

THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

*The Newsletter of the
Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of Salem, Oregon
June 17, 2009*



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Simenfalva Partner Church Events

By the time you read this, our Simenfalva guests will have arrived from Transylvania!

We want you to have an opportunity to meet them and talk with them. We have planned a number of events so they can meet some of us in smaller groups so as not to overwhelm them, and we have several events that are designed for the participation of the full congregation. We hope that you can join us for some of these events.

- **Sunday, June 21** – Meet and welcome our guests at Sunday services.
- **Wednesday, June 24** – Potluck Picnic at Bush Park in Salem (near Leffelle and High Streets). Bring your favorite dish to pass and lawn games.

- **Sunday, June 28** – Rev. Sandor will be in the pulpit for services with a congregational salad potluck to follow. We hope that all can attend.

Two of our guests are sixteen-year-old boys – so the youth group has planned activities for our younger guests. These include:

- **Saturday, June 20** – Trip to Saturday Market, then prepare a great lunch at church. (No adult potluck tonight)
- **Sunday, June 21** – Hike at Silver Falls after Sunday services.
- **Saturday, June 27** – Attend World Beat Festival and then have a sleepover at the church.
- **Sunday, June 28** – Services with the congregation.

See the RE page for more details. See also the June 3 special “mini-newsletter.”

If you are interested in helping us show our guests Oregon or meeting with our guests in smaller groups please call Bonnie Heitsch and we will try to include you.

Member Loan Opportunity Still Open

Our members have offered \$75,000 to \$90,000 in loans at 3.3% to replace our mortgage. We need \$150,000 in order to proceed. We will accept additional offers until Monday, June 22, and on June 23 will notify all lenders whether their offers are accepted or not. If we proceed, we would need the cash by June 30, and interest will start accruing to lenders July 1. Please make your offers to one of the Member Loan Oversight Committee members: George Struble, Paul Rice, or Rob Schiff.

This is not a crisis, and UUCS members should not feel that they have to make loans to keep our church healthy. An interest rate of 3.3% is higher than we individuals can get from our

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Reverential Ramblings

By the time you receive this newsletter our four Unitarian guests from our Partner Church in Simenfalva, Romania - Csilla Boda and her son Levente, the Rev. Sandor Szen and his son Sandor, Jr.- will be here. They were all such gracious hosts when several of us visited Simenfalva three years ago, so it will be delightful to return their hospitality.

In these few days before their visit, I find myself trying to imagine their reactions to Salem, Oregon. Our community will be as different and exotic for them as the ancient, picturesque village of Simenfalva was for those of us who have made the trip there.

Consider the difference in food. In Simenfalva, they produce much of their own food, as they have for centuries. No one starves, but food is a precious commodity. So when our guests walk into the grocery store near my house and see the incredible variety of meats, wines, cheeses, produce, bakery products, sweets, and junk food I imagine they will be overwhelmed by the sheer abundance and diversity that we may take for granted.

In Simenfalva, the cows wander down from the hillsides at twilight and mosey down the main street on their way to their respective barns. A few cars or an occasional bus may pass by, but folks mostly walk or ride bikes over the rough and unpaved roads. In our community, bicycles are vastly outnumbered by speeding cars, trucks and buses zipping down the broad, well-paved streets. Our guests will look in amazement at all the large vehicles consuming such prodigious amounts of fossil fuels.

In Simenfalva, everyone had a roof over his or her head, even the poorer gypsies on the outskirts of the village – but everyone lives in very modest dwellings, a fraction the size of the average American house. My family's house – a little over 1,700 square feet – will seem unbelievably spacious to Sandor and his son when they stay here.

Frankly, I feel a bit embarrassed by this disparity in material blessings and feel some concern for how this can distort our relations with our Unitarian kin from the other side of the world. I know that on the rare occasions when I have been among people vastly more wealthy than myself I tend to feel ill at ease and out of my league. Certainly, it is true that many Americans who live in poverty also live in shame because we are taught to judge one another by what we do have or don't have. Such socio-economic classism, which equates economic worth with inherent worth, is as hurtful and pernicious as racism and may be more insidious since it is rarely challenged.

The economic playing field is not at all level in our world – we were born into a society in which more than a fair share comes to some of us, while so many others struggle for the bare necessities. Wealth and poverty mostly hinge on where a person had the good or ill fortune to be born. Yet whatever the economic status of a person may be, my Unitarian Universalist faith reminds me that all of us are infinitely precious.

In truth, our Unitarian kin are not among the poor of the world - sure, they have less than we, but they have enough. And as we discovered on our trip to Simenfalva, they do have an abundance of love and kindness, and they will bring us those gifts.

I do hope you will take advantage of this rare opportunity to get to know them and show to them that our greatest wealth also lies not in what we have but in who we are.

Love,
Rick

Note: This will be Rick's last column for the season—Reverential Ramblings will return in August after his summer sabbatical.



LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem

June 17, 2009

Religious Education Dates to Note

Youth/Adult Wed. – Meditation 7 – 9 PM

Youth/Adult Sundays – Summer Forum 9:15 AM

Child Sundays – Children’s Choir, 9:30 – 10:15 AM

YOUTH – June 15th – June 30th – Will be participating in a variety of activities with visitors from our sister congregation in Simenfalva. *Contact youth advisors Erin Zysett or Todd Logan for more information.

Child/Youth – Sun. June 21st – Learn about stamp collecting with George Struble and create a watercolor of UUCS, which may become a real postage stamp!

Child/Youth – Sun. June 28th – Children worship in RE Commons. We will be starting our pen pal program with our partner church in Transylvania.

ALL – Friday July 10th – 7 PM. Multigenerational MOVIE NIGHT! Games and making popcorn balls before it starts.

Christi’s Thoughts

UUCS Summer is off and running as of Friday night the 12th of June...after two weeks of great weather our campout day arrived with some clouds and gray skies. Keeping thoughts positive, we moved forward with the shopping for last minute supplies and setting up our multiple tents (for my family of 8 kids) and extras for anyone else that wanted to brave the campout that did not have a tent! With the food tables covered with a screen tent, we were finally ready for all to arrive!

It was great to see an idea come to life. I was a bit afraid I would be the lone tent on the hill in the back of RE!! Thank you to everyone that participated and saved me from that fate. It was a great turnout.

I think it will be a memorable time for all of us, but especially for those that found themselves waking in puddles of water or having water dripping on their heads in the middle of the thunder and rain storm. My youngest woke up and said, “Mommy, I am really sweaty!” I did not have the heart to tell her she had just been rained on for the last hour.

Aside from the weather (which cooperated enough to start pouring only after we were all in bed and to have stopped in time for an early breakfast), I loved seeing the energy, enthusiasm and friendship among a variety of ages of children playing together and keeping themselves and all of us entertained.

Our summer RE program also got off to a good start with over twenty kids arriving for our “first day

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of Sunday Summer camp.” I was happy to see the mixed ages working well together and their spirit of helpfulness with each other. Hope to see even more show up next week!

With the beginning of our summer session, I think about all of the children who are out of the public school setting for the summer. For many, this is met with enthusiasm for some “freedom” as I have heard it said, and a time with their families. For others, it means a time without a free breakfast and lunch, a loss of a consistent schedule and safe place to be, separation from friends, and lack of supervision. According to State Department of Education Records, last year 47.9% of Salem/Keizer students qualified for free or reduced-price lunches.

I think as a community that it is important to consider the implication of summer time for students who come from a not-so-perfect situation at home by providing and creating opportunities to “look out” for these children in need.

I really believe that it takes a village to raise children, (I appreciate the help from all of you that I receive with the understanding of my crew) and with that thought in mind, we need to reach out and find new ways to help keep children active and cared for during the summer.

There are free opportunities out there, (check out SalemKroc.org and Straub Learning Center: fselc.org for some great summer opportunities) and more could be created right in the neighborhood schools, but if it is not publicized and families are not aware or they lack the transportation, then these opportunities are going to be lost. It would be great if someone had the time and was able to coordinate this for our community by creating a site that listed all of this information in one place as it became available, worked with the school district to be allowed to distribute flyers to schools and in some cases directly to the homes, coordinate volunteers (with cleared background checks) to transport the students when these camps and events occurred!

WE could really make a safe and fun summer for many more children who do not have that sense of “Summer Freedom” that this vacation from school brings to so many.

Please keep that thought in mind as we encounter children in our community this summer!

Until next time...

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This issue was edited by Kathleen Ehli. NEXT NEWS-LETTER DEADLINE: 11:30 a.m. Sunday, July 12. The subsequent SUMMER DEADLINE is August 9. Send a month's worth of news to editors@uusalem.org (or to Lois Nodland AND Kathleen Ehli), put it in work-room newsletter "mailbox," or mail it (marked "news-letter").

Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network

SIHN will be hosting families at UUCS between **June 28** and **July 5**. We are looking for volunteers, old and new, to help. Since we are hosting the families over the 4th of July, we are hoping there may be a few wonderful volunteers who would be willing to chaperone and/or provide a couple of vans to transport the families to the fireworks at Salem Riverfront Park. If you are interested, please contact Miranda Wood at Miranda.L.Wood@gmail.com or 503-930-9233 to schedule a shift.

4th of July Potluck at UUCS

Bring your family out to UUCS for food and fireworks on the **4th of July**, starting at 5:30 pm. A potluck will be hosted out in the parking lot, and sign-up sheets to bring dishes and refreshments will be available. We are looking for people to bring grills and legal fireworks to add to the festivities. In addition to sharing food, feel free to bring lawn chairs, and other items for outdoor activities like frisbees, soccer balls, etc. For questions or to help with this event, please contact Miranda Wood or Lydia Gutierrez with the Fellowship Team.

Summer CUUPS Meetings

The Coven of Unitarian Universalist Pagans of Salem (CUUPS) invite all interested parties to their meetings. The **Tuesday, July 7** meeting will celebrate the full moon. The **Saturday, August 1** meeting will celebrate *Lamas*—also known as *Lughmas*—the early harvest. There will be a potluck meal, ritual and business meeting at both gatherings, which will be at UUCS starting at 7 p.m.

Coffee Team Members Needed!

If you can serve on the coffee team once every 6-8 weeks, contact Megan Jensen. The team is asking for a one-year commitment.

June Foster Parent Night Out

On June 1, our church hosted our monthly Foster Parent Night Out, and once again it was a rousing success. We hosted 26 children from five foster families, allowing the foster parents a much deserved "night out" for free. The weather cooperated, allowing us to spend time outside with trays of water, playing basketball, and playing with a remote controlled car. The dinner of hamburgers and trimmings was enjoyed by children and volunteer adults alike. We had the added feature of having a magician (John Roy Wilson) perform tricks and amaze everyone.

Our program enjoys coordinating with two volunteers from Temple Beth Shalom, and one from Salem Alliance Church.

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers from UUCS who participated in this event: Rick Davis, Jim Davidson, Leanne Hogie, Stephanie Jernstadt, Sunny Jones, Jackie Klimowicz, Tom Lancefield, Ruth Larson, Allana McDonald, Nancy Murphy, Debbie Odom, Paul Parmley, Lynne Percey, Bill Stratton, Jeanette Teta, John Roy Wilson, Keith York, Janet Neuberger, and Joan Stembridge.

Angela Herrera Live at GA

As announced in *News of the Community* in the May 20 edition of the newsletter, UUCS member Angela Herrera, a ministerial candidate at Harvard Divinity School, will be delivering the first-ever opening sermon at the UUA

General Assembly in Salt Lake City on **June 24**. There will be a live webcast of the opening ceremonies, which start at 8:30 p.m. (7:30 p.m. Pacific Time). See the GA webpage for more:

<http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/2009/141864.shtml>.

Soup Kitchen Report

On Sunday, June 7 the UU Congregation assisted the Kairos Soup Kitchen and served over 50 people with chili con carne and clam chowder. We also provided jalapeno peppers, grated cheese, crackers, and hot sauces for the participants. In addition to the soup and condiments, egg salad sandwiches were offered. The following fine folks helped with the prep, set up and clean up at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in downtown Salem: April Waters, Diana Waters, Will Austin, Pamela Ruona, Dominic Maluski, Jan Munsey, Enrique Rodriguez, Jim Davidson, Debbie Odom, Andrew Jones, Sunny Jones, Brianne Edgell and the Kairos Soup Kitchen Coordinating Team of Nate and Colleen Brown. Thank you all!

The cost of the soup is provided by the working church, and any donations to the UU congregation designated for the soup kitchen will help defray expenses of approximately \$100 each time we serve. Our next serving date is scheduled for **August 23**.

Please sign up after Sunday services at the Social Action Table in Hanneman Hall, or call John Maluski.

John T. Maluski,

Social Action Team Soup Kitchen Coordinator

Summer Speakers

Mark your calendars for the four Sundays in July. Some exciting speakers have answered the call for the UUCS Salient Summer Speakers Series.

- **July 5:** Ex-Peace Corps volunteer Randy Herrin shares his recipe for applying interdependence overseas.
- **July 12:** Ethnologist Jerry Hall of Lane Community College awakens us to "Man-kind and Nature in Tandem", told from a Native American viewpoint.

- **July 19:** Silverton Mayor Stu Rasmussen—the nation's first openly transgender mayor—speaks on "Navigating Gender Questions".
- **July 26:** Educator Jill Callifax works with youth through a unique use of digital photos. Join us for: "Picture This: The Path to Preteen Self-Esteem."

Landscape Work Party Kudos

We have four gardeners to thank for weeding and pruning at the last work party: Ted Cory, Sharon Dearman, R. T. Jones, and Marian Milligan. The next work party will be on **Saturday, June 20** from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 (noon). Hope you can join us. For more information, please contact Sharon Dearman or Iris Sea.

Thanks, *Sharon Dearman*

Summer Discussion Group

The UUCS Readers' Forum book discussion group will be transformed for the summer to become an open discussion group. The group begins in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m.

Topics for discussion:

June 21: Describe a special place you have been.

June 28: Describe a book memorable for its humorous quality.

July 5 & July 12: TBA

Call Alan Holland for more information.

Newsletter Notes

Errata

Kathleen Ehli accidentally took credit for Lois Nodland's fine work on the May 20 newsletter. Kathleen regrets the error. Thanks Lois!

Summer Deadlines

The next two newsletter deadlines are **July 12** and **August 9**. Send us a month's worth of news please! We will resume publishing twice a month starting with the September 9 edition.

More Thanks!

Thanks to Elsa Struble for doing the June 3 special edition mini-newsletter on the fly!



UUCS New Member Biographies

Michelle Achee: Two summers ago, I moved to Salem from New Orleans to heal--physically, emotionally and spiritually--after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. The storm was the beginning of a paradigm shift in my life away from perpetual, meaningless diversion to a deep need to “walk the walk” in my personal, professional and spiritual life. Always a spiritual “seeker,” over the years I’ve explored and practiced everything from Christian Fundamentalism to Tibetan Buddhism, but nothing ever really fit with my rather quirky perspectives, so I had accepted that there was no real place for someone like me. After encountering one of Rev. Rick’s sermons online, I faced my “church phobia,” showed up one Sunday, and found what I’ve been hoping for all my life but never knew existed. Now, y’all are stuck with me because I’m never leaving!

Jim Davidson: Debbie Odom and I first attended a UUCS service about 6 weeks ago at the suggestion of a co-worker who had visited UUCS but is not a member. She felt, based on what she knew of my ideals, that I might be interested. She was right. Debbie and I felt at home from the first time we walked in the doors and surprisingly, what we heard was what we had been thinking for years. Debbie was born in Salem and lived her entire life here (except for a two-year period when we tried Scottsdale, Arizona). I was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was raised in Iowa, moving to Oregon after serving in the US Navy back in the ‘60s. We were both raised with our religious roots in the Christian faith, hers Evangelical and mine Presbyterian but neither of us felt connected to those faiths or beliefs. We have been married 22 years and have two sons. Our oldest son is serving in the US Air Force and is stationed at Yakota AFB near Tokyo, Japan, and our youngest son, who will graduate in June from South Salem High, will be leaving for the Air Force the first of September. We tried to raise our sons with open minds and gave them the freedom to make their own spiritual decisions. Our oldest son is very interested in the Buddhist faith and our youngest son is still searching. Debbie is not employed right now; I work for Salem Hospital’s Home Health Department.

Chris McDonald: My family recently relocated to West Salem from the Seattle area—my husband, four teens, an 85-year-old great aunt, a yellow lab and a fat cat. My daughters, Bre and Micky, are enjoying UU youth group. We appreciate your warm welcome. My consulting firm has a strange name some of you have asked about. It is called Vocal Stakeholders. I work with companies and agencies to balance constituent voices in policy making, not just the outspoken minority—using statistics, economic and social research, public involvement, and other inclusive methods. I’ve been a member and friend in the Unitarian Universalist community for more than a decade in a tiny rural congregation. In this larger urban Salem fellowship, I’ve joined the newly formed Oregon Voices for Justice working on legislative social justice issues and volunteered in your longstanding efforts with homeless through the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Brianne Edgell: I first came here last fall to see a woman who was speaking about mental illness and the prison system. What led me to become a member were Rev. Rick’s very poignant sermons. I was also pleased to find the meditation group. I attended a Presbyterian church until I was ten years old and managed to get myself kicked out of church. I consider myself a practicing Buddhist. My life path brought me to Salem last summer. I’ve spent the majority of my life in Washington with a few years in Montana. I have a life partner here in Salem and two sons who still reside in Washington. I am a dedicated reader and a fanatical walker.

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Member Loans *(continued from page 1)*

banks, but a lot lower than the 7% on our mortgage, so this can be an opportunity for UUCS members while hastening the day when our loan obligations are fully paid. If this loan program can’t be done, we will continue paying our mortgage with Pioneer Trust, with the same monthly payments we would have made to our members. The only difference is that the payments will continue for an additional six months or so because of the higher interest rate.

Just a reminder: to make an offer, give us the amount you are willing to lend. We are reducing the minimum loans to \$5000. All loans will be at 3.3%, and will be repaid by even monthly or quarterly payments over about 4 ½ years.

UUCS Board Highlights: June 11, 2009

The visioning topic for this meeting was skipped due to a full agenda.

Kathleen Ehli was confirmed as the new Communications chair. She asked the board about possible communication goals for the coming year.

It appears that the proposal to self-finance the building mortgage will not bear fruit unless more investors choose to participate.

There will be a Team Council meeting on June 14.

Construction for the Memorial Garden is scheduled to begin in August.

A motion to establish a pass-through fund for Oregon UU Voices for Justice was passed.

A motion to compensate someone, as yet unnamed, to check out burglar alarms was passed.

It was decided that any surplus funds will be directed to the maintenance reserve, which has become depleted.

A motion to accept a gift of bricks was passed.

The next board meeting will be **Thursday, July 9.**

By John Gorman



News of the UUCS Community

UUCS' co-advisor to high school youth, **Todd Logan**, has provided the larger Salem community a unique theater experience in his portrayal of a repressed husband retreating toward freedom in Pentacle's current play, "The Retreat From Moscow." An intense drama, Ellen Howard found it a "not-to-miss" experience; the run continues for the balance of the week. Our thanks to you, Todd!

Congratulations to one of UUCS' talented, professional artists, **April Waters!** She was honored by the Salem Art Association, which asked her to provide a painting to feature on the upcoming Art Fair's poster! Painted in oil on canvas, it's a study of the surface of water and how it interacts with the leaves and petals of water lilies. She named it aptly, "Water Flowers." Please note that a painting of April's hangs in our sanctuary, titled "Opal Pools." April adds a bit of personal news: "This summer I will visit the garden of the French Impressionist painter, Edward Monet, in Giverny, France and experience his great water lily gardens!"

George Struble had invited the American Helvetia Philatelic Society (AHPS) to hold its annual convention at the Pacific International Philatelic Exposition (PIPEX) late May in Portland. Since he was liaison between the two organizations, he was pleased with the good attendance from around the country. At the APHS George received their service award, and with the next issue of the society journal he

will set a new record for longevity as its editor, nearly ten years! Further, George's 160-page exhibit, "The Development of Swiss Airmail up to 1939," received four awards: PIPEX Gold award; American Airmail Society Gold award for the best airmail exhibit in the show; APHS Grand award for best Swiss exhibit in the show; and the PIPEX Reserve Grand award for second best exhibit in the entire show! Several Sundays ago George displayed the array of plaques and trophies, topped off by a fine Pendleton blanket for the top prize!

Egon and Diana Bodker recently returned from an Amtrak trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul, where Egon chaired a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Danish American Heritage Society (DAHS), an organization concerned with exploring and recording the history of Danish immigrants to North America. DAHS publishes a scholarly journal twice yearly and a newsletter reporting activities of the Danish-American community. Soon the Bodkers will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary! Congratulations, Friends!

Lois Nodland's grandson, Davin, who lives in Olympia, Washington was inspired to travel to Washington, D.C. Lois' daughter Heidi agreed to take him but neither was aware that tickets were needed to visit the Capitol and White House. Having volunteered hundreds of hours political work both in home-turf North Dakota as well as Oregon, Lois turned to John Thomas Maluski, also formerly of Bismarck, N.D., a mover in state politics there as well as here in Marion County and he networked to ob-

tain the necessary tickets! Truism: it's really who you know, especially if you've pulled your weight in volunteerism!

Dances of Universal Peace leader **Pam Pritchard** has been asked to teach dances at the Northwest Sufi Camp this August, to be held at Camp Adams, outside of Molalla. Interested in learning more about the weeklong camp? Contact Pam.

We're delighted to hear the positive news Rick provided recently. **Kate Lore**, former UUCS intern minister, now associate pastor of First Unitarian in Portland, has recuperated well from her recent surgery and is back in full strength at her work. Wonderful news, Kate!

More graduates: **Diana Cunningham**, 2008-09 Board Chair **Vicki's** eldest, graduates Magna cum Laude and has won the Academic Achievement Award in Business Administration (Accounting) from Eastern Oregon University, La Grande! Vicki and husband Frank were there for the ceremonies, along with aunts and uncles. Diana hopes to seek work in Salem, but is prepared to extend her search to Portland, hoping to land a staff accountant position and prepare herself to take the CPA exams in the future.

After spending a year at Chemeketa's Early College program, **Melissa Bogner** returned to South Salem High School to complete a senior year, which allowed her opportunity to do the traditional high school activities. She graduated recently and also was the celebrant at a lavish birthday party hosted by her mother, **Elizabeth**. Melissa's grandmother is **Donna Canning**. Melissa's brother **Chaz**, who completed the academic program at Lane Community College in licensed practical nursing but turned to restaurant work instead, is now preparing to take the exams to be certified as a nurse by the Nursing Board of Examiners.

Scott Manning, **Kay Young's** grandson and **Jane Manning's** son, received a Masters Degree in Law Enforcement at Boston University this spring. Both Kay and Jane attended the ceremonies and enjoyed a reunion of family members. They also visited with Kay's other daughter, Sally Wolford, in Cleveland, Ohio. Since Scott's bachelor's degree was in Environmental Studies and his work in the northwest in that field didn't inspire him, Kay's hopeful that law enforcement will be the ticket!

During the annual Bridging Ceremony for graduating high school seniors, **Ben Nicholson-Nelson** announced that he plans to locate work and in the fall attend Chemeketa Community College.

Lynn Cardiff's grandson, **Carey Miller**, graduated from North Salem High School; he'd been a top distance runner there this year. He will attend Western Oregon University in the fall, majoring in criminology and hoping to join the track and field teams.

Kelli McKnight Allan's eldest daughter, Shynyn Larson, graduated from Portland State University in business, and has taken a job with Svenhards Pastry and relocated to Sacramento, California. Kelli writes that this is the first time in the 28 years of being a mother that one of her four offspring has moved more than an hour away from home!

Before the next newsletter comes out **Ken and I** will have begun harvesting cherries from the three remaining acres not converted to vineyard. As in years past, we invite you to come and enjoy the bounty, picking them yourself, and paying us the wholesale price we receive from the processor, all of which we turn over to UUCS' Operations Team budget. While later to ripen this year than normal, they should be ready any time after July 4. The same offer applies to blueberries, better harvested in late July. Questions? Call us.

Sharing of joys and concerns with our community works if you're willing to send me your news.

Joan Erickson

Interfaith Climate Vigil

An Interfaith Climate Vigil will be held on **Sunday, June 28** in Portland from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (reception at 8:00 p.m.) at Tabor Heights United Methodist Church, 6161 SE Stark Street, Portland. It is sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon in partnership with Tabor Heights and First United Methodist Churches, St. Michael and Saints Peter and Paul Episcopal Church, Muslim Educational Trust, and Oregon Area Jewish Committee and other local congregations and groups.

Phil Carver

CASA Volunteer Recruitment

Marion County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is currently recruiting volunteers to serve as advocates for children in the juvenile court system. A CASA investigates all aspects of a child's case and works with the system to ensure that each child gets the services that are responsive to their particular needs, and to help them find a safe permanent home as quickly as possible. A volunteer orientation will be on **July 16** at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Rachel at 503-378-6327 x369 or rachel.freeburg@state.or.us for the location. Training to become a CASA begins July 21 and consists of 30 hours of class time. More information and an application is available at www.marioncountycasa.org.

Joan Stembridge

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SUNDAY SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

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

Sunday, June 21

“Cultivating Non-violent Communications”

Margo Eliescu

UUCS member and long-time therapist Margo Eliescu has an interest in promoting non-violence among families and youth.

Sunday, June 28

The Reverend Sandor Szen

Our guest Rev. Szen, from our partner church in Simenfalva, Romania, takes the pulpit today to cap off a two-week visit from our Transylvanian friends.

Sunday, July 5

“Inside the Peace Corps”

Randy Herrin

Learn first hand of the exciting times one can experience helping others abroad. Here's a chance for the jobless to switch gears and get involved in something new.

Sunday, July 12

“Man and Nature in Tandem”

Professor Jerry Hall

Native American professor Jerry Hall speaks on becoming immersed in nature and respecting plants and animals. Become a vital part of the interconnected web.

Sunday, July 19

“Navigating Gender Questions”

Stu Rasmussen

Featuring Silverton mayor Stu Rasmussen, who will share the unique journey of transgenderism and help dispel myths and misconceptions over that mysterious s-word (sex).

Podcasts of Sermons Available

Sermons from past services are available at uucs.podbean.com or you can go to the UUCS website at www.uusalem.org and click on the “Listen to Past Sermons Online” link.

ARMS

Members of the Addiction Recovery Ministry Support (ARMS) group are always available to provide assistance to UUCS members struggling with addiction. They can be reached through the “warm” line at 503-485-6233, which is monitored daily.

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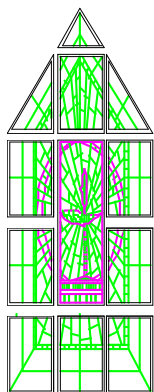
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UUCS Calendar

- Wednesday, June 17
UU Meditation (Compassionate Mind UU Sangha),
7 p.m. (**every** Wednesday)
- Thursday, June 18
Chat & Craft, 7 p.m. (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)
- Saturday, June 20
Dances of Universal Peace, 7 p.m.
Landscape Work Party, 9 a.m.
Note: There will be NO potluck as reported June 3
- Sunday, June 21
Summer Discussion Group, 9:15 a.m. (**every** Sunday)
- Tuesday, June 23
Employment Support Group, 11 a.m. (**every** Tuesday)
- Wednesday, June 24
UU Voices for Justice, 7 p.m.
General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah begins
Potluck Picnic with Romanians, at Bush Park, 6 p.m.
- Sunday, June 28
Elderfest, after the service
Farewell and Potluck with Romanians, after the service
SIHN, 5:30 through Sunday, July 5
- Wednesday, July 1
Chat & Craft, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, July 4
4th of July Potluck, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 7
CUUPS, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, July 9
Board Meeting, 7 p.m. (All are welcome)
- Friday, July 10
Multigenerational Movie Night, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, July 12
NEXT **Newsletter Deadline**, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 15
Chat & Craft, 7 p.m.

(Note: to save space, this month events that repeat weekly are only listed once! See page one and the June 3 special edition for more details about Partner Church events.)