



The Communitarian

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The *Communitarian* is the monthly newsletter of the
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Church

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The deadline for the August issue of
The Communitarian is July 20th.
Submit your input to
office@communityuu.org

July 7~

“Have you heard the one about the UU?”

Speaker: Diane Reed

From Robert Fulghum to Garrison Keilor, UUs have always been able to poke fun at themselves and take a good-natured ribbing from others. Join us for a mirthful service of irreverent UU jokes and stories.

Worship Associate: Diane Reed

Musician: Justin King

July 14~

“Our Sixth Source: Mother Earth”

Speaker: Rev. Amy Beltaine

For millennia, Paganism and Earth-based Spirituality has been practiced and refined by hunters, farmers, indigenous people, and those who live close to the land and the sea. This Sunday we will look at some of the rich theologies, traditions, and histories that fall within the ‘Earth-Centered’ label. Then we will explore some of the gifts of these paths for Unitarian Universalists.

Amy is a Spiritual Director and Unitarian Universalist Minister. Endlessly fascinated and excited by the mystical experience of the sacred in nature and relationships. She describes herself as a woman, teacher, family member, seeker, and "Q" (as in lgbtq.)

Worship Associate: Mike Truex

Musician: Ellen Fillion

July 21~

“Boobooling stories and more”

Speaker: Mike Truex

Imagination, knowledge, apathy, and Shakespeare will play roles in the stories today.

Worship Associate: Mike Truex

Musician: Mike, Shannon & Sean Truex

July 28~

“Scavenger Soul”

Speaker: Jenny Rieke

Legally acquiring stuff without paying full price is a calling, a vocation, and a vow. Young children naturally know the value of found treasures, imbuing them with meanings informed by their rich imagination and world view. Somewhere along the way, however, we are systematically conditioned to abandon that lively relationship with found things in favor of buying new. Mindful of present & future generations of this earthly home, let’s consider the real heart of innovation: seeing with new eyes and repurposing that which has been discarded.

Worship Associate: Alex Emig

Musician: Ellen Fillion

From Our Minister



Written Offerings

From Rev. Cr



No News!

Board & Committee News

From the President!

Respectfully Submitted by Dave Comstock,



Happy July everyone,
RE Design Fund Raiser:



We are off to a wonderful start on the design fund raiser. We are half way there to our goal of \$6,560 for the design. The design fund raiser will pay for both the architectural design cost and pay for the architect to oversee the construction to ensure that we get what we want. We had initially hoped to schedule a congregation meeting with the architect

for the end of June, but that didn't work with our busy summer schedules. Right now I am hoping to have this meeting on Saturday July 27th 2013 from 10am to noon. Please reserve this date on your calendar and I will call each of you in July to confirm this is a viable date for the architect meeting.

I am also excited to announce that we have received several significant donations for the construction of the Jane Anderson Religious Education Addition. We are now over 10% complete on the construction fund raiser. Awesome! I believe this is an investment, not only in our children, but also in the future growth of our congregation. Many blessings to each of you that have donated to the RE addition project, and blessings to each of you that will donate to support our beloved community.

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

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.

Treasurer's Corner

A congregation grows from its mission and flourishes on its donations. I received a couple suggestions that some regular financial update in the Newsletter would be good to see. So here goes,

Current Cash balances (Mid June):

Hapo Checking	\$2,605.00
Hapo Savings(Addition +\$500)	\$8,122.00
Sterling Checking (AGF)	\$370.00
Total Cash	\$11,097.00

Our Income over the last 11 months has averaged \$7900 and our expenses have averaged \$7770. As I said before we can put everything we get to good use. We will need to reach about \$9000 a month if we are going to hire a full time minister.

Income is not as large as it could be and expenses are always going up. It will never seem like we have enough (and we won't ever) because there will always be great things we can do with what we have (which is why we can always use more). As it is, we are doing amazing things because of the incredible generosity of our members.

Anyone interested in lots of detail just let me know and we can spend some time together reviewing whatever you are interested in finding out. Hope this helps or at least gets us talking and

thinking about the finances of our community. If you are interested in the finances ask about them if you want to know more or want to help out with the bookkeeping. Our only funds are the gifts of our members and the energy of our church comes from our member volunteers.

As we look towards our future with the room addition and a full time minister over the next few years we know we are building from strength. Our Community's Net worth is over \$400,000 and will top \$500,000 with the addition. We will be ready to starting planning for our full time minister. And of course we continue to experience (if we are open to it) - Joy and Service - Right Here, Right Now. Tell all your friends.

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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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☺

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!

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

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