



The Communitarian

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Happy St Patrick's Day

The deadline for the April issue of
The Communitarian is March 20th.

Submit your input to
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March 1~
“Beginnings”

Speaker: Teri Robertson

How the past comes back.

Worship Associate: Alex Emig

Musician: Ellen Fillion

March 8~
“This I Pledge”

Speaker: CUUC Members

We are a self-sustaining community. Today, we will celebrate the gifts we have shared with each other and the possibilities for our future.

Worship Associate: Mike Truex

Musician: Ellen Fillion

March 15~

“Answering the Religious Right with the Big Heart of Universalism”

Speaker: Alex Emig

The culture war" is nothing new. Come hear how Universalists have historically responded and how they can inspire us today.

Worship Associate: Alex Emig

Musician: Fran Handy

March 22~
“Fifty Years From Now”

Speaker: Rev. Connie Yost

Fifty years ago, many Unitarian Universalists joined with thousands of people from across the United States in the struggle for voting rights in Selma, Alabama. Rev. Yost will reflect on the civil rights movement then and now and share highlights from her recent trip to Selma as part of the UU Living Legacy project. Where will our marching in the arc of justice lead us for the next fifty years?

Rev. Yost is a UU community minister affiliated with First Unitarian Church, Portland. She is the founder and coordinator of Friends Stay Warm, a nonprofit which provides utility assistance to farm and other low-wage workers.

Worship Associate: Diane Reed

Musician: Ellen Fillion

March 29~
“Tamástlikt Cultural Institute”

Speaker: Randall Melton

Randall Melton will discuss the origins and purpose of Tamástlikt Cultural Institute as a tribal museum representing the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla tribes. Tamástlikt is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, located near Pendleton, Oregon.

Randall is the Collection Curator for Tamástlikt Cultural Institute. He is an enrolled member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and a graduate of Eastern Oregon University with a B.S. in anthropology/sociology. Randall has worked for Tamástlikt since 1996 and as the Collection Curator since 2004.

Worship Associate: Diane Reed

Musician: Mike & Shannon Truex

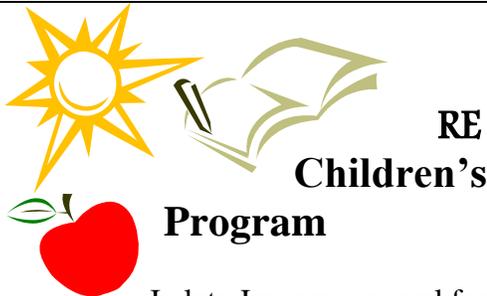
President

From the President!

Respectfully Submitted by Dave Comstock



Religious Education Children & Youth



In late January, several families in the RE program enjoyed the Academy of Children's Theater production of *The Hobbit*. We were there to support Nolan Newsome in his role as one of the dwarves. It was a fantastic show—way to go, Nolan! February brought us some surprisingly Spring-like weather. Now, as we approach the equinox, the daylight is increasing. Before you know it, birds will be migrating and dormant plants will be awakening—blossoming and leafing!

In March, children's Religious Education (RE) will begin with separate sessions for elementary (K-5) and middle school groups. The K-5 group will learn about *Baby Animals* and have some special guests—puppies! Middle schoolers will learn about the importance of *Honey Bees* and native bees to our daily lives. They will explore the decline in abundance of bees and ways that people can help bees recover from this decline. Then, the K-5 group will explore the seasonal

Migration of birds, while Middle schoolers journey into the *Twilight Zone*. Next, K-5 and middle school groups will work together to *prepare the garden*. The following Sunday, K-5 will celebrate *Springtime* and begin planning the garden, while Middle schoolers consider *How Your Church Community Can Help You Shape Your Values*. On the final Sunday of March, K-5 and Middle school groups will engage in *Fun and Games* together.

Nursery/Preschool Needs

With several new families attending church, we are in need of more mentors and assistants for this age group. The primary emphasis in this group is *free play* and *fun*! Please let me know if you are interested in participating in this way.

Mentors, Assistants, and Guests

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, assist, and participate in the fun throughout the month. Also, if you have a special interest or activity you would like to share with the kids, please contact me.

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.

March 1

K-5: *Baby Animals*

Middle School: *Honey Bees*

March 8

K-5: *Migration*

Middle School: *Twilight Zone*

March 15

K-5 and Middle School: *Preparing the Garden*

March 22

K-5: *Springtime*

Middle School: *How Your Church Community Can Help You Shape Your Values*

March 29

K-5 and Middle School: *Fun and Games*

Board & Committee News

No New News!



Hospitality

Souper Sunday!
March 1, 2015



Calling all SoupChefs: Souper Sunday is March 1st! Many thanks to all our participants!

Green Sanctuary

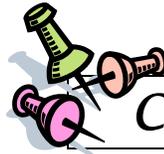
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Hands & Heart



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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March into the Annual Canvas

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Service & Pot Luck!!

In the month of March we will begin our Annual Canvas. This event will start with a service on Sunday, March 8 and will include a *Pot Luck dinner on Friday, March 20th starting at 6 PM at the church.*

This church community is supported by your generous gifts of time and money. It is because of your love and care that we are able to gather each Sunday and celebrate our time together. As with most celebrations, we will be having a **Pot Luck dinner** so that we may break bread with one another and strengthen the bonds that warmly hold us together. Please pick up your pledge form at church on Sunday, March 8th (or use the one found in the March Newsletter) and return it by Sunday, April 18th so that we can formalize a proposed budget to vote on at our Annual Meeting in May. You may either: hand in the pledge forms at the **Pot Luck on March 20th**, mail the pledge forms to the church (Attn. Denise Pitts), put them in the collection basket, place them in the Treasurer's In-box by the office, or give them to any member of the board.

Thank you for your generosity and **DON'T FORGET THE POT LUCK on March 20th!!!!**

Denise Pitts, CUUC Treasurer

Women's Luncheon!

Tuesday, March 17, 2015
@12:00p.m.



Women's Luncheon meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The default location is the meeting room at the church; but please watch for an email as we sometimes change venue. We will sometimes meet at a restaurant or at someone's home. If you've never joined us, you are most welcome. We promise good food and interesting conversations.

For further info or assistance if you need a ride, call Sharon Faletti 375-0467, or Jo Lindenmeier 586-3451.

CUUC Quilt Project!



Many of you contributed squares for a comfort quilt. A comfort quilt is made by a community to surround an individual with the loving thoughts and care of their church family during times of illness or grief. The theme for this quilt is “Loving Hearts.” The completed squares have many different kinds of heart designs.

It’s time to get this quilt stitched! If you want to participate, please join us **in the Sanctuary on March 15 after services**. We plan to talk design, colors, calendar, and invite our new members to participate. We need lots of experienced quilters to make this happen!

If you want to make a block, please pick up a square from the basket by the welcome table. We will accept them through the end of March; come see what’s been done, take home a block and return it. See you March 15!

Social Justice

Pete Reike is spearheading a social justice effort in Pasco as a response to the recent shooting of an unarmed man by city police. If you are interested in being involved in this work, please contact him.



