



The Communitarian

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of *The Communitarian* is January
20th. Submit your input to
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January 4~
“Winter Vespers”

Speaker: CUUC Members

Please join us for a vespers service with readings of hopes
for the New Year.

Worship Associate: Mike Truex & Alex Emig

Musician: Ellen Fillion

January 11~
“Don’t Be Afraid of Mistakes”

*Speaker: Rev. Kevin Lawson, Intern minister with Westside
UU, West Seattle*

Fear of mistakes can hold us back from enjoying what we’re
doing.

We’ll examine some reflections on how to lessen worry and
increase acceptance. We’ll consider how we do the best we
can with what we know - if we focus on an attitude of love,
what might we learn about ourselves, life and the tasks at
hand.

Worship Associate: Diane Reed

Musician: Ellen Fillion

January 18~

“Black Lives Matter: Ferguson and the Titanic”

Speaker: Gail Taff

We honor the legacy of Dr. King by using our heads and our
hearts to respond to the question: How can liberal religion
help us find meaning and purpose in troubled times?

Reflecting on two very different events, we seek to take one
more step toward justice.

Worship Associate: Mike Truex

Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex

January 25~
“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

President

From the President!

Respectfully Submitted by Dave Comstock



Minister Transition: As most of you know we have decided not to hire Rev. Garner. The Selection Team is moving on to our second candidate that was provided by our UU Pacific Northwest District. The Selection Team plans to interview and call references for this candidate in January 2015. If all is positive, then we will schedule a candidate sermon and weekend visit to meet the CUUC committees and congregation. Since this candidate lives fairly close we may schedule more than one sermon this spring. More to come soon.

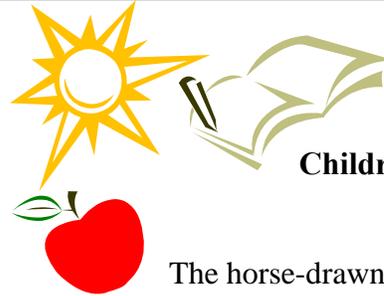
Alternative Gift Fair: Our 8th AGF was a wonderful event. We have now collectively raised over \$130,000 for an important group of non-profit organizations. I think AGF truly embodies the spirit of our congregation (helping hands, loving hearts and open minds). This event brings together our congregation to lift up and support the wonderful work that all these charities do in our community and beyond. This event renews the light of hope in me.

Inspiration: If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it! William Arthur Wand. Make time this holiday season to dream. Image what the best year of your life would be like. Define it, plan it and achieve it! Live BIG right here, right now!

I believe in the power of prayer. Please find a few quite minutes to sit calmly in meditation, and give thanks for your health and happiness, the health and happiness of your family, our congregation, our community and especially focus your prayer of health for Gayle Wilde and Alex's dad.

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

Religious Education Children & Youth



RE Children's Program

The horse-drawn carriage ride at Red Mountain on December 19th was a huge success thanks to coordination by Barb Tarasevich. Many CUUC parents and children reveled in the journey, boisterously singing Christmas carols under the starry sky! An intergenerational church service followed on December 21st, members of all ages drumming and singing to encourage the returning light. The Winter Solstice was further celebrated along the banks of the Columbia River in an annual ritual at sunset, hosted by Sandra Rosenau and John Dorian. Winter is upon us and 2015 is nearly here!

In January, children's Religious Education (RE) will begin with a combined session for elementary (K-5) and middle school groups. Together, we will explore *dreams and possibilities* for the new year. Next, the K-5 group will design and create a *toothpick town*, while the middle schoolers journey into the *Twilight Zone*. Then, the K-5 group will discover strength, tranquility, joy, and freedom through *A Handful of Quiet*, while Middle Schoolers play a matching *game about the gods*—the answers will surprise them! On the last Sunday in January, the K-5 kids will explore the virtues and values of *squirrel scouts*, while the Middle School group will get to know themselves through journaling, drawing, and more.

Participating in children's RE as a mentor or assistant is a fun way to contribute to community as well as a way to foster warm relationships across the generations. High Schoolers are also welcome to join and assist in the fun throughout the month.

If you are interested in participating in RE as a mentor, assistant, or guest, please contact Shannon Hays-Truex at mike.shannon.truex@gmail.com.

January 4

K-5/Middle School: *Dreams And Possibilities*

January 11

K-5: *Toothpick Town*

Middle School: *Twilight Zone*

January 18

K-5: *A Handful Of Quiet*

Middle School: *Game About The Gods*

January 25

K-5: *Squirrel Scouts*

Middle School: *Getting To Know Yourself*

“The Hobbit” Production by Academy of Children’s theater in Richland. One of our own UU youth, Nolan Newsome, will be acting in the ACT production of the Hobbit! Performance dates are January 16 & 17, 23 & 24 and 30 & 31 at 7 pm and Saturday January 17, 24, and 31 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for children. And the production is at the ACT theatre on Welsian Way in Richland. CUUC families are invited to come out to see the production and we’d like to invite **ANY** congregation member to also join us on our trip to “Middle Earth”! Heidi Newsome would like to organize a date and time that works well for everyone so please consult your calendar and let Heidi know what date and time works best – if interested email Heidi at

heidi_newsome@yahoo.com. Heidi will also follow up with an email in January! Thanks!

Board & Committee News

Alternative Gift Fair 2014

We raised \$17,277 this year--great job everyone! There were 2 charities that were not able to make it to the fair itself, but still received contributions. And our Sustainable Living coalition aisle was informative -- I had many people say that they were not aware there was such diversity here in the Tri-Cities. This really is an all-church effort--many thanks to everyone who helped. Our 8 year total now is \$130,195--I am looking forward to next year!

Hospitality

Souper Sunday! *January 4, 2015*



Calling all SoupChefs: Souper Sunday is January 4! Many thanks to all our participants!

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, January 20, 2015
@12:00p.m.



The Women's Luncheon Group will meet at CUUC on January 20th @ 12:00p.m. Please join

us in the Meeting Room and bring a dish to share.

If you been reading some interesting books, or traveling to some interesting places, bring your stories to share. If you haven't come for a while, we would love to see you again. Our potlucks are always interesting, and sometimes pretty fabulous.

Hope to see you there.

Sharon Faletti (375-0467)

Bobi's Art~A~Day Blog

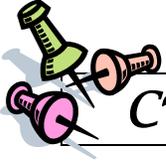
The 7th Annual Art-a-Day starts January 1, 2015 Are you in?

The idea is to challenge yourself creatively every day for the month of January. Wherever you do your work, however you do your work –show up every day –and do it. It's that simple. How to challenge yourself is up to you – but do challenge yourself. And share your experiences on the blog. It's fun, revitalizing and, at least for one participant -" *life-changing* ."

<http://art-a-day.blogspot.com/>

Contact bobiwilson2@gmail.com if you're interested in joining the fun. Feel free to share this invitation with others too. Have them email me and include the words, *Art-a-Day request to join*.

I look forward to another art-filled and inspiring January. Hope you can join us!



CUUC Bulletin Board

Alternative Gift Fair!

AGF Bake Sale

Thanks to all of you who baked , packaged, sold and purchased the wonderful array of holiday goodies. It was another very successful event to support AGF and the Hospitality Committee.

Men's Group

New member Fred Dunhour is seeking to gauge the interest in establishing a Men's Group. (*Why should the gals have all the fun?*) The idea being that the interested men of the church and others, would meet one evening a month on a regular schedule, for conversation, a meal, and perhaps a beverage or two. A first meeting would be anticipated in January. Please e-mail Fred (fred.dunhour@mindspring.com) or leave a message at 208-522-4657, to express your interest and to share your thoughts and questions.

Other News

No other News!