



The Communitarian

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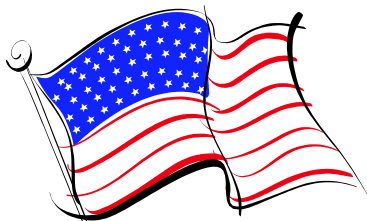
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The deadline for the August issue of
The Communitarian is July 20th.

Submit your input to
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July 1~
"The Gift of Sight"

Speaker: Dr. James Guzek

Blindness has particularly significant impacts to those in third-world countries. Much of the blindness that occurs is correctable, but services are lacking. Come hear how people in our Tri-Cities community are helping and why they've undertaken this important type of outreach.

Worship Associate: Mike Truex

Musician: Ellen Fillion

July 8~
"What is Idolatry?"

Speaker: Rev. Craig Moro

Idolatry is the only classic "sin" that's mentioned by name in our statement of UU Principles, Purposes and Sources. That should get our attention, but what exactly does it mean? Is idolatry any form of worship that uses *images* instead of sticking to *words* alone? Can scripture-based religions also be practiced or promoted in idolatrous ways? Let's dig deeper into such questions this morning. (The problem of idolatry has been major focus for our Interfaith Alliance meetings this year. I hope we will see many of our interfaith friends today. Please invite anyone else whom you think might be interested!)

Worship Associate: Mike Truex

Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex, Dan McDonald

July 15~
"Finding Connections"

Speaker: Alex Emig

What's the connection between a chicken, a pig, and a cow?

Worship Associate: Alex Emig

Musician: Ellen Fillion

July 22~
"The Story of Johnny Appleseed"

Speaker: Henry Kidwell

Johnny Appleseed wasn't a Unitarian or a Universalist. However, the minister who made him famous was. Come hear their stories.

Worship Associate: Mike Truex

Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex

July 29~
"Faith Like a River"

Speaker: Diane Reed

Our service examines some of the contributions of the Unitarian thread of our tradition from the noteworthy "Baltimore Sermon" of William Ellery Channing to Thomas Elliot's summer Unitarian gatherings on Star Island off the coast of New Hampshire.

Worship Associate: Diane Reed

Musician: Ellen Fillion

From Our Minister



Written Offerings

From Rev. Craig Moro



July is usually my vacation month but this year I will be making a special July visit to CUUC to deliver a sermon on the 8th.

Please also join me at church on Saturday, July 7, 3-5 p.m. for a special event:

Take Your Minister To Work Day!

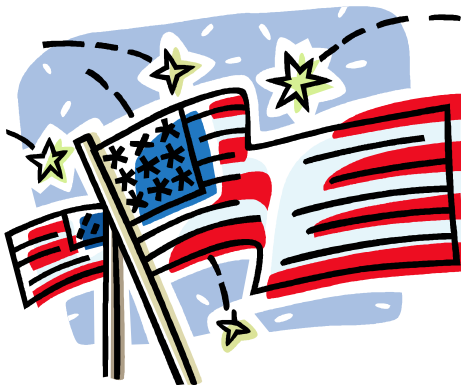
It's a bit like "take your child to work day", though of course, I can't really come to everyone's workplace when I'm usually only in the Tri-cities on weekends. This will be an opportunity to share something about the work you do or have done before; what it means and has meant to you; what you love and what you wish could be better.

I hope that many of you will be able to come. (I'll also be sending out an email reminder before the event).

Enjoy your summer!

In fellowship,

Craig



Board & Committee News

From the President!

Respectfully Submitted by Dave Comstock



Happy July everyone,
On June 16th the RE visioning team met and Gail presented the RE program improvements that she is working on. Please support her in implementing this great list of ideas. Our July RE visioning meeting will focus on making the best possible use of the existing RE space (until the future class room are available). Teaching our youth can be very rewarding and I encourage everyone to sign up to teach a RE class during the next year. Just like it takes a village to raise a child it take the whole congregation to teach and inspire our youth. Please participate.

Board News:

We said our farewells to Chrissie, Denise and John and welcome to Frank, Mark, Marla, and Scott. The board had a good transition meeting and we approved re-installing the church sign and we established a dedicated fund for the future RE addition.

We are now accepting donations for the future RE addition. If you wish to contribute please specifically identify your donation for the RE Church addition so we get it into the new savings account dedicated for that purpose. Thank you.

Spiritual Thought: I have started reading the Nag Hammadi Scriptures and from the *Secret Book of James* "Be eager for the word. The first aspect of the word is faith, the second is love, the third is work, and from these comes life." And "Listen to the word, understand knowledge, love life, and no one will persecute you and no one will oppress you other than you yourselves."

Please don't be hard on yourself. We are often our toughest critic instead of our biggest supporter. Take time this summer to meditate and rejuvenate,

to understand and appreciate yourself for you are unique, divine, and wonderful. Let your light shine in all that you do.

I believe in the power of prayer. Please find a few quiet minutes to sit calmly in meditation, and give thanks for your health and happiness, the health and happiness of your family, our congregation, this community and especially focus your prayer of health for Terry Terrass as he recovers from his surgery and for Heidi Newsome's friend who is recovering from a coma. Thank you.

David Comstock

Peace and Blessings to each of you

Religious Education Children & Youth

RE

Children's Program

Summer Program (for pre-kindergarten through grade 4):

Our UU World Travelers program has already visited India and Germany. We have really traveled far already! Gail Taff led the trip to INDIA, which included learning how to say hello in Hindi and some pictures showing how people live, work and eat in India. We also looked at a batik of an elephant and talked about both wild and working elephants, and then heard the story of how the Hindu god Ganesh, the Remover of Obstacles, got his elephant head (and we learned what an obstacle is!)

Get ready this month for exciting trips to Australia (July 1), China (July 15) and possibly Afghanistan (July 8). In August, we'll visit Greece on the 12th.

We're still recruiting teens and adults to act as tour guides, so please contact one of us (Gail Taff, Jennifer Comstock or Vickie Fausz) if you'd like to talk to kids about a country. We can help with activities and snacks.

Nursery-Preschool care this summer:

We are hoping to be able to provide care most Sundays. We have a few volunteers and will see how it goes! You can check with us to see if we have a child care provider for any particular Sunday.

Church School Year wrap-up:

June 3 was our last day of classes. Part of the service was planned and led by our YUuth Group. It included a Bridging Ceremony for Bethany Dorian and April Scheidegger. We wish them well in their future endeavors!

Marla Marvin, one of our middle school teachers, reports:

The Middle School end-of-the-year outing was a smashing success – when counted in the number of water balloons that were smashed against trees and Renner (self-inflicted). The two kids on the outing briefly teamed with a third, who was enjoying a weekend out campout at Sacajawea State Park. Our low key event was a fine way to end the year, but we were sorry to miss the bridging ceremony, so we'll make sure that doesn't happen in 2013. We also send a fond farewell to Elizabeth who now launches in high school. We'll miss you!

The Kindergarten-Fifth Grade class ended their school year with a Teddy Bear Party that included a Bon Voyage party to launch our summer program. The kids also got their pictures taken for their summer passports.

After our church picnic, we had our first cleanup of Chiawana Park in Pasco. The YUuth Group led the process and our church has now officially adopted the park for semiannual cleanups. The city also welcomes any ideas we have for park improvements. We'll be talking about how to make the park more usable and inviting. Meanwhile, we had a great potluck picnic and picked up a lot of trash!

Peace Walk September 9

The Interfaith Youth Group is planning another Peace Walk this year. It will probably be on Sunday, Sept. 9 in the evening, and be from the Islamic Center of the Tri-Cities to Shalom United Church of Christ (we're going to walk downhill instead of uphill this year). Please plan to participate. All are welcome!

Our Vision and Plan for Religious Education:

The vision/planning team met on June 16 to start developing a plan for religious education at our church in the next 3-5 years, based on our May vision meeting. We chose four priorities for the program and a few initial tasks.

1. Build ties across the ages.
 - Potluck or spaghetti dinners two or three times a year, with games and a "trash art" project. We might auction off the art pieces at the last dinner, as a fundraiser.
 - UU Pals Program. Adults and youth secretly choose a child or youth as their "pal" and then leave clues to their identity. Wrap up with a luncheon where all is revealed.
 - Buddy Program in which several older children or teens are matched with younger children. They participate in shared activities two or three times a year during class time.
2. Communicate with parents.

- Annual Parents' Meeting. Parents get together with the Religious Education Committee (and possibly with our Consulting Minister) early in the church school year. This is tentatively scheduled for September 30 after church.
 - List class topics for the Kindergarten-Fifth Grade and Middle School classes each week in the newsletter, and possibly on Facebook and in the Order of Service.
3. Enhance learning and the facility.
 - Re-think the use of space (where and when classes meet, age divisions)
 - "Clean-Up Day " to remove clutter and excess furniture from the classrooms
 - Update the bulletin boards in the K-5 and Nursery-Preschool rooms at least twice a year
 - Sermons for current teachers, Youth Advisors and child care volunteers, who have to miss the church service. The first one is scheduled for September 15 at 10:30.
 - Use SurveyMonkey to get feedback from parents and teachers on curriculum.
 - Continue to work on plans for a classroom addition.
 4. Enhance teaching of theology.
 - Consulting minister meet with parents and kids after the teacher sermons. We did not have time to develop additional tasks for this priority. We may focus on the first three priorities for now.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, July 14, 10-12. Please join us if you're interested. We will be discussing the use of space and may be doing some clean-up.

Implementation of these tasks will depend on volunteers. If you have any feedback to give or you're interested in volunteering, please talk to Gail Taff, Jennifer Comstock or Vickie Fausz (the Religious Education Committee).

Upcoming Events:

July 1 - summer program visits Australia
July 8 - summer program visits Afghanistan (tentative)
July 14 - Vision/Planning meeting, 10-12
July 15 - summer program visits China/Asia
July 22 - summer program TBA
July 29 - summer program TBA
August 12 - summer program visits Greece
September 9 - Peace Walk in evening (date may change); regular classes start; Teacher Meeting after church

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 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!

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.

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.

Alice Strumski~ (509) 488-2527, Jennifer Comstock 628-8638,
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

Chalice Lighter's Corner

Since 1990, the Chalice Lighter program through the Pacific Northwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association has provided financial assistance exclusively through contributors like you! As your summer travels take you through various parts of the Northwest, find one of the beneficiaries of your donations and stop in on Sunday for service. You can find a list of grant recipients online at <http://www.pnwd.org/connections/chalichelighters.aspx>. To learn more about becoming a Chalice Lighter, contact Chrissie Noonan at cfnoonan@hotmail.com.



Women's Luncheon!

Tuesday, July 3, 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!! In case of inclement weather, we will meet inside the Richland Community Center located in the park.

CUUC Bulletin Board

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

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, <http://www.escrip.com/>).

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://tri-citiesinterfaith.weebly.com/#/>, or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TCIAlliance

CUUC Graduates First OWL 4-6 Class!

This spring facilitators Alex Emig and Chrissie Noonan co-taught CUUC's first OWL 4-6 grade class. The next time you see Carson Vore, Noelle Hart, Renner Hogan, and Ella Cadoret make sure you congratulate them on completing the 8 week program. Plans are in the works for a K-1 course this fall. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to either Alex or Chrissie.

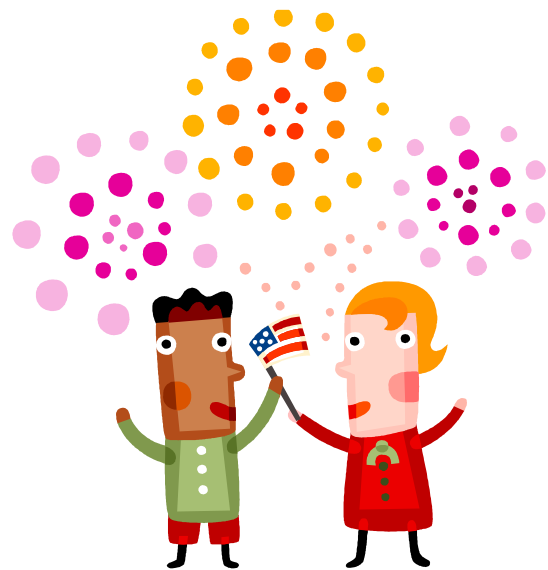
CUUC Jewelry

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



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 _____

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Name _____

Age _____

*Address _____

*City _____

*State _____ Zip _____

*I'd like to have the above information in the Directory _____ Yes _____ No