

THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

*The Newsletter of the
Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of Salem, Oregon
May 12, 2010*



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Annual Meeting this Sunday

Following the service is the annual meeting, when UUCS members elect board members and adopt a budget for the 2010-11 church year, as well as raise concerns they may have. Lunch for those attending the meeting will be available at cost, and child care will be available. Details are in the April 28 newsletter: please bring that centerfold with you.

Tea at Two

The Landscape Committee "Tea" fundraiser on Saturday, May 8th was a huge success. We made over \$1,700. Thank you to so many people who helped make it possible: Pam and Ernie Williams, Molly Meeker-O'Dea, Harriet Trill (Kaye), Janet Neuburg, Barbara Stebbins-Boaz, David Boaz, Virginia Corrie-Cozart, Mako Hayashi-Mayfield, Winifred Morice, Don Suddeth, Marion Dearman, Iris Sea, Bill Sea, Nancy Jackson, Bob Wallace, Ted Cory, Bev Anderson, Kay Young, Judith Van-Osdol, Barbara Hanneman, Jo Bateman, Ruth Larson, Elizabeth Canning, Margaret Boyle, Dani Adams, Anne Alexander, Mary Edith Gilbertson, Loraine Stuart, Marge French, Elsa Struble, Jean Sherbeck and Fred Ratzeburg. Another big thank you to everyone who supported the event by purchasing tickets.

Sharon Dearman

Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network

UUCS will be hosting families May 23-29 and we need volunteers to help prepare dinners, sleep over, and spend some quality time with the families. For a number of regular volunteers this is a big vacation week, so if you've been thinking about helping out, this would be a great time to start. Please contact Miranda Wood.

Last one out?

If you're the last one leaving the church, please be sure the door is locked and set the alarm. Unless there's an event scheduled later in the day (check the calendar posted on the window next to the front door), lock the gate. EXCEPTION: The gate must be left open Thursday nights, so that the garbage truck can get in early Friday morning! Since an open padlock was stolen, we've tried to keep the padlock locked at all times: if you don't have access to a key to open the padlock, pull the gates together and push the chain into the gate.

Reverential Ramblings

In 2001 we needed to hire a new office administrator. It's SO important to hire the right person for such a job because a poor fit can lead to all sorts of misery and heartache for everyone. Nine years later, I'm grateful to say that our Personnel Committee made a very wise choice when they asked Rose Drake to accept the position.

Rose, a retired English teacher, had worked in another church office, so she was somewhat accustomed to this type of work, but she had never been around so many Unitarian Universalists before. She was not accustomed to congregations full of such independent minded people (as she told me in those early days, "the people in this congregation sure aren't sheep!"). She's right – when I look out my office window into the pasture next door I do see sheep, but not when I look out at the congregation from the pulpit on Sunday mornings. You're more like cats. (Please take this as a compliment.)

Now Rose didn't fully realize what she was getting into (do we ever?). Her original plan was to work here just a few years and then retire; but then she realized she had deep feelings of affection for this congregation and found fulfillment in her work here.

Calling this position "Office Administrator" fails to do it justice. The person who sits at that front desk is on the front line in dealing with all sorts of folks when they make initial contact with us, so it has been important that this be someone who is caring and compassionate. Rose was well suited for this pastoral role. This job also requires practical skills which have expanded over time. Any employee would have been within his or her rights to refuse such new responsibilities saying "it's not part of my original job description." Instead, she has been willing and able to learn new things and take on new tasks.

There have been more times than you imagine when Rose has creatively looked out for the well being of our congregation. The most recent example: For the past several years she has fretted that when she left we would be in a bind since no one would know how to do her complex job – it was beyond reason to expect anyone to learn it in just a couple of weeks. She advised us that she was willing to cut down her hours and allow a new person to begin learning this job over time so that there could be a smooth transition. Thankfully, the right person – Suzette Moyer – has stepped forward and has been learning all the ins and outs of this challenging job for several months.

Now when Rose does retire on June 30th the transition will be exceptionally smooth – at least on a purely practical level. On an emotional level it will be more challenging. She's been such a part of this place for almost a decade that it will be hard to say goodbye.

Yet such hard moments do come in all our lives. One such moment came for Rose when she had to say goodbye to her delightful husband John, who died a few months ago. Now it's time for a new chapter in her life – she is helping design a new 800 sq. ft. house for herself next to one of her daughters who lives Ridgefield, Washington.

On June 12 at 5 p.m. we will host a going away party for Rose here and on Sunday, June 13 we will recognize her in our Sunday service. In keeping with my propensity to tease her, I am calling it the "Rose Roast and Recognition." Please join us as we bid a grateful farewell to our beloved friend.

*Love,
Rick*



LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
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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.

Sat. May 15 **High School** – potluck and sleep-over/baking spree for bake sale, 5:30 pm

Sun. May 16 **Middle School and Up** – Coming of Age/Youth Service. Bake sale afterwards.

Mon. May 17 **High School/Adult** – Film and discussion on the ethics of torture. Facilitated by Rev. Rick in Hanneman Hall.

Tues. May 18 **Youth/Adult** - RE Team meeting in the library, 6:30 pm, childcare available if requested by 5-16.

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

Fri/Sat May 21-22 **High School** – Cluster sleep-over in Portland, registration due May 14

May 30 – **Children/Youth** worship in RE Commons. Last RE classes until June 20.

June 6 – **All** – Multigenerational Flower Communion and Bridging for our high school seniors. Don't forget your flowers!

Lise's Letter

As many of you have heard by now, I will be taking a leave of absence from my position as Director of Religious Education during the next church year. I'm doing this so I can be a ministerial intern for nine months at the UU Fellowship in Corvallis (they have graciously agreed to teach and learn with me during this next step of my education). Our UU ministerial credentialing body requires that we complete our internship somewhere other than our home congregation so we have a greater breadth of experience and diversity of congregations from which to learn. Serving a different congregation also allows us to try out our ministerial wings with a clean slate and no preconceptions. They won't know me as any-

thing other than a ministerial intern and I will be challenged to leave my DRE hat here with you. This internship is one of the last things I need to do to complete my *official* ministerial education—I'm sure congregations will continue to teach me new things for many years to come, just as you all have during the time I've served you in RE.

So what will this mean for our relationship? I will serve you until my usual time off in the summer and the personnel committee is currently looking for people to act as the director and assistant while I am gone. The director position will be temporary, but whoever fills this slot will be your fearless leader and co-conspirator in religious learning while I am away. This person may have new ways of doing things and I know you all will be encouraging, accepting and respectfully questioning of her or him as the occasion warrants. Likewise I will be trying out and learning new things during my time away. When I come back (which is the plan for now as I do not want to disrupt my boys' high school years with the potential of a big move) we will meet again as good and old friends with many new things to share and explore together. This may cause some disagreements as we work out how to be with one another again, but as long as we talk with one another in love I know that we can grow from our mutual time apart as well.

The next year will be an exciting time of discovery and change for us all, and while I know we will miss each other, I hope you all are looking forward to the adventure as well. In the meantime, please know deep down in your souls and ably reasoning minds that I am here for you now and will continue to be with you in spirit and thought during our future time apart.

. . . **I would be terribly remiss if I didn't encourage you *all* to sign up to be religious education teachers next year.** ☺ If you truly want to know about our religious tradition, this is the way to learn. Take a chance; come talk to me!

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"newsletter") to UUCS.*

SUMMER DEADLINES are June 20, July 18, Au-
gust 15 (four-week intervals), and September 5.
Please PLAN AHEAD!

Landscaping

The next Landscape Committee Work Party will be held on **Saturday, May 15**, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 (noon). Please bring gloves, pruning shears, weeding tools. Everyone is invited to help. Refreshments will be served. For more information please call Sharon Dearman.

Many thanks to Jo Bateman and Dick French, who showed up for the last work party in April and helped distribute wood chips. A special thank you to Ted Cory who has been working on our grounds several times each week.

In addition to needing workers the third Saturday of each month, we need someone who will invest some time checking out our sprinkler hoses and adding more at the front door of the church.

Sharon Dearman

Kids' Art Show

Over the last school year, UUCS has hosted a homeschool KidsArt class, taught by local artist Richard Fenwick. After the May 16 service, the completed pieces will be on display in the fellowship hall. Please join us to meet several of the artists and enjoy their work.

Samantha Scales

Is Torture Ever Justified?

What do we really believe about "harsh interrogation methods"? On **Monday, May 17**, come watch an 18-minute video from the National Religious Campaign Against Torture featuring religious leaders, a former military interrogator, legal experts and torture survivors and then participate in a discussion led by Rev. Rick.

ARMS Open Meeting

The Addiction Recovery Ministry Support group (ARMS) will be having an open meeting after the **May 23 Sunday** service to discuss the results of the recent congregational survey and the ideas set forth by the Reverend Alex Holt in his sermon on May 9. Everybody is welcome to join us and participate in setting the future course of ARMS. What should ARMS be doing? Should we set up our own Chalice Circle to discuss how the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism can be applied to AA's Twelve Steps? Is there a uniquely UU way to recovery? Come, join the conversation.

Stand for Children

UUCS Stand for Children team will meet after the **May 23 Sunday** service. Stand for Children is a national advocacy organization working with local decision makers to ensure that every child grows up educated, healthy and ready to contribute to society. The local chapter successfully advocated for school nutrition, mental health and state-wide education reform. Please join the meeting to discuss current issues and help create a direction for future work. Anyone interested

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The Religious Education Director of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem is going on leave from August 2010 through May 2011. As a result the Salem congregation is searching for interim appointees to two positions as set forth below. These are limited term appointments with no expectations beyond their termination date.

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(27.5 hours per week)**

27.5 hours per week (August 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011) including Sundays and some evenings. Guided by UU Principles and heritage, the Director of Religious Education (DRE) develops, coordinates, administers and implements the Lifespan Religious Education program in order to promote the spiritual and religious growth of children, youth, and adults at UUCS. Areas of responsibility include, but are not limited to:

- Children's and youth's worship and programming for nursery through high school.
- OWL (Our Whole Lives Sexuality curricula) classes
- Coming of Age program
- Adult classes and interest groups
- Strategic Planning
- Multi-generational worship and activities
- Congregational Leadership Training
- Summer RE program (coordinated by the Assistant Director of RE)
- Publicity for programs
- Working with the RE Team and other church groups as needed
- Professional development

The DRE is supervised by the minister and supervises the Religious Education Assistant.

**INTERIM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSISTANT
(12 hours per week)**

12 hours per week, (August 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011); includes duties on Sundays and evenings. These duties include but are not limited to: preparing class materials and curricula, leading children's worship, recruiting volunteers, organizing social action projects, maintaining administrative records and working with congregation members on various projects. In addition, the assistant is responsible for coordinating the children's summer RE program. Works under the direction of the Director of Religious Education

TO APPLY

Candidates must be members in good standing of a Unitarian Universalist congregation or have a demonstrated comfort with the ideals and policies of Unitarian Universalism. An understanding of children's spiritual, emotional, and physical growth and development, plus strong written and verbal communication and computer skills, is desirable. A criminal background check will be a mandatory part of any interview.

For either position send a letter of interest, resume, and names, addresses and telephone numbers of three current references to Chair, Personnel Committee, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem, 5090 Center Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301 or by e-mail to uucsoffice@yahoo.com. To be guaranteed full consideration applications must be received by May 21, 2010.

in learning about Stand for Children as well as current members is encouraged to attend. Contact Christine Ertl with questions.

Congregations Helping People

UUCS is one of the churches supporting Congregations Helping People, which in turn provides financial help to those in need. Both Rick Davis and Connie Yost have been involved with CHP, and we often refer people who call us to CHP. We are all invited to attend their annual meeting from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on **Thursday, May 27**, at UUCS, when they will celebrate their successes, elect new board members--and serve refreshments.

Friday Fun Night

This month's Friday Fun Night will be on **May 28**. The SIHN families will be at UUCS that week, so they will be joining us for a movie and snacks. Please plan to join us, bring a snack to share, and relax with a movie projected onto the "big screen" in the fellowship hall. Please contact Samantha Scales with any questions.

Picnic June 13

Plan on attending the traditional end-of-year picnic on June 13 OUTSIDE the church - unless rain sneaks up! (We enjoyed picnicking at Riverfront Park some years, but it's been booked for months.) Music is arranged, and games are waiting to be played; what's needed is help with coordinating the food, set-up and clean-up. If you just have a little bit of time to volunteer, there will be just a little job for you. PLEASE contact Christi Olsen or Lydia Gutierrez.

Wood Chip Surplus

Alan Holland asked for a couple small loads of chips...and they've kept coming (through the unlocked gate!). **Help yourself!** When he returns from New Orleans, he can deliver if you'll donate the gas expense.

Basic Rights Oregon

Basic Rights Oregon (BRO) is expanding its documentation of those people supportive of marriage equality by doing video tapings that will allow more time for in-depth comments and opinions, and to use similar interviews in public education pieces. In particular, they would like to involve:

1. Parents of older GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) children who have been out for some years.
2. Committed GLBT couples who have been together or married for some time.
3. Those who have journeyed to think anew on the issue, perhaps originally opposed marriage equality, but now supportive.

If you are interested in helping BRO develop these materials to be used in their campaign for marriage equality, please contact Chuck Howard or talk to him anytime at UUCS.

Housing Request

A member of Craig Moro's congregation in Pasco, Bethany Dorian, age 16, will be attending an afternoon day camp in Salem August 2-6 to work on her fencing skills. She and her mother, Sandra Rosenau, would be very grateful if they could stay with a friendly Salem UU family for four nights. (Leave message at the UUCS office.)

Welcome, New Members!

David Gortner and **Leonide (Lennie) Martin** were members of a Hindu-Christian ashram in California for seven years before they moved to Merida in the Yucatan, where they still spend their winters, although they now also have a home in Silverton. **David** grew up near Chicago, has a degree in business from Northwestern, and is retired from a career in computers. He paints water colors and plays violin and viola (with George Struble, among others) and recently joined the choir. **Lennie**, a retired California State University professor and FNP, says her path has weaved through Catholicism, agnosticism, existentialism, eastern traditions, goddess and indigenous spirituality. Her current inter-

ests are research and writing about the Maya, historical-visionary fiction and emerging spirituality.

Barry Halgrimson and his wife Marilyn recently relocated from Toledo, Ohio. His interests include playing guitar, cards, exploring Crater Lake, reading the New York Times, and reconciling progressives and conservatives. He's also a new choir member—and washed *lots* of dishes for UUCS on Mother's Day!

Betisse Wilson grew up in and near Salem. Starting in college, she has spent years seeking new ideas and theories in life and spirituality. Her daughters, Zoey Elise (5) and Adia Edan (7), and volunteer work keep her busy.

Inge Hallman shared the clues she supplied for a guessing game at her granddaughter's third grade class: "I have a great rock collection; I love the grandchildren; I speak two languages; I hula hoop every day; I go to Pirate Camp"!

In their continuing quest for knowledge and spirituality, **April Motsinger** and **Cathy** (Roberta Cathleen) **Miller** have studied Christianity, eastern religions, and Wicca. Both are high priestesses in the Elven Druidic Tradition as well as enthusiastic members of UUCS. Both enjoy fantasy fiction; **April** (32) also studies herbs and herbal magic; **Cathy** (51) mentions singing and drumming.

Pamela Ray graduated from the University of South Carolina with a BA in theater arts and, visiting Oregon 14 years ago, decided to stay because of the beauty of the area and the independence and resilience of its people. She has managed several of the local cinemas and is now working with T-Mobile at the call center. She finds UUCS a great fit for point of view and social activism. She enjoys helping with the roadside clean up and soup kitchen projects and attends the Wednesday silent meditation.

News of the UUCS Community

Nina Cleveland is among the most venerable UUCS elders and was appropriately honored recently by the Marion/Polk League of Women Voters for over fifty years of con-

tinuous membership! The League celebrated its 90th birthday, having begun when, in 1920, the National Women's Suffrage Association was disbanded and Carrie Chapman Catt started the LWV to carry on. Congratulations, Nina!

Bill Sea's surgery was long and understandably complex. On Saturday Iris wrote that "Bill is out of the hospital and getting stronger every day. He is minus one cancerous kidney but full of stitches. He must have continuing follow up treatments when we return to Salem in about a month. Now we're just keeping him comfortable. Our children have been with us and major helpers as are so many supportive friends. Thank you for all the cards and caring." We send both of them our heartfelt wishes for a seamless recovery.

Congratulations to **Leah Knudsen**, who will graduate from Linfield College at the end of May with a bachelor's degree in Business Information Systems! Following that event she'll move to the Honolulu area to live, work, and attend graduate school at Hawaii Pacific University, working toward a master's degree in Information Systems.

Leah's daughter, **Sophia Knudsen**, will graduate from South Salem High School in June; she plans to move to the Seattle area where she has many UU friends. She has applied to AmeriCorps programs in that area. At this point her goal is to live in Canada, where she loves both the people and the society, being, as Leah writes, "as strongly drawn to Canada as I am to Hawaii."

Dominic Maluski, son of John Thomas Maluski and Pam Ruona, will graduate from Blanchett High School and spend the summer working in the Washington office of North Dakota Senator Kent Conrad. In the fall, Dominic will begin studies at the University of Oregon.

Since the last newsletter issue, **Stan Tepper** has had yet another stint in Salem Hospital, but has now returned to Regency Woodland care center in South Salem, where he welcomes visits from UUCS friends.

Condolences to **Marian Robison Eggers** at the death on May 4 of her husband, **Willard Eggers**. A memorial service to cele-

brate his life will be held on June 27 at Salem Golf Club

Condolences to **Paul** and **Danna Parmley** at the unexpected death in California of a member of Paul's family.

Robin Wengert is taking his skills in construction management on the road. He'll superintend extensive tiling and cement projects in places like shopping malls, but he'll return to Salem periodically to be with his two daughters and with us.

Congratulations to UUCS Director of Religious Education **Lise Adams Sherry** on her appointment to a ministerial internship with the UU Fellowship of Corvallis (see her comments on page 3). And huzzahs to her as well for the successful completion of her first race, in which she bicycled seventeen miles and followed that with a 3.5 mile run!

UUCS artist **Ann Kresge's** works are part of a five-artist show, "Assembled: Narratives in Wood and Metal," which opened last weekend at Salem Art Association's Bush Gallery. Ann's monumental display, which fills the gallery's south wall with energy and excitement, was inspired by a recent trip to Barcelona, Spain, where "pattern as a description of place" (seven sights of seven sites) communicates "the visceral sensations encountered in that vibrant city." It's another not-to-miss!

Earlier this month the Salem Chamber Orchestra in concert with Willamette Master Chorus, Portland Symphonic Choir, and Willamette Chamber Choir celebrated its 25th anniversary season with the monumental 9th Symphony of Beethoven. The outstanding performance brought raves from many UUCS members. The orchestral musicians from our church family included **Noah Seitz** and **Georgiene Young** and chorus members **Anna Seitz**, **Barbara Stebbins Boaz**, **David Boaz**, and **Jon Walton**.

Logan Geissler, frequent celebrant/ anchor at our Sunday services, performed as one of a pair of mimes, entertaining at his high school's prom. Logan is the son of Linda and Jeff Geissler.

On a personal note, **Ken and I** bade aufwiedersehen to youngest offspring Luke, his German wife Anja, and two young chil-

dren, who relocated last week to Stuttgart, Germany. They had lived in a home on our land for many years, so while we treasure the peace and semi-isolation our vineyard and orchards provide, we miss the daily connections to their lives and activities.

Please consider sharing your joys or concerns with others in our community:

Joan Erickson

Outside Events

Of special interest to **homeschoolers** is a public forum on "**Democracy and Education**" at 7:00 p.m. **Wednesday, May 12**, in Loucks Auditorium, Salem Public Library. Panelists are John Taylor Gatto, author of *Dumbing Us Down: The Hidden Curriculum of Compulsory Schooling*; Brian Ray, author of *Worldwide Guide to Homeschooling*; legislator Ron Maureris; Salem Councillor Chuck Bennett; and former Councillor Bill Smaldone. Workshops will be held on subsequent days.

Petra Berger (UUCS member, Ph.D., RN) will present another free session on "**How to Talk to your Doctor**" at Center 50+ (2615 Portland Road) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on **Monday, May 17**. Petra will discuss matters like how to tell the doctor that what she just told you was not clear to you, what to know before signing an "Informed consent" form, what concerns to discuss with staff and physicians during a hospitalization or emergency room visit—with the general aim of achieving more of a partnership with healthcare providers. Please let Petra know if you plan to attend:

There will be a **Creative Writers' Showcase** in honor of Older Americans Month at 1:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 26**, in the Salem Library's Anderson Room. There will be memoirs of old days, poetry, fiction, and essays. Lee Coyne has more information and can tell you how to submit an entry. He says the theme is improving human relations and the spirit of tolerance.

On **Thursday, May 27** at 7:00 p.m. the **Straub Environmental Lecture Series** presents Dr. Andrew Fountain on "Glacier

Change and the Future of Sea Level Rise” in the Loucks Auditorium, Salem Public Library.

Glaciers are a major controlling factor in global sea level change. Not all these ice masses are behaving in the same way – and these differences are important. Contact 503-391-4145 or fselc@fselc.org for more information.

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 April 14 newsletter for more information or go to www.uccwc.org/family-camp 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; email is 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 16

Credos

7th and 8th grade Coming of Age Group

This is the culmination of three and a half months of exploring our religious tradition and their own beliefs. Come meet Kirbey Geissler, Emily Walton, Elsa McKinney, Derek Sherry and Kendall Henery as they share what's important to them. Our high school youth group is providing musical support and a bake sale after the service. This is religious exploration at its best; we hope you can join us.

Sunday, May 23

Giving up on Spiritual Development

Dr. Larry Christensen

Larry Christensen is an ordained Soto Zen Priest and the resident teacher at the Zen Center of Portland. He is also a psychoanalyst. He spoke here last year, and we enjoyed his presence and his wisdom so much that we have invited him to be with us again.

Sunday, May 30

Thomas Starr King, Patriot

The Reverend Richard R. Davis

On this Memorial Day weekend it is fitting that we honor a truly great American patriot – the Unitarian minister Thomas Starr King, who, in effect, gave his life for his country.

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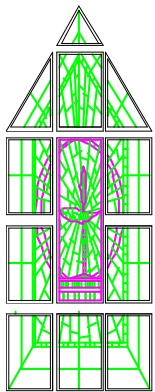
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UUCS Calendar

- Wednesday, May 12
UU Meditation, 7:00 p.m. (every Wednesday)
Lunch Bunch at Flight Deck Restaurant
- Thursday, May 13
Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 15
Landscape Work Party, 9 a.m.
High school sleepover, 7:15.
- Sunday, May 16
Readers' Forum (last meeting), 9:15 a.m.
Congregational Annual Business Meeting, after service
- Monday, May 17
Film/discussion on allowing torture, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 19
UU Meditation, 7:00 p.m. (**every** Wednesday)
Chat & Craft, 7:00 p.m. (**1st & 3rd** Wednesdays)
- Thursday, May 20
Dances of Universal Peace, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 23
Stand for Children, after service
ARMS open meeting, after service
Newsletter deadline—for **all events before June 27**
- Week of May 23-30
Hosting Salem Interfaith Hospitality guests
- Thursday, May 27
Congregations Helping People, 6:30 p.m.
UU Voices for Justice, 7:00 p.m. (tentative)
- Friday, May 28
Friday Fun Night, 6:00 p.m.