



# 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 September issue of *The Communitarian* is August 20th. Submit your input to [office@communityuu.org](mailto:office@communityuu.org)

August 3~

**“The Most Precious Thing Offered”**

**Speaker: Ken Jones**

Unitarian Universalists are often rightly proud of the work we do trying to make the world a better place. There is equally important work to be done with individuals - we don't "save souls," but we do offer healing and redemption. Our work is to better the odds of this happening.

**Worship Associate: Alex Emig**

**Musician: Ellen Fillion**

August 10~

**“Decisions, Decisions”**

**Speaker: Mike Truex**

What are your guiding principles for the decisions you make in your life? Where does our religion fit in? While every decision can't be categorized, perhaps it's worth considering what may drive us to decide one way or another. Maybe thinking about SPOCK will help.

**Worship Associate: Mike Truex**

**Musician: Fran Handy**

August 17~

**“Fifty Years to Make a New Testament”**

**Speaker: Scott Wilson**

Found in 1945 and fully translated by the mid-1970s, the library of scrolls found at Nag Hammadi have changed our understanding of the Bible. For the biblically literate, the "new" knowledge helps in understanding how Christianity developed and what Jesus was really about. Let's explore the New New Testament that is being proposed and the implications for Christianity and for all of us. Many sources include the Bible for good reasons that may not always be apparent to those that have left Christianity behind or have never really experienced it.

**Worship Associate: Alex Emig**

**Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex**

August 24~

**“Life as a Star Performer in the Cosmic Drama”**

**Speaker: Members of the Congregation**

There are many literary (especially poetic) examples in which life, as well as its counterpart (death), is depicted as a human-like being. This presentation focuses on the central role of life in the history of the universe, having come "on stage" after the universe was already several billion years old. George Wald, a now-deceased Harvard professor of biology and Nobel Prize winner, wrote extensively about life and death, and also developed his own scientific, non-supernatural faith. How some of these ideas relate to our UU faith will be discussed.

**Worship Associate: Mike Truex &**

**Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex**

August 31~

**“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 is 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: Diane Reed**

**Musician: Ellen Fillion**

## Board & Committee News

### *From the President!*

*Respectfully Submitted by Dave Comstock*



**Minister Transition:** We have reviewed the resume of our first minister candidate. The Selection team has developed interview questions and had our first phone interview this last Saturday. Our phone interview with Rev. Garner was very in depth and insightful. We are excited about the potential of this candidate. Our next step is to talk to her references. In addition, PNWD Director suggested we consider sharing Rev. Ken Jones, half time minister for our neighbor UU congregation in Yakima. Rev. Jones will give a sermon at CUUC on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please make a point of attending this sermon.

**Poem by Rumi:** From the beginning of my life I have been looking for your face but today I have seen it. Today I have seen the charm, the beauty, the unfathomable grace of the face that I was looking for. Today I have found you and those who laughed and scorned me yesterday are sorry that they were not looking as I did. I am bewildered by the magnificence of your beauty.

May the Spirit of Love surround you everywhere you may go!  
David Comstock

## Religious Education Children & Youth

### RE Children's Program



Religious Education is a congregational endeavor that involves members of all ages in diverse opportunities to be in relationship with children and youth, fostering a rich and meaningful sense of community at CUUC. Please join Shannon Hays-Truex for an informational meeting and exploratory conversation about the RE program. There will be two opportunities in August to learn about the program and to share your thoughts and ideas. We will gather and meet in the sanctuary at noon following Sunday services on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee is looking for a new committee chair. After many years Sharon Faletti has decided to step down as chair of the committee, and will continue as a member only, effective June 1, 2014.

If you have a desire to serve CUUC in this way please let Sharon (or anyone on the committee) know of your interest. If you have questions please talk to Sharon. It is a great way to be in the middle of planning for fun and/or other meaningful events in the life of our church

Please consider this as an opportunity to serve in a joyful place in our wonderful community.

## 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  
Schroeder~ 371-1572, Gail Taff~ 375-3293, Denise Pitts~ 375-6130



### Women's Luncheon

August 19, 2014

We will meet at Howard Amon park at the end of Lee Blvd. to the right of the turnaround. If you arrive first, please save a table in the shade. In case of wind or rain, we will meet in the lobby

seating area at the Community Center (Turn right at Allied Arts on Lee Blvd.).

Many of us have been on adventures so perhaps there will be some stories to share; or perhaps you have an adventure coming up soon that you can tell us about.

If you need a ride, please let someone know who may live near you. If you need further help, call Sharon Faletti at 375-0467.

Hope to see many of you at Howard Amon Park.

## CUUC Bulletin Board



### "7 Day Church Community"

If you are teaching a "7 Day Church Community" class or series and want a wider audience, please email your class description and details to the Facebook team (Chrissie Noonan, Denise Pitts or Heidi Newsome). They can post your event and advertise - just ask!!

We have several "friends" on Facebook who are not current CUUC members AND folks can advertise for you by sharing the post with their friends. This is a great way to market all the cool events we support - and hopefully in the long run invite new membership.

Thank you,  
Your CUUC Facebook team

## **CUUC Needs Mowers!**

If you can mow once a month we need your assistance to keep our church looking good. The mower is pretty easy to handle although it is not self-propelled; mowing takes about an hour. We need 4 people to cover most months and a 5th person to serve when there is a 5th Sunday, or an alternate is needed. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Sanctuary.

## *Got Ink?*

**Please donate ink and cell phones in the rear of the sanctuary, as the church get a small amount of money for these items. Anything helps☺**

## **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](http://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](mailto:ladybookww@gmail.com).

## **RECYCLE - REPURPOSE -**

### **REUSE NEWS:**

Last year we collected round containers and our children used them to make colorful windsocks at the Harvest Fair. This year we have a new collection request: we want mint boxes! All kinds of boxes: Altoids, Tic-tacs, any manufacturer, large and small, round or squarish, all are good. Just be sure to include the lid. Please bring any mint boxes you have to Sandra Rosenau and/or leave them on the counter in the corner by the kitchen. She will pick them up regularly so we don't clutter the space. Thank you everyone!



## *Gratitude & Change*

I lost a small white cooler with a green lid and yellow handles at the picnic June 8<sup>th</sup>. Phone 586-3451.

Thanks  
Jo Lindemeier

## *Chalice Lighter's Corner*



## *Social Justice Action*

### **Social Justice –**

**Social Justice:** In May, Dee Willis, Benton County Jail chaplain, gave a sermon about the need to end Benton County's "jail time for fines" process. In July I met with the Benton County Clerk to understand how the fines and fees are collected, how warrants are issued and managed and how the District Court (for misdemeanors) is different from Superior Court (for felonies).

More to come soon.

## *Interfaith News & Updates*



### **Interfaith Alliance Website**

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

### **A Daily Dose of Unitarian and Universalist History!**

Here's a wonderful resource: a 365-day calendar highlighting the history and personalities of our religious movement

[http://www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/365\\_this\\_day/?month=3&day=24](http://www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/365_this_day/?month=3&day=24)

I hope you'll take some time to check it out. I'm sure you'll meet some people you never heard of-- I know that I'm discovering plenty of them!