



# The Communitarian

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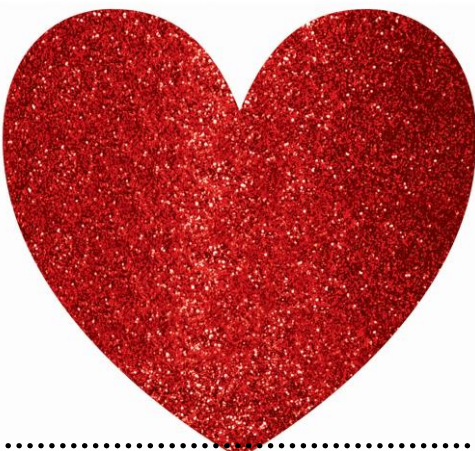
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## February 1~

“Groundhog Day and Second Chances”

*Speaker: Alex Emig*

Groundhog Day is not just a day to think about whether a furry mammal will appear. It's also a great day to examine and re-examine our lives.

*Worship Associate: Alex Emig*

*Musician: Ellen Fillion*

## February 8~

“Intention is Everything!”

*Speaker: Ellen Kathren*

Elijah Family Homes fosters hope, dignity, and self-sufficiency through stable housing and supportive services for families in recovery. Hear how this mission-centered organization helps families continue on their paths towards breaking the cycle of substance abuse and poverty by aligning its intentions with God.

Ellen is the Executive Director of Elijah Family Housing, one of the participants in our Alternative Gift Fair this year.

*Worship Associate: Mike Truex*

*Musician: Ellen Fillion*

## February 15~

“Before the Numinous Stars”

*Speaker: Rev. Ken Jones*

Throughout the ages, people have gazed to the heavens, particularly at night, in an attempt to find meaning and purpose in their lives. Join us this morning as Rev. Ken Jones tells stories of some of his engagements with the magic of the nighttime sky and what these kinds of experiences offer us in our spiritual journeys.

Rev. Jones is visiting as a candidate for our next half-time minister. Please join us for the service and an opportunity to visit with Rev. Jones during a pot-luck after the service. Rev. Jones graduated from the Starr King School for Ministry in 1999. Since then, he has served as the called minister for 8 years in Tacoma, WA, and is currently the half-time minister in Yakima, WA. He has also served as a half-time interim minister in Hood River, OR.

*Worship Associate: Diane Reed*

*Musician: Ellen Fillion*

## February 22~

“Journeys Through Time”

*Speaker: CUUC Members*

Join us for an intergenerational exploration of time. Together, we will travel to the past and the future and consider the possibilities of the present.

*Worship Associate: Mike Truex*

*Musician: Mike, Shannon & Sean Truex*

## President

### *From the President!*

*Respectfully Submitted by Dave Comstock*



**Minister Transition:** I am very excited to announce that we now have three candidates to consider for our open minister position. We have scheduled a sermon visit in February for one of the candidates. During the visit the candidate will meet CUUC committees, the congregation and give the Sunday sermon. The CUUC selection team has also completed the resume review for two other candidates and we are now working to schedule a phone interview with both. More to come soon.

**Inspiration:** Here are some quotes from Martin Luther King Jr.

- Love is the most durable power in the world.
- Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal.
- Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?
- Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.
- Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

Whatever your goals are for this year, take the first step. "Believe and act as if it were impossible to fail." - **Charles F. Kettering**

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 and for 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 first Sunday of 2015 brought us snow! One middle schooler and a mentor took advantage of this opportunity and built a small snowman and had *snow coffee*. If only we had brought syrup for snow cones!!!

In February, children's Religious Education (RE) will begin with a combined session for elementary (K-5) and middle school groups. Together, we will explore *labyrinths* as paths to greater awareness. Next, the K-5 group will enjoy *fun and games* that help us get to know each other better. Middle schoolers will explore how our use of fossil fuels and many chemicals are hurting the earth and discuss things that we might do differently to *help heal our planet*. Then, the K-5 group will explore *mysteries of the cosmos* and our place in the universe, while Middle Schoolers venture into the *Twilight Zone*.

On the last Sunday in February, all ages will gather in the sanctuary for *journeys through time*—past, present, and future.

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.

**February 1**

K-5/Middle School: *Labyrinths*

**February 8**

K-5: *Fun and Games*

Middle School: *Healing Our Planet*

**February 15**

K-5: *Mysteries of the Cosmos*

Middle School: *Twilight Zone*

**February 22**

Intergenerational Worship: *Journeys Through Time*

**Board & Committee News**

No New News!

***Hospitality***

***Souper Sunday!***  
***February 1, 2015***



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

***Green Sanctuary***

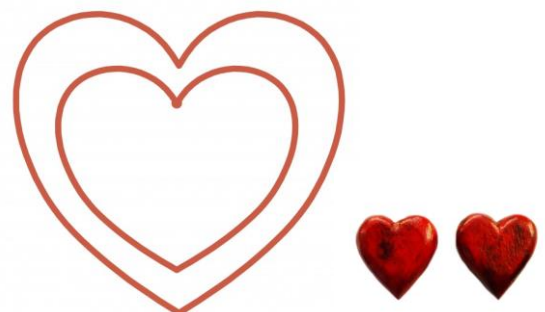
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***Hands & Heart***



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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## ***Women's Luncheon!***

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

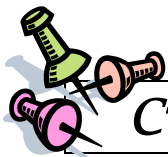


The Women's Luncheon Group will meet at CUUC on February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00p.m. Please join us in the Meeting Room and bring a dish to share.

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)



## ***CUUC Bulletin Board***

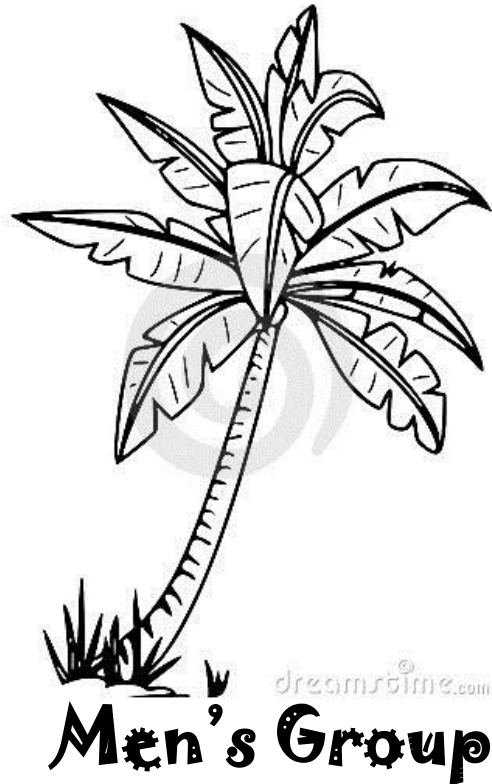
## ***Mid-Winter Luau!***

**Saturday Feb 7, 5:00**

**At CUUC.**

Dream of bare feet and a warm beach, green palm trees swaying in a gentle breeze, it's happening at CUUC!

Wear your Aloha shirt, bring food to share, your flip-flops & beach towel! Sponsored by the CUUC Party Gang to brighten the winter doldrums.



The Men's Group Has Launched...

The CUUC Men's Group held their inaugural meeting on January 16th, at the home of Dave Anderson. Ten of our men were in attendance for this initial meeting, and the discussion was enlightening. The group meets on the third Friday of the month, beginning at 5:30 PM.

The group's next meeting will be on February 20th. Dinner is provided, bring your own beverage (BYOB). If you are interested in the group, please leave a voice message for Fred Dunhour (208-522-4657) or e-mail: [fred.dunhour@mindspring.com](mailto:fred.dunhour@mindspring.com).

Thank you! and please let me know of your questions, Fred.

## *Other News!*

### *Volunteer Today..... Speak up for a Child Who Needs a Voice!*

Make a lifelong difference for a vulnerable child!  
Become a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for abused and neglected children.  
You will investigate a child's history, advocate for services and appropriate placement, and ultimately make recommendations – to the judge – in that child's best interest.

The next three-day CASA training will be held on Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day.

For more information, contact Sheila Davidson,  
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