

# THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

*The Newsletter of the  
Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation of Salem, Oregon  
April 28, 2010*



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## UUCS Annual Meeting May 16

The Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem will be held on Sunday, May 16 after the service. We request the attendance of all members so that we can have a quorum to decide some important issues.

The agenda includes:

- Congregational vote on the budget for 2010–2011, and
- Election of UUCS Board members and Directors and one member of the Nominating Committee.

Please read the information about the candidates and the proposed budget on pages 5-8 and bring this “centerfold” with you to the meeting on May 16.

As is our custom, a light lunch will be available for purchase at the short break between the end of the church service and the meeting. Child care will be provided.

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## Tea at Two

On your calendar write UUCS “Tea at Two” in big bold letters for **Saturday, May 8 at 2:00 p.m.** This elegant event (hats and gloves are encouraged!) will feature witty and charming Winifred Morice, a humorous speaker from California. Also, UUCS members Barbara Stebbins-Boaz and David Boaz, accompanied by Virginia Corrie-Cozart, will present a musical medley and David will share a favorite poem.

Bringing them to the Tea at Two is a good way to gift the moms, aunts, sisters, husbands, brothers, uncles, friends and relatives in your life with good food and fun. There will be goodies like cookies, scones, and finger sandwiches, and a few surprises. Tickets are \$15, or two for \$25. For more information, or if you would like to help, contact Sharon Dearman.

During the Tea, we will auction a beautiful \$1,200 barbecue that was donated by Fred Ratzeburg. Just think of all those warm summer nights coming up and how wonderful a great barbecue would be to have out on your deck. Bidding will start at \$100.00.

*The Landscape Team*

**Ministerial Meditations**  
**By The Rev. Connie Yost**  
**UUCS Affiliated Community Minister**

I got a wicked cold a couple of weeks ago. It was one of those viruses that seemed to go away after a few days, only to come back with a vengeance, ending in a painful ear infection. Forced to slow down, I finally surrendered to my plight and decided to stop worrying about all the things that weren't getting done. In between the chicken soup, herbal tea and ice cream, I reread some beloved autobiographies.

I love a good autobiography. Through the pages of an autobiography, I am mentored by the author whom I will never meet in person. J.D. Salinger explains this process when he assures Holden Caulfield in *The Catcher in the Rye*: "Many, many men have been just as troubled morally and spiritually as you are right now. Happily, some of them kept records of their troubles. You'll learn from them -- if you want to. Just as some day, if you have something to offer, someone will learn something from you. It's a beautiful reciprocal arrangement. And it isn't education. It's history. It's poetry."

It is always fascinating to see how the trajectory of life plays out. The autobiographies I reread were of famous people -- successful people -- yet each one had been troubled morally and spiritually on their path.

Thomas Merton, the famous Trappist monk, writer, poet, and social activist once despaired of ever having a vocation as a priest. In his autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, he writes that having been told that he should retract his application to the monastery, he went to confession at the Catholic church across the street. "The priest was in no mood for any nonsense, and I myself was confused and miserable, and couldn't explain myself properly, and so he got my story all mixed up...The whole thing was so hopeless that finally, in spite of myself, I began to choke and sob...so the priest...began to tell me in very strong terms that I certainly did not belong in the monastery, still less the priesthood...I was completely broken in pieces. The only thing I knew, besides my own tremendous misery, was that I must no longer consider that I had a vocation to the cloister."

Karen Armstrong, author of *A History of God* and other books on religion, writes of her failure as an academic in her autobiography, *The Spiral Staircase: My Climb Out of Darkness*. "If a thesis is failed...the examiner is expected to write a very detailed report...Professor Courtney, however...had written half a paragraph to the effect that I was a clever young woman, but that in his view the topic of my thesis was unsuitable for a doctorate...For five months the faculty discussed my fate...Dame Helen, the chairman of the board, settled the matter. An injustice had been done...she was very sorry for Miss Armstrong, but the sanctity of the Oxford doctorate could only be impaired by reexamination...So that was that...I was glad that I wasn't simply an ordinary failure, though there was something disturbing about all the notoriety...I tried to behave with dignity, but I still experienced the final decision as a body blow...I was no good...I had failed as a nun; I had failed as an academic. I was cracking up mentally. [Later, she was diagnosed with epilepsy.] I could not see what I could usefully do with the rest of my life."

Thank goodness both of them persevered and found ways of sharing their immense gifts with the world. They remind me to hold on to hope, despite the darkness.

*Love, Connie*



**LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**  
**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem**  
**April 28, 2010**

**Religious Education Dates to Note**

Tues. **Child to Adult** – Aztec Dancing, 7 pm

Weds. **Youth/Adult** – Meditation 7-9 pm

Sundays **Youth/Adult** – Reader's Forum, 9:15 in Hanneman Hall. **Child/Youth** – Children's Choir, 9:45 – 10:20 am, RE Commons.

Sun. May 2 **All** – Open House in the RE wing after the service. Come see what the children have been doing all year. There will be cookies!

Fri. May 7 – Sun. May 9 **High School** Youth Conference in Washington. (Registration closed)

Sun. May 9 **Teacher Appreciation** in service, **Coming of Age 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders** – Marjorie Bowers-Wheatley room first, then sanctuary, 12:15, bring a lunch. *Have credos finished!*

Sat. May 15 **High School** – potluck and possible sleepover/baking spree (more info. to come), 6 pm

Sun. May 16 **Middle School and Up** – Coming of Age/Youth Service. Coming of Agers present their credos and the high school youth are having a bake sale afterwards.

Tues. May 18 – RE Team meeting in the library, 6:30 pm, childcare available if requested by 4-16.

Thur. May 20 **All** – Dances of Universal Peace in Hanneman Hall, 7 pm.

**Lise's Letter**

**Sunday, April 25, was the last day of our multigenerational Mystery Friends event.** It ended with a potluck where participants got to discover the identity of the friend they had been writing, meet them and have lunch together. We had lots of participants and I think I took every friend's picture (if present). Please come see me (in about a week) if you'd like a copy of your photo. Thank you to the many hands that helped to make it possible—the RE Team, mail delivery folks (George Struble, Christine Deblock), the potluck set-up crew (Samantha Scales, Suzette Moyer, Katrina Koenigs), all the parents, friends, and spouses who helped remind Mystery Friends they had another letter to write, the Souper Sunday crew who helped with set up and made the

day more festive with soup for everyone, the participants(!), and the Coming of Age group who helped clean up after the event. It was fun to see everyone spending time together and getting to know others in their community a little better.

**Speaking of Coming of Age, I hope you all can come to the service on May 16** when 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders participating in this program present their credos, or belief statements. (Actually they might not all be “statements,” some of our participants are choosing to express their beliefs through mediums other than the spoken word.) I am always so impressed by our youth as they share their ideals and dreams with us. This service will be the culmination of three and a half months of learning about our UU tradition, and themselves as they participated in group activities and met with their mentors. Back in February each participant was given a notebook and charged with completing a variety of activities that helped them in their UU Coming of Age quest. They wrote a group covenant, explored spiritual practices, UU history, interviewed others about their beliefs (including Rev. Rick), provided service to UUCS and our larger community, and faced an unknown physical challenge. Their credo is now their final challenge (*remember it's on May 16*) and I'm looking forward to celebrating their success with you all.

**Wondering what to do this summer? Have you thought of attending the UU Family Camp at Camp Cedar Ridge in Vernonia?** The Hillsboro congregation has sponsored it for several years and it seems each time is just as enjoyable as the last. This year it runs from July 1 to July 4 and early bird prices (adults-\$145; 5-9 years-\$95; 4 and under-free) last until May 17 with registration ending June 7. More information is available on the RE bulletin board outside my office or on the internet at [www.uuccwc.org/familycamp](http://www.uuccwc.org/familycamp). Remember “family” is defined very broadly; all are welcome!

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## **Friday Fun Night**

This intergenerational monthly activity will take place **April 30** at 6:00 p.m. Come and join us for a fun evening of fellowship. Plan to bring snacks to share and have a fingerfood dinner at UUCS, or eat before you come.

Games will be available or you can bring a favorite one to share. Some serious Scrabble players have met the last two months! Come join the fun and make this a successful monthly event. For more information, please contact Samantha Scales or Christi Olsen.

## **New Member Recognition Day**

Come to meet and introduce yourself to new members on **May 2**.

## **Annual RE Open House**

Walk back to the religious education classrooms after the service on **Sunday May 2** to have cookies and see what the children have been doing this past year. All are welcome.

*Sharon Dearman*

## **Former UUCS Pastor Paul Sawyer**

Paul Sawyer was the minister at UUCS in 1974, is a poet-historian, and has been a UU minister for more than 50 years. He will sign his just published book - *Untold Story: A Short Narrative History of our Time*, at the UUCS on **Wednesday, May 5th**, at 6:30 p.m.

*Untold Story* draws upon Sawyer's experience as both participant and observer in decades of world crisis and social upheaval, including what he calls 'The Era of Assassination,' 1963-1974; efforts to counter government and mass media disinformation; and the cultural-political revolution of the 60s and 70s. Sawyer then seeks to clarify the unprecedented revolutionary opportunity to create true economic-political democracy in our time.

All are welcome!

*Pastor Rick*

## **ARMS Workshop**

*Do you wonder how you might be supportive to someone who is addicted? Do you have questions about what we know about addiction itself? Following the Sunday service on **May 9** Tom Ten Eyck will facilitate an open forum to share and discuss informally whatever questions you might have.*

Tom Ten Eyck is an active member of Eastrose Unitarian Fellowship in Gresham and is a charter member of the Pacific Northwest Addictions Ministry Committee. He has been active in addictions treatment and education for over thirty years, specializing in how addictions affect the brain, the interface of addictions and mental health issues, and problem gambling.

## **Nominees for the UUCS Board of Directors**

### **Phil Carver**

### **UUCS Board Chair Nominee**

I am honored to be nominated to be re-elected as chair of the UUCS Board. Under the bylaws a chair can only be re-elected once. If elected, I will continue to help the board serve the congregation.

I have received support and encouragement from the staff and members of our Salem UU community for the past 14 years. Marie and I were married in the old church in 1997. From 2003 through 2007, I led the Sunday Services Team. I have been a board member since July 2007.

I see a special role for the UUCS in this challenging economic condition. The UUCS is a vibrant and supportive community. I look forward to serving our community next year.

### **Barbara Stebbins-Boaz**

### **UUCS Board Vice Chair Nominee**

My husband, David, and I moved from Massachusetts to Oregon in 1998. What drew us so many miles was a faculty position in the Biology Department at Willamette University where I teach and do research with undergraduates.

A bonus to our new home was the presence of a wonderful UU community which we immediately joined. I have served in the UUCS Life Lines Lay Ministry, SIHN, and choir. Currently I am finishing a year on the Board of directors in the congregation. It would be my privilege to continue to support the people and ideals of this congregation.

### **Laura Stine**

### **UUCS Board Secretary Nominee**

I was happy to join my first Unitarian Church in 1957. At different times, in each of the congregations I've belonged, I've taken on leadership roles on the Board and Sunday Services, Social Justice, and Religious Education Committees. I attended my first UUA General Assembly in 1970 in Seattle, my first trip to the Northwest. That was it. I made the decision then and there the Northwest was where I wanted to live and ended up in 1978 in the Eugene area and the UU Church there. Since moving to Salem and the UUCS, I've been Co-Chair of the Social Action Team and have been happy to take my turn as greeter and coffee maker.

### **Gloria Holland**

### **Director**

After a 43 year absence from affiliation with any church, I joined UUCS almost three years ago and have found a home in this very active, progressive church community. Serving as your Vice Chair on the UUCS Board for the past year has been a wonderful learning experience. As my term comes to an end, it is my hope that I may continue to serve the Congregation as a Director at Large.

### **Gerald Nathan**

### **Director**

I came to UU-ism from a Nebraska Lutheran background. Jo Anne and I live on a small sheep ranch near Falls City. We became members of this congregation about 15 years ago. I am on the Personnel Committee and the Committee of the Ministry. I also sing in the choir. I was taught not to speak unless spoken to, but I listen well and can really pontificate about good living in books. I am a retired psychologist and couple's therapist.

### **Mieke Visser**

### **Director**



| <b>Proposed UUCS Budget 2010-11</b>             |                         |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Recommended by UUCS Board April 22, 2010</b> |                         |                 |
|                                                 | <b>09-10<br/>Budget</b> | <b>Proposed</b> |
| <b>Income</b>                                   |                         |                 |
| Op Non-pledge                                   | 11,000                  | 11,000          |
| Pledge income current year                      | 243,000                 | 249,500         |
| Pledges paid for prior year                     | 3,000                   | 2,200           |
| Net Rental income                               | 10,000                  | 10,000          |
| Investment income                               | 2,000                   | 2,100           |
| <b>Total Budgeted Income</b>                    | <b>269,000</b>          | <b>274,800</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                 |                         |                 |
| Minister package                                | 86,597                  | 91,195          |
| RE Staff                                        | 31,633                  | 32,000          |
| Office Administrator                            | 19,465                  | 11,800          |
| Payroll taxes                                   | 3,805                   | 3,000           |
| Retirement                                      | 4,505                   | 3,000           |
| Workers comp                                    | 1,115                   | 600             |
| Admin costs                                     | 59,000                  | 62,000          |
| Equipment Replacement                           | 0                       | 500             |
| Landscape                                       | 500                     | 1,750           |
| Other Operations Team                           | 7,800                   | 12,625          |
| RE Team                                         | 3,970                   | 4,100           |
| Fellowship Team                                 | 490                     | 490             |
| Social Action Team                              | 1,525                   | 1,600           |
| Performing Arts / C C P                         | 950                     | 950             |
| Communications Team                             | 430                     | 430             |
| Music Committee                                 | 2,100                   | 3,500           |
| Other Sunday Services Team                      | 4,300                   | 4,300           |
| UU Connections Team                             | 500                     | 0               |
| Membership                                      | 760                     | 760             |
| Finance Team / Canvass                          | 1,000                   | 1,000           |
| Lifelines                                       | 100                     | 100             |
| ARMS                                            | 200                     | 200             |
| Community Minster Prof Expenses                 | 0                       | 500             |
| Member Loan Payments                            | 36,000                  | 36,000          |
| Contingency                                     | 2,903                   | 2,400           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                           | <b>269,648</b>          | <b>274,800</b>  |

Two years ago we made a priority of improving the minister's compensation package. We awarded him a significant increase then, and planned to do it again the next few years. Last year we couldn't. We propose an increase of 3% cost of living increment plus \$2000.

Our office administrator, Rose Drake, is retiring at the end of this year. UUCS has appointed Suzette Moyer, who has been sharing the job for most of this year, as our new office administrator. Her compensation, including payroll expense and retirement contributions, will be less than Rose Drake's have been. We will also have a substitute RE director who will not accrue retirement contributions until later this year, for a further savings in retirement contributions.

The proposed budget includes the full cost of our lawn care contract. Until now, the cost was supported by fundraising efforts of the Landscape Team.

The proposed budget includes a significant increase in the Operations Team budget, in order to fund more fully the maintenance costs of our building. Among other things, this should be the year to refinish the Hanneman Hall floor. The Operations budget *should* also contribute toward the buildup of the church's maintenance reserve.

The Music budget is increased in order to pay the pianists who enhance our Sunday services.

For the first time, the budget includes \$500 for professional expenses of Connie Yost, our Community Minister.

## **Notes on April Board Meetings**

Rev. Rick Davis raised the idea of having a group to offer input and oversight when people request use of our space for business purposes. This group's purview might include rental policies and agreements, appropriate use, and possible conflicts.

DRE Lise Adams Sherry was granted a leave of absence so she may complete her nine-month internship with the UUFC in Corvallis next year.

Treasurer Paul Rice reported that our income continues to stay slightly ahead of expenses for the current fiscal year.

The board approved updated versions of the "UUCS Finances: Structure and Procedures" and "UUCS Investment Management Procedures."

Our new congregational archivists, Melissa Duniway-Holland and Sancha Alley, will begin to organize our collection of old photos, documents, and other materials into a comprehensive congregational history.

Two Braille copies of each of our hymnals will be purchased for our soon-to-be members who are visually-impaired.

The board approved payment of \$40 dues to the UU Administrator's Association for Suzette Moyer, who has been working part time as an office administrator and who will fill the position when Rose Drake retires.

The Operations Team will obtain at least two bids for refinishing the floor in Hanneman Fellowship Hall, in hopes of completing the project by the end of August.

*(summarized by DR & ES from minutes of Don Wolf, Board Secretary)*

## Women's Alliance

The last Women's Alliance meeting until fall will be held at La Margarita Restaurant at 545 Ferry Street SE. **May 6**. The meeting will start with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30. The cost of the dinner, including tip, will be \$18. If you plan to attend, please contact Women's Alliance Treasurer Molly O'Dea by May 2.

*Catherine Carlson  
Co-secretary, Women's Alliance*

## Is Torture Ever Justified?

*Video and Discussion on a Faithful Response*

President Obama issued an executive order banning torture. Will that alone end our use of torture forever? And what do we really believe about "harsh interrogation methods"? Come learn more and discuss your ideas on **Monday, May 17** at 7:00 p.m.

We will be screening the 18-minute video, from the National Religious Campaign Against Torture, "Ending U.S.-Sponsored Torture Forever." In it we will hear from prominent religious leaders, a former military interrogator, legal experts, and torture survivors who believe torture is always wrong. Then you will have an opportunity to air your own thoughts in response. Discussion will be facilitated by our minister, Rick.

## News for the Newsletter

If you want your UUCS Event in the Newsletter, which is mailed to many who don't come to church regularly, you need to send it to the Newsletter editors. The e-mail addresses and phone numbers can be found the staff box on page 4

## UUCS Website

The UUCS website, [uusalem.org](http://uusalem.org) has the monthly calendar of events, phone numbers, Sunday service presentations, by-laws and a great deal of additional information. Visit us.

## Newsletter Deadlines

Upcoming deadlines are, May 9, May 23 (two-week interval), June 20, July 18, August 15 (four-week intervals), and September 5.

## Soup Kitchen

On Sunday April 18, the UUCS assisted the Kairos Soup Kitchen and served over 56 people hotdogs and buns, clam chowder and chili con carne. In addition, a dessert of blueberry cakes was served.

The following fine folks helped with the prep, set up and clean up at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in downtown Salem: Pamela Ruona, Mary Beth Hustales, Lise Sherry, Dominic Maluski, Catherine Carlson, Loraine Stuart, Rachel Goode, Laurel Goode, Derek Sherry, Elsa McKinney, Pamela Ray, Jenna Allen, Will Austin, Leah Knudsen, and the Kairos Soup Kitchen Coordinating Team Nate and Colleen Brown.

Thank you all! The large crew allowed us to be finished promptly at 3 p.m.

Our next soup kitchen is scheduled for June 20. A donation basket to help defray costs for the commodities and a sign-up sheet to work are located at the Social Action Table in Hanneman Fellowship Hall.

Call John Maluski for more information.

*John T. Maluski  
Social Action Team*

## Foster Parents Night Out

On Monday April 12 our church hosted 17 foster children from four families. There were eight school aged children, seven pre-school/kindergarten, and two toddlers. We had 22 volunteers in this worthwhile program: Janet Neuberg, Rick Davis, Charles Hannegan, Stephanie Jernstedt, Don Wolf, Ed and Jackie Klimowicz, Harvey Kramer, Tom Lancefield, Ruth Larson, Allana McDonald, Nancy Murphy, Danna and Paul Parmley, Lynne Percevey, Joan and Jim Stenbridge, Laura Stine, Jeanette Teta, Keith York from UUCS. Randy Fishfader and Abbey Vanderbeek came from Temple Beth Shalom.

This month we had a children's program brought to us from the Gilbert House Museum for our preschool/kindergarten group. The children were totally immersed in all things dinosaur! The school aged children enjoyed outdoor sports, making colored wind kites, and attempting to create a play. All of the children and volunteers enjoyed a luscious meal and snacks.

Once again from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. our church was filled with sounds of children and adults having a wonderful time. For more information call Janet Neuberg.

*Joan Stembridge*

## UUCS Adopt-A-Road

Many thanks to the UUCS Adopt-a-Road Clean-up crew who helped clean up Cordon Road the morning of April 24. (Look for the UUCS sign from Center Street south to Pennsylvania Avenue!) Workers were Laurel Goode, John Maluski, Jenna Allen, Mark Kendall, Inge Hallman, Tom Lancefield, Keith Your, Phil Carver and John Gorman. And thanks to Mary Hart who loans us her truck for the job.

*Laura Stine  
Social Action Team*

## News of the UUCS Community

After writing of **Emily Walton's** vocal music accomplishments in the last issue, we promised to share the outcome of her piano competition in this year's Festival. It was as her **parents, Christine Ertl and Jon Walton**, as well as piano teacher **Alma Marianos** hoped: "Superior"! Alma writes that Emily played superbly in both the solo event and the concerto, and currently is preparing a piece to play in church one Sunday during the offering.

The accolades continue to roll in! 'Ana's Playground,' a short film about children in armed conflict zones, produced by **Lois Nodland's daughter Jillian** has taken Best Foreign Short (Miglior Corto Straniero in Italian) in this year's RIFF (Roma Independent Film Festival)! When it is shown in Seattle on May 23 you can bet that Lois will be there!

Congratulations to **Deirdre McAteer, daughter of Mary Jo Eyler and James McAteer**, who has been selected for an apprenticeship in marine biology with Saturday Academy

Despite a brief setback in her health, with several days in the hospital, **Kay Cogswell** was ready to join husband Phil for a return trip to Arizona's Green Valley and their newly purchased townhouse. While a rationale for the trip wasn't necessary, they're carrying out plans for its interior decor! Why not?

Condolences to **Claudia and Jim Koch** at the death last week in Price, Utah of Claudia's 94 year old mother, Esther Snow. The funeral was held Saturday in the Mormon custom with the majority of the small town's citizenry joining family from throughout the western states.

**Jan Munsey's** physically restrictive treatment with a rigid halo apparatus for a fractured vertebra in her neck should come to an end this week. She writes, "I'm excited about resuming my normal life and seeing all of my UUCS friends again!"

**Rhea and Bill Devery** are driving the length of California, visiting friends and family en route, and planning to spend some time with Bill's sister in San Diego.

**Adele Birnbaum's** book of poetry is available for \$9.95 from Virginia Corrie-Cozart. Adele, a UUCS member, died in 2008. Her daughters were largely responsible for funding our Memorial Garden. Her poems touch on her childhood, gardening, her struggle with cancer, and travels.

After several moves to find the best fit for treatment and rehabilitation, **Stan Tepper** is currently at Regency Woodland, a care center on Sunnyside Road, across from the South Salem Winco. Lay Ministers report that he's in good spirits and eager to have visitors and phone calls. The desk phone is 503-364-1355 and staff will transfer to his room phone.

While **Bill and Iris Sea** anticipated returning from Palm Desert, CA earlier this month, a setback in health has led to Bill to surgery, with an expected five week period of recuperation before they can return home. Iris writes that since they're to be in the area

longer than expected they'll attend their son's graduation from UCLA June 12. He graduates with a doctorate in biochemistry. They will then visit family enroute northward and arrive home toward the end of June.

Sharing of the joys or concerns in your life enhances our opportunity for being community. Please contact me.

*Joan Erickson*

## Outside Events

The third annual **UU Celebration of Interdependence Family Camp** will be held on Fourth of July Weekend (**Thursday, July 1 to Sunday, July 4**) at Camp Cedar Ridge in Vernonia, 40 miles west of Portland in Tillamook Forest. "Family" includes any UU who wants to celebrate with other UU's of all ages.

The camp is sponsored by UCCWC-Hillsboro and the Rev. Sue Ayer is the chaplain. See the last newsletter for more information or go to [www.uccwc.org/familycamp](http://www.uccwc.org/familycamp) or contact Sara Cloe, DRE, at UCCWC, 503-648-1720.

**YEA (Youth Empowered Action)** Summer Camp should be of interest to youth ages 11-16 "who want to make a difference in the world" as well as have fun at camp. Phil Carver sends word that his daughter is organizing this week-long leadership camp to be held **August 14-21** at Camp Onahlee in Molalla. Web site is [www.yeacamp.org](http://www.yeacamp.org); email is [info@yeacamp.org](mailto:info@yeacamp.org) or call 503-347-0223

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## SUNDAY SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

10:30 a.m. (Child Care Available)

**Sunday, May 2 "Creating Compassionate Community" The Rev. Richard R. Davis**

In our Path to Membership Classes people joining our congregation learn about "the Seven Practices of Meaningful Membership," one of which is creating compassionate and caring religious community. Please join us as we explore further.

**Sunday, May 9 "The Spirituality of Addiction and Recovery: A Unitarian Universalist Response" The Reverend Alex Holt**

The Reverend Alex Holt, a good friend of our minister Rick, is consulting minister at the UU Church of Yakima, WA. He is chair of the UUA Addictions Ministry Team and is a recovering alcoholic of nearly seven years this time around. He has lived primarily in the Northwest but is originally from Maine. He has been an active leader in both the UU addictions ministry and in the Buddhist Recovery Network and continues to work with the District Addictions Ministry Project.

**Sunday, May 16 Credos of the Coming of Age Group**

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## Life Lines Lay Ministry

UUCS Life Lines Lay Ministry members are always available to help in any way they can. Look for the people with lavender badges. After Sunday services on the first Sunday of the month pay a visit to the Fellowship Hall to their table, with its lavender tablecloth. They provide conversation and information so you can learn more about what they do. To leave a confidential phone message, call the church and a Life Lines member will return your call.

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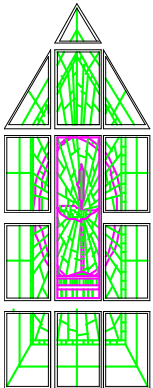
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**UUCS Calendar**



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| Wednesday, April 28 | UU Meditation, 7:00 p.m. ( <b>every</b> Wednesday)<br>Covenant of UU Pagans of Salem (CUUPS), 6:00 p.m.                                      |
| Friday, April 30    | Family Fun Night, 6:00 p.m.                                                                                                                  |
| Sunday, May 2       | Readers' Forum (Sundays through May 16), 9:15 a.m.<br>New Member Recognition during service<br>Annual Religious Ed Open House, after service |
| Wednesday, May 5    | Untold Story, 6:30 p.m.<br>Chat & Craft, 7:00 p.m. ( <b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Wednesdays)                                  |
| Thursday, May 6     | Women's Alliance, 5:30 p.m. (La Margarita on Ferry St)                                                                                       |
| Saturday, May 8     | Tea at Two, (Landscape Comm) 2:00 p.m.                                                                                                       |
| Sunday, May 9       | ARMS Workshop, after service<br>Next Newsletter Deadline, 11:30 a.m.                                                                         |
| Monday, May 10      | Foster Parents Night Out, 5:00 p.m.                                                                                                          |
| Thursday, May 13    | UUCS Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.                                                                                                                |
| Saturday, May 15    | Garden Work Party, 9:00 a.m.                                                                                                                 |
| Sunday, May 16      | <b>Annual Congregational Meeting, after service</b><br><b>Child care provided and lunch available for purchase</b>                           |
| Monday, May 17      | Video and Discussion "Is Torture Ever Justified?" 7 p.m.                                                                                     |