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The deadline for the August issue of
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Submit your input to
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July 3~

“People of Zee Wurl, Relax”

Speaker: Mike Truex

“People of the world, relax” is the mantra of a parrot in the novel that we’ll explore today. While the parrot doesn’t play a central role in the story, its mantra turns out to be good advice.

Worship Associate: Mike Truex

Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex

July 10~

“The Other Half of Wholeness”

Speaker: Rev Susan Maginn

We all know the stories of heroes who have overcome great obstacles to manifest a dream, but what about the other side to this story? Today we will take a look at the mysterious and subtle side of spiritual life that doesn’t usually make the headlines.

Rev. Susan Maginn is a Unitarian Universalist minister who has stepped away from congregational ministry so that she tend to her family and her own spiritual development.

Worship Associate: Mike Truex

Musician: Ellen Fillion

July 17~

“Lost in Translation”

Speaker: Cass Excell

From Hebrew to Greek to Latin to English to as many other languages as possible, reading the bible today is like reading the end result of a game of telephone. Taken with the surrounding context, what concepts have now been lost or altered in translation?

Worship Associate: Alex Emig

Musician: Ellen Fillion

July 24~

“Are We the Center of the Universe?”

Speaker: Diane Reed

The seventh UU principle is “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.” But that doesn’t mean we’re the most important part of that web. How can we learn to be comfortable in a non-dominating role?

Worship Associate: Diane Reed

Musician: Fran Handy

July 31~

“Something Interesting”

Speaker: Dave Anderson

It’s a day to explore.

Worship Associate: Meryl Birn

Musician: Ellen Fillion

From Our Minister



Written Offerings

From Rev. Craig Moro



Rev. Craig Moro will be gone till August 2011 ☺

Board & Committee News

From the President!

Respectfully Submitted by Dave Comstock



Happy July everyone, enjoy this wonderful summer, From the book *Buddha's Brain* a Native American elder talks about how she gained happiness saying "In my heart, there are two wolves: a wolf of love and a wolf of hate. It all depends on which one I feed each day." Through our daily actions we each have the ability to choose which wolf we feed. Even how I respond to my own thoughts is important. Can I choose not to respond in a negative way? Can I more actively choose to encourage justice, equity and compassion in response to my every thought? If I can do that with my own thoughts can I do it more with my actions and interactions with others? I will try to watch my thoughts and actions, for they each feed one wolf or the other. Continuing the focus on our daily actions here is a positive affirmation from *The Science of Mind* "Infinite activity within me, flowing through me into everything I do, say or think, quickening into action all those things that my mentality touches; Infinite activity within me, unerring, never mistaking, always doing the right thing at the right time, always knowing what to do, knowing how to do it and doing it." This to me is about grace (being in the right place at the right time and most

importantly actually doing the right thing or saying the right thing).

My affirmation for each of you: May grace fall on each of you like rain. May you be in the right place at the right time, may you know what to say and may you say it; may you know what to do and may you do it. May grace touch every aspect of your life and may you become aware of the grace that touches you every day.

Board News: We will start our conversation on the church addition on July 10th after service. Please join us for this important discussion. Also big thanks to the Hospitality Committee for our lovely annual picnic. We had great food and conversation and beautiful weather. Have a great summer everyone.

David Comstock

Peace and Blessings to each of you

Religious Education Children & Youth



RE Children's Program

Kindergarten-Fifth grade: End of church school year

The youth-led service and Bridging Ceremony on June 11 was one of the highlights of the year for me. The sketch about UU Billy Goats Gruff crossing our local Cable Bridge was absolutely hilarious. The heartfelt homilies were very touching (also with moments of humor), and the music and esthetics were great. A very well put together, as well as a very moving, service. Thanks to all the yUuth who contributed, and to their advisors. And once again, congratulations to our bridging youth, Sean Truex and Cass Excell! (Thanks also to Clarity Botu, who created cards with meaningful sayings and decorative stickers for each high school yUuth during the service.)

The middle school class wrapped up with a short hike to the Twin Sisters rock formation, followed

by a picnic. Middle school teacher Marla Marvin organized the outing. She reports: All seven of the Middle School students attended the year-end hike and picnic at Twin Sisters Rock near Wallula Gap. The weather was perfect, the wildflowers gorgeous, the kids and chaperones well-behaved, the hike not too strenuous, but fairly adventurous (for those who wanted adventure), the information on the Ice Age Floods not new to most, but always amazing to contemplate and consider in an area like Wallula Gap, and the picnic well-received with a balanced diet of junk and non-junk food. Good luck to Bentley and Jack who are headed to high school next year. Thanks for a great year all of you Middle School students and teachers.



Thanks to Marla and to Denise Pitts, who gave each middle school student a journal and pen so they can keep journaling over the summer.

Also on June 11, we celebrated our volunteer teachers, youth advisors and nursery-preschool caretakers in a Teacher Appreciation ceremony. The Kindergarten-5th grade class made and baked chalice-shaped sugar cookies for the teachers. They enjoyed rolling out and cutting the cookie dough (and those who were able to stay late enough after church on May 29 got a free sample!) Thanks to all our volunteers, including our many assistant teachers and caregivers. We couldn't have a religious education program without you! I especially appreciate the quality of your work. Your dedication helps our children

and youth develop their faith and become full-fledged Unitarian Universalists.

Vickie Fausz reported on the end-of-year activities of our high school YUUth Group:

Credos, values, things of worth, and bridging were the main focus of activities and conversations during the June gatherings of the YUUth Group. At a church overnighter on June 10, they took ideas that had already been shared within the group to create a youth-led service for the congregation. Rehearsing went on throughout the early morning hours of the following day when the youth advisors found themselves crashing at 5 A.M ! As for the youth, very few of them slept for long. The service "rocked," literally, from the music played by Sean Truex and his dad as well as from the djembe drums and percussion instruments played by all in the YUUth Group. Two of the YUUth graduated this year and were presented with gifts during the bridging ceremony.

Summer classes

Nursery-Preschool care: We hope to provide nursery-preschool care throughout the summer, so that parents can enjoy the service. Many families go "church shopping" during the summer when their schedules are lighter. The opportunity to explore our religion while knowing their kids are well cared for will help church shoppers decide whether or not this is the place for them. Please volunteer if you enjoy caring for young children (you will need to pass a background check first). There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

Summer classes for ages 4-8: Older kids can join the class if they wish, although the curriculum is aimed at preschoolers and early elementary school children. We are teaching the kids about Unitarian Universalism and Social Justice, with lessons from the Church of the Larger Fellowship. These are simpler lessons than we use during the

church school year, adapted for the smaller, younger group. Usually there is a single concept or principle to be explored and one or two activities or two (craft, story or game).

Volunteers are also welcome to invent their own lesson, so you can indulge your creativity. Please check with me or a member of the Religious Education Committee first for feedback if you do; it's easy to plan something too complicated to complete in the time available, and we can help make it workable. Committee members are Vickie Fausz and Jennifer Comstock.

We need volunteers to teach summer Sundays. If you're interested in possibly teaching once or twice this summer, please sign up in the back of the Sanctuary or contact me for more information. This is a good opportunity to try out teaching in a relaxed and easy format, if you're interested in working with youngsters but not in committing to being a regular teacher. Pairs and couples are encouraged to volunteer together, or we can arrange for an experienced assistant to work with you.

Young Adult Group

An organizational meeting for a Young Adult Group for ages 18-25 is planned for Saturday evening, September 17. At this meeting we plan to brainstorm ideas for the group (and possibly share some pizza). If you are a young adult, please save the date. The Religious Education Committee is currently considering the proposal to start this new group. We have a "Culture of 'Yes'" and will likely approve the proposal at our next meeting. Ideas so far include a further exploration of personal credos, a regular movie night, and community service. Graduates of the Interfaith Youth Group may be invited to join. Cass Excell, Reverend Moro and I are working on the planning, and anyone who's interested can contact one of us. This is an exciting development, and we will keep you posted on its progress.

Peace Walk planned for September

Interfaith Youth Group is teaming with World Citizens for Peace to organize and plan a community-wide Peace Walk on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Faith houses along the walk route, as well as those already involved in interfaith activities, will be invited to participate or contribute their help to make this event a success. Donations will be taken to raise funds for several social justice organizations. Walkers will choose where to send their donations.

The Interfaith Youth Group will supply water or snacks for walkers. Two vans will also be needed to help pick up walkers at times along the route, which spans from Shalom United Church of Christ in Richland to the Tri-Cities Islamic Center on Bombing Range Road. Any help from members of CUUC will be appreciated in obtaining the above items or making donations for supplies. More information will come as the event approaches.

Hospitality

No Souper Sunday Until Fall!



There will be no Souper Sunday during the summer, we will continue in the Fall.

Green Sanctuary

CUUC Green Sanctuary

Paper Project!

We have started with the electronic distribution of our monthly newsletter. Now it is time to continue reducing our paper use and use more recycled

paper product. We plan to dive into the bathroom next.

We are working on re-usable towels for hand drying. Whites at our house are always the smallest loads so we will not have any extra loads to clean the hand towels each week. So we will not be increasing our water or electricity consumption to clean the hand towels. In addition, the detergents we use are environmentally friendly and super concentrated to reduce packaging.

We are also working on Seventh Generation 100% recycled tissue paper. If every household in the US used 12 rolls that would save 3.8 million trees, 1.3 billion gallons of water and 9.8 million cubic feet of landfill space.

Thanks
David Comstock

Women's Luncheon!

Tuesday, July 5th,
@ 12:00p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Faletti



Women's Luncheon's will be the brown-bag picnic format for the duration of the summer. We'll meet at the east end of Lee Blvd. just to the right of the turn-around. Please save a table near the river if you are there first. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the lobby area of the Community Center located south of the tennis courts.

For questions, call Sharon Faletti or Bev Schroeder

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



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Other News

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