



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

August 5~

“Confessions of a Country Bumpkin”

Speaker: Rev. Raz Mason

What makes a meaningful life? What or who has a claim on you? Sometimes social messages about prestige and success get in our way of going after what really matters. Raz will share about a 4-month summer adventure as a long-haul truck driver, which helped her rediscover her origins as a “country bumpkin.”

Worship Associate: Mike Truex

Musician: Justin King

August 12~

“The Nobel Peace Prize for Pete Seeger?”

Speaker: Mike Truex

There’s a website out there promoting a Nobel Peace Prize for Pete Seeger. Why would Pete Seeger deserve a peace prize? What should it take to get a prize for peace?

Worship Associate: Mike Truex

Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex, Dan McDonald

August 19~

“Church as Life Saving Station”

Speaker: Rev. Duane H. Fickeisen

Duane will reflect on his experience at Community UU Church in the 1980s, when his engagement with this congregation saved his life. A life-saving station must be ready to aid those who are foundering in life's storms. How can this church be intentional about saving lives?

Duane is a retired Unitarian Universalist minister who lives in Portland, Oregon, with his wife the Rev. Judy Welles. He became a UU and was a very active lay leader in CUUC in the 1980s. It was here that he first understood a calling to ordained ministry. He and Judy are the Summer Ministers at First Unitarian Church in Portland, where they are now members.

Worship Associate: Diane Reed

Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex

August 26~

“Mingling of Waters”

Speaker: CUUC Members and 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: Alex Emig

Musician: Ellen Fillion

From Our Minister



Written Offerings

From Rev. Craig Moro



with a folk tale: On a stormy night Angus McFergus and his wee wifey Morag and their 10 bairns took in so many passers-by that during the ensuing party (piping and dancing and singing and an enormous pot of porridge) the entire wee hoosie collapsed on their heads! So in the end, the shepherds, the sod cutters, the fisherwoman, the piper, the minister, the friends and the neighbors, together built Angus and Morag a bonnie new house, large enough for the family and whoever stops by on the next stormy night. After this tale of kindness and hospitality, the children listened to Scottish dance music, learned a simple dance, and experienced the weight of a true Scotman's kilt - 8 yards of wool! We made a length of plaid into a pleated kilt, a blanket, or a poncho. They recognized familiar plants and dog breeds native to Scotland, and finished with adding the national flag, the St. Andrew's cross, to their passports. Quite a trip in 40 minutes! Unfortunately with the heat outside we never got to tossing the caber. Perhaps during another trip to Scotland.

Board & Committee News

From the President!

Respectfully Submitted by Dave Comstock



In CHINA we learned about Confucianism and the importance of filial piety, especially the duty of a son toward his parents. We talked about the Autumn Festival, which celebrates the harvest and the biggest, brightest full moon of the year, and shared a snack of moon cakes.

Religious Education Children & Youth



RE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

UU World Travelers summer program

In June, GERMANY was one of the travel spots. As the kids arrived they saw some of the sights of Germany including the Neuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria. They learned that there is a replica of this castle in Disneyland. We held and checked out two popular items from Germany, a nussknacker (nutcracker) and lederhosen (leather pants). We played the game, Topfschlagen, or hit the pot, and enjoyed coloring and cutting out a picture of a German boy wearing his lederhosen. Our "trips" around the world continued in July. Our kids visited Australia, Scotland, China and Afghanistan. We began our trip to SCOTLAND

In AFGHANISTAN we learned about Arabic numerals, and enjoyed a traditional Afghan snack of roht (a sweet bread). We got to see a rug in the traditional style of the Turkmen tribe. We heard some funny stories about the mythical Mullah Nasrudin, who is a bit clueless and maybe not completely honest. We also colored pictures of sheep, to represent the New Year's Day (March 21) dyeing of livestock such as goats, sheep and camels to indicate ownership, and made and flew tiny kites.

Vision/Planning Progress

A group of members of the congregation met on Saturday, July 14 to discuss improving the use of existing space while we move toward building a classroom addition. We came up with a number of creative solutions. Our next meeting on Saturday, August 18 from 10-12 will focus on moving furniture and removing clutter to make

our classrooms function better. Everyone is welcome to join in the work.

Fall Classes

Classes will start September 2. We are currently planning an all-ages "Buddy Day" for kindergarten-12th grade that day. Regular classes and high school Youth Group meetings will start the following Sunday, September 9.

Upcoming Events

August 16, 6 pm - Religious Education Committee Meeting

August 18, 10-12 - Religious Education Vision/Planning continued

September 2 - Classes start with K-12 "Buddy Day"

September 9 (after church) - Teachers' and Youth Advisors' Meeting

and cell phone remanufacturing and recycling company, to start an exciting new fundraiser that recycles mobile phones and used printer cartridges and we want you to be part of it!

If you use a printer, each spent cartridge could earn Community Unitarian Universalist Church up to five dollars! Any old cell phones in your drawer? Those can make up to \$40.00. One phone may not seem like much, but if you get your family, friends and members of the church involved- recycling is a great way for everyone to go green, while raising money for a cause.

Taking part is easy~ simply drop off your used inkjet cartridges and old cell phones with us~ you can include cell phone batteries and even cell phone chargers. The drop-off location is **2819 W. Sylvester St, Pasco WA 99301**

Your participation in this recycling campaign will raise greatly needed funds for Community UU Church. Let's work together, one cartridge and cell phone at a time, to clean up the planet and raise money for a worthwhile cause!

Thank You for your continued support!

Hospitality

**Souper Sunday is on summer break.
We will resume in the fall.**



Green Sanctuary

Dear Supporter:

Everyone knows recycling is good for the environment, but did you know that recycling is also good for Community Unitarian Universalist Church? We have just partnered with Planet Green, a printer cartridge



Finance Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Hello friends. CUUC has an opportunity for you to let your light shine! This church community is vitally important to all of us and it requires the support of everyone, in some way. A part of that support is financial but equally important is the gift of your time. Right now CUUC needs your time. We are seeking volunteers to serve on the Finance Committee. We meet monthly as needed but primarily in the months of February through June. We look at church expenses, dreams for the future and growth plans, and then we determine how much money is required to meet these needs. In March Craig will kick off our Annual Canvass. This is the time when we ask our CUUC

community to pledge their time and/or make a financial contribution to support the church throughout the year. We use the input from this fund raiser to set the budget for the coming year. We need a strong Finance Committee so that we can have a successful fund raising event and in turn a successful church community. Please contact Denise Pitts at 509-521-4372 or denapit@hotmail.com and volunteer your time. Thank you. Peace.

Women's Luncheon!

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

@12:00p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Faletti



Women's luncheon will be at Howard Amon Park
Bring a sack lunch ☺ Hope to see you there!!

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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CUUC Bulletin Board



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 sign up

- 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 helps 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.

CUUC Jewelry

Interested in purchasing a CUUC chalice pendant?

Currently available:

2 – brass	\$35 each
2 – sterling silver	\$70 each
2- 24k gold plate	\$75 each

Contact Bobi Wilson at 585-2558 or bobiwilson2@gmail.com

New Office Hours

The new office hours are: Monday~Wednesday from 9:30a.m.~12:30p.m.

Save the Date



*A Reading of The Acclaimed Play, "8"
September 28th and 29th
in Olympia*

Washington Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice is very pleased to be the sponsor of a reading of "8", a play chronicling the historic trial in the federal constitutional challenge to California's Proposition 8.

Written by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black, "8" is an unprecedented account of the Federal District Court trial in *Perry v. Schwarzenegger* (now *Perry v. Brown*), the case filed to overturn Proposition 8, which stripped gay and lesbian Californians of the fundamental freedom to marry.

"8" is based on the actual words of the trial transcripts, first-hand observations of the courtroom drama, and interviews with the plaintiffs and their families. Learn more about "8" at www.8thplay.com

A number of well-known Western Washington theater people have committed to being part of the staged reading on **Friday, September 28, and Saturday, September 29.**

Plan now to join us in Olympia for this exciting equality event! Updates on the reading are at www.uuvoiceswa.org, and in WA UU Voices' email newsletter

Interfaith News & Updates



*Interfaith
Alliance Website*

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