



The Communitarian

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

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Joy and Service –
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The deadline for the September issue
of *The Communitarian* is August
20th. Submit your input to
office@communityuu.org

August 4~

“Fuzzy Questions, Fuzzy Answers”

Speaker: Alex Emig

I have a vague idea that I'll be talking about Bruce Clear's sermon on fuzziness.

Note this is a joke; the sermon is about religious ambiguity.

Worship Associate: Alex Emig

Musician: Justin King

August 11~

“Meditation for Opening the Heart”

Speaker: Chris Murray

The Buddha taught a meditation technique for opening the heart and developing wholesome states of mind, including unbounded kindness, compassion, joy, and balance. Chris Murray, founder of Insight Meditation of the Mid-Columbia, will introduce this approach to meditation and lead us in a guided meditation.

Worship Associate: Mike Truex

Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex

August 18~

“Help and Wisdom from Below”

Speaker: Jim Dyson

Finding help and wisdom from unexpected sources, which may result in change, healing, and transformation. The Text, II Kings 5:1-17 will be used as a metaphor with applications to today's living.

Worship Associate: Diane Reed

Musician: Ellen Fillion

August 25~

“Mingling of Waters”

Speaker: CUUC Members & Friends

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: Mike Truex

Musician: Ellen Fillion

From Our Minister



Written Offerings

From Rev. Cr



Greetings from the Oregon Katydid Cemetery in Salem!

I guess I'd better explain. We've now lived in our house since 2003. A few years ago, we began to notice dead katydids on and around our front porch in midsummer—just 2 or 3, every couple of days. Since then, their numbers have been increasing steadily. This year, we rarely find fewer than a dozen of these beautiful green creatures, legs in the air, every afternoon. You have to watch your step as you come in the front door. It's a mystery to me. Maybe our porch was built on a site that was sacred to katydids, and it feels like the right place to let go of life.

Earlier in the summer, farther from home, I saw something amazing in the morning sky while I was running near the base of Mt. Shasta in California. Two smaller crows' were harassing a much larger one (maybe it was a raven?) the way I have often seen small birds driving raptors away from their nesting territory. Nothing unusual really, but then: the large bird flipped upside down in mid-air, struck at the attackers with its claws, then flipped back over to continue its escape! I watched this happen again and again. I had never seen anything like it before. If birds have sacred spaces, the sky is one. They nest elsewhere, but here's where they take hold of life.

I look forward to seeing you all on September 1, back in our sacred place. I'm also looking forward to our new UU History class, starting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 14 and continuing through the first Saturday of December. We'll be watching the excellent film series, "Long Strange

Trip" that takes us through 2000 years of Unitarian and Universalist history, with visits to historic (or even *sacred*?) sites, interviews, and a clear presentation of key persons and documents. I hope that many of you can attend. It's a great opportunity to connect to a courageous and often very noble tradition. I wish I could have had access to this series back when I was in seminary!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

In fellowship,

Craig

Board & Committee News

From the President!

Respectfully Submitted by Dave Comstock,



No News!

Religious Education Children & Youth

RE Children's Program



Children's Summer Program:

Our children's program this year is based on folk tales' from around the world. We have already heard stories from Turkey and Alaska, and more tales are coming in July after the June 30 Blessing of the Animals. We still need some teachers for July and August, so please sign up if you can.

The sign-up sheet and curriculum, "Tales Alive!," are in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks!

The children's vegetable garden is growing, with potatoes, peas, sunflowers, and more being planted all the time. Thanks to Sandra and Shannon for helping the kids with the garden.

Hospitality

No 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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Vickie Fausz ~ 783-7797 or 531-8469, Jo Lindenmeier~ 586-3451 or

366-3953, Marla Marvin~ 545-1919, Jenny Rieke~ 545-0659, Bev

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CUUC Bulletin Board



Got Ink?

If you have ink cartridges at home, please bring to church on Sunday's and put in the Ink box at the back of the church. Community UU Church

recycles Ink and Old Cell Phones and receives a small donation in return for them. Thank You to everyone who has donated there ink and cell phones

SHOP AND SUPPORT CUUC!

You can donate to CUUC every time you shop by joining our eScrip program. Register your Safeway card and they will donate from 1 to 4% of your purchases to CUUC. You don't have to do anything but use your card when you shop, and renew at eScrip yearly.

You can also get a special eScrip card at Yokes stores (go to customer service to sign up) which you should use when you shop at Yokes. (If you want to expand the amount you can allocate to CUUC it's also possible to register your credit cards. Check their Web site for details.

It's easy to sign up, just make sure you use our group number 500021492:

- Go to escrip.com
- Click on signup
- Make sure you use our group number 500021492
- Enter your club card number for Safeway
- Consider signing up your credit cards so more of your shopping will benefit CUUC

Voila! Now a percentage of your grocery shopping expenditures help's our congregation. If we all do it, it can really add up. If you have any questions, e-mail Diane Reed at ladybookww@gmail.com.

Chalice Lighter's Corner



No News!

Social Justice Action

Social Justice –

No News!

Treasurer's Corner

Finance Corner by Scott Wilson

I had an interesting conversation with a visitor after Sunday Service. While talking about how our church community organizes and directs itself (our congregational polity), the topic of whether our Church receives funding from our denomination came up. It made me wonder if there are some of our members who think we receive funds from our district or national denomination. We do not. In fact, part of our belonging to our denomination is the dues that we pay on behalf of each of our members both to our district and to the UUA national general fund. It really is true that only the gifts provided by our members fund all that we do and also funds our denominations efforts as well.

On a more direct note, below are some of last year's average monthly costs to keep CUUC functioning. If you want any more information or have ideas for future topics of interest, please let me know.

Category	2012-13 Average monthly expense
Building Insurance	\$241
Electric	\$329
Water	\$213
Custodial Service	\$240
Telephone/internet	\$192
Postage	\$57
Offices supplies/printing	\$206
Other building costs/fixes	\$325
Total for 2816 Sylvester St	\$1,562

Please if you have not turned in your pledge form for the 2013-14 church year, put in the collection plate, the treasurer's box in the hallway, or give to me. And as we have announced in previous summers because attendance is lower often pledges don't get in as regularly so if anyone can pay ahead or extra, your community would be grateful.

Interfaith News & Updates



WA STATE UU VOICES FOR JUSTICE ADVOCACY IN OLYMPIA

Lobby Days during the legislative session are important ways to be part of Washington State Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice's advocacy on these 2013-14 priority issues:

- Immigration reform

- Death penalty repeal and criminal justice reform
- Coal train prohibition and environmental protection
- Revenue and taxation reform

WA UU Voices invites you to join them at **Safe & Just Alternatives Lobby Day, Tuesday, February 12th**, to urge state legislators to repeal the death penalty in Washington. As a religious organization we believe the costs inflicted by capital punishment – human, financial, spiritual – cannot be justified in modern society.

Safe & Just Alternatives Lobby Day begins at 9 AM, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 114 20th Ave. SE, Olympia 98501, where a light breakfast and background materials for meetings with legislators will be provided. To register for Lobby Day, email coordinator@uuvoiceswa.org

WA UU Voices urges you to join us at other advocacy days as well. Your presence will bring a strong message for justice, equity, and compassion to our elected officials.

Information on other 2013 lobby days and WA UU Voices is at www.uuvoiceswa.org

Interfaith Alliance Website

Keep up to date on interfaith activities by checking the Tri-cities Interfaith Alliance on our new website: <http://tri-citiesinterfaith.weebly.com/#/>, or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TCIAlliance

LAST CHANCE TO CHANGE OR ADD YOUR INFORMATION TO THE 2013-2014 DIRECTORY.

On the next page the form for the 2013-2014 Directory can be located. Please fill out and return to the office if you would like your information in this years' directory, or if you have any changes you would like made to your current information☺

Thank You
Tonia Hardy

Directory Contact Information

A new directory will be coming out soon, with the changes in the committees and board! We need to start now with getting your contact information. Please complete the form below and mail to the church at CUUC, 2819 W. Sylvester St, Pasco, WA 99301. We would like to list ages of children, if you and they wish. Don't list anything you don't want everyone to know!

*Name_____

Member_____Yes_____No

Email_____

Phones:

Home_____Work_____

Cell_____

*Name_____

Member_____Yes_____No

Email_____

Phones:

Home_____Work_____

Cell_____

*Children:

Name_____

Age_____

Name_____

Age_____

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Age_____

Name_____

Age_____

*Address_____

*City_____

*State_____ Zip_____

*I'd like to have the above information in the Directory_____Yes_____No