get Along?”

*Speaker: Alex Emig*

This sermon proposes a way of dealing with people we perceive as different. Come find out what it is.

*Worship Associate: Alex Emig*

*Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex*

## October 18~ “Blessings & Curses of the Past”

*Speaker: The Reverend Doak M. Mansfield, D.Min.*

“In the northern hemisphere, the ancient ones considered this time of the year as very significant; the entrance into the shorter days and longer nights – a time of remembering and reckoning. I’ll work those notions in these reflections,” Doak says of this message.

*Worship Associate: Bobi Wilson*

*Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex*

## October 25~ “Why I Am a Unitarian Universalist Pagan”

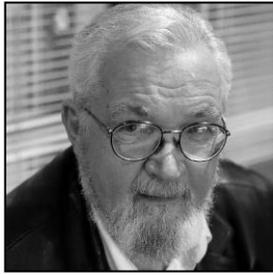
*Speaker: CUUC Members*

Thoughts on why a Pagan approach to life and spirituality is useful and applicable to the life of a Unitarian Universalist.

*Worship Associate: Diane Reed*

*Musician: Ellen Fillion*

## Minister



### Notes from “The Journey” The Reverend Doak M Mansfield, D. Min.

Hints of autumn are at hand. Tampa in west central Florida has pretty consistent weather: very mild, short autumn and winter with some rains and usually bearable humidity. A short wondrous spring followed by long, hot, powerful humid, stormy summers was our experience during our two years there. We have secured clothing suitable for a real autumn and winter and look forward to distinguishable seasons. So far so good. May the next 5-6 months be temperate?

My first month with you has been very nice. The reception extended by the congregation is gratifying and I appreciate that very much. We’re learning the area and find it most pleasing. We’ve found the necessary local support: eateries, grocery, retail places, movies, a family doctor we can share, Peggy a place for swimming, and for me a decent breakfast place or two, a suitable barber and a mechanic. So far so good.

I write this before our Board retreat Sept 26. The Board and I will be at that time and afterward working on looking at how we are and on what we might aspire to be: both the routine things and possible great things. I so look forward to the creativity and ideas that we discuss.

I’m making contacts within the area multi-faith community and plan on participating in all activities that reflect our UU principles and CUUC mission. The PNW District Ministers’ gathering is Oct 25-28 in Federal Way, WA and I will attend.

A working group is doing the research needed to craft a grant proposal to submit to the Pacific Northwest District of the UUA by November 2 to fund what is required for good audio-visual capacities for CUUC.

*“The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance.”*

Alan Watts (1915 – 1973) was a British-born American philosopher, writer, and speaker, best known as an interpreter and popularizer of Eastern philosophy for a Western audience. NOTE: Watts was sponsored by CUUC in the 1960s in a peaking event in the Tri-Cities!

My dancing skills are very limited but in my own awkward way I like to dance and have been at this ‘dance’ for four decades. The tunes have changed as well as the venues but I’m experienced and willing. Shall we then dance?



## President’s Corner

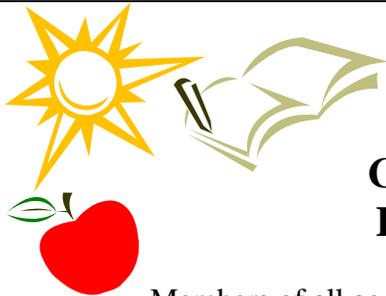


### *From the President!*

*Respectfully Submitted by Mark Painter*

**No new news!**

## Religious Education Children & Youth



### RE Children's Program



Members of all ages shared highlights from their summer journeys during our annual *Mingling of Waters* worship service. Gathering in community and sharing in this way is an important part of Religious Exploration. Together, we explore memorable moments, occasions, and events such as seeing glaciers and icebergs in Alaska, going to hockey camp in Canada and music camp in Oregon, moving all the way from Texas and starting kindergarten, playing with Grandpa, and traveling to Australia as a young ambassador. These experiences and more enrich and shape the lives of our children at CUUC. Each experience is a story filled with details worth sharing. Take time to ask a child about their summer experiences.

In October, the Elementary group will begin by building *A Place of Our Own*, while the Middle School group journeys into the *Twilight Zone*. Next, both groups will get to know our new minister *Doak* and his wife *Peggy* in a combined RE session. Then, Middle Schoolers will engage in *Explorations Through Art*, while the Elementary kids explore how *Kids Can Serve, Too*. During our final Sunday of the month, Elementary and Middle School groups will be combined for the annual *Harvest Fair*, when we will celebrate the bounty of the season through games, crafts, and healthy snacks. On this Sunday, October 25th, everyone is invited to wear a festive costume—witches, scarecrows, ghosts, and more are welcome!

#### **October 4**

Elementary: *A Place of Our Own*

Middle School: *Twilight Zone*

#### **October 11**

Elementary and Middle School: *Getting to Know Doak and Peggy*

#### **October 18**

Elementary: *Kids Can Serve, Too*  
Middle School: *Explorations Through Art*

#### **October 25**

Elementary and Middle School: *Harvest Fair*

#### **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 Meeting is first Tuesday of each month @ 6:30p.m.

## *Hospitality*

***Souper Sunday!***  
***October 4, 2015***



Calling all soup chefs and enthusiasts. Soup season has arrived at CUUC. First Sunday of the month: October 4.

## 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. 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 contact Doak or one of us. 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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## Social Justice

No new news!

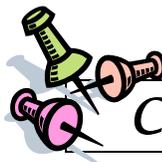


## Women's Luncheon!

Tuesday, October 20, 2015  
@ 12:00p.m.



The Women's luncheon will move back indoors in October. Please join us on Tuesday October 20 at noon at the church for a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share.



## CUUC Bulletin Board

Weekly Gentle Yoga Classes are returning to CUUC starting Saturday October 10th, from 9:00am - 10:15am.

Gentle yoga is a fun and lighthearted class for students who want a more gentle approach to yoga. Classes emphasize the mind/body

connection through breathing, stretching and movement with traditional and modified poses. Chairs and other props are often used to help make poses and movements more accessible. Join us as we explore techniques to relieve stress and ease body and mind into improved strength, flexibility and balance.

Yoga mats and props will be available to use or you can bring your own. Drop-ins are welcome.

Classes are \$15 each session or you can purchase a 'punch card' of 10 classes for \$120.

Instructor Bobi Wilson has completed the 200 hour Teacher Training through Pacific Yoga of Seattle and Yoga Community of Kennewick. Please contact her with any questions @ 509.585.2558 or [bobiwilson2@gmail.com](mailto:bobiwilson2@gmail.com).

## CUUC MEN'S GROUP!

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. You may have something important to share, and not yet realize it, so join with us!

Our next meeting is October 16th, and we are currently still seeking our host. 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). We would love to add you to our group e-mail list. Thank you!  
Fred

## Harvest Fair Coming Up!

Our 7th annual Harvest Fair for the children in RE is coming up on Sunday October 25th. Our theme this year is *A Home For Light*. Children will create miniature homes out of pumpkins. On this special day, we encourage children and adults to wear costumes and participate in outdoor activities and the simple joys of yesteryear. There will be warm cider, herb tea, fruit, fresh pumpkin bread, roasted pumpkin seeds, and other healthy snacks.

We encourage adults to participate. The Fair runs concurrently with the Sunday worship service and ends at noon. We can always use more hands. We also will need to borrow decorations, especially corn sheaves, pumpkins, hay bales, scarecrows, stuffed crows or other birds, and anything else that fits a harvest fair. Please bring your decorations to the front lawn around 10:00ish so we can set up before the worship service begins.

For more information, contact Shannon Hays-Truex at [mike.shannon.truex@gmail.com](mailto:mike.shannon.truex@gmail.com) or 946-4813.



## ALTERNATIVE GIFT

### FAIR: #9!

Who would have thought we'd make it to 9?

Congratulations to everyone who has helped make this a success in the past -- & now let's gear up for our next annual charity gift fair. This year it will be Sat. Dec. 5th, and as usual from noon--4:00.

Please be ready to come celebrate that day and to help in the many ways that make the fair run smoothly. In the 8 years past we have raised **over \$130,000!**

Let's keep it going!

For those new to the church, this is an alternative to holiday gift fairs & to more unneeded "stuff" at the holidays. People visit the charity tables, see what they do, and then make donations to the charities of their choice. Credit cards are accepted. We have a mix of local & national charities, and this year we will again have an aisle dedicated to local sustainability organizations.

You can also purchase a gift card so that you can give a donation in the name of a friend or relative. We have music and a crafts activity for kids, and a bake sale. The proceeds from the bake sale help to support the following year's AGF. It is a fun & festive afternoon!

We will have a sign-up sheet out in November--so please think of ways you'd like to help! This year we especially need help with the craft table, and we need a person to volunteer to bring snacks for our charity volunteers. (We set up refreshments in the back room so that they can take a break.) We will have flyers to hand out again, and we publicize the fair in the paper, on NPR & through yard signs. Please contact Teri Robertson if you have any questions.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year!



**Mark Iler and  
Jess McKeegan  
Humor & Heart**

Jess McKeegan and her partner, Mark Iler, perform as a duo playing everything from Old Pop and Rock Songs and Folk Classics to Celtic Tunes Sets and Sea shanties.

Jess and Mark also perform in a High Energy Celtic band called "Loch Dhu" (*Scottish Gaelic for Lake Black*) found here... [www.lochdhmusic.net](http://www.lochdhmusic.net).

**3~River Folklife Concert**

**October 17, 2015**

**@Community UU Church**

**7:00p.m.**

***Ticket Prices:***

***\$14.00 General***

***\$12:00 Seniors/Students & 3RFS***

***Members***

