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Congregation of Salem, Oregon
October 21, 2009*



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Halloween Potluck & Pumpkin Decorating Saturday, October 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Another UUCS multigenerational event! Come to Hanneman Fellowship Hall to have fun! Please bring food to share (list ingredients, please) and pumpkins to decorate. Decorated pumpkins will be sold Sunday morning, October 25, to benefit the Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary in Scio. Bring an extra pumpkin if you'd like to take one home.

Annual Halloween Costume Parade

Start planning your costume now for our Annual Halloween Costume Parade, Sunday morning, October 25! All ages are invited and encouraged to participate.

Participation Opportunity Faire

A UUCS Participation Opportunity Faire will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the service on **Sunday, October 25**. Team and Committee Leaders will be available to discuss volunteer opportunities—and offer refreshments. Come discover all of the wonderful things that are happening at UUCS!

Gloria Holland

Halloween Contra Dance

On **Saturday, October 31**, celebrate Halloween at UUCS! The pot luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. will be followed by a contra dance lesson at 7:30, with dancing from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. The caller/teacher is Craig Shinn, and live music will be provided by the Luck Penny Contra Band. No partner is required. The charge is \$8.00. (Any income over expenses will go to UUCS.)

Please contact Quentin Smith with any questions.

The UUCS Fellowship Team

Plaque for Memorial Wall

Page 7 of this newsletter contains a form to be used to acquire a memorial plaque to place on the new UUCS Memorial Wall. Call Iris Sea for more information.

Reverential Ramblings

Well. I've finally worn "ewe" o_t. (i.e., the letter between t and v in the alphabet). My comp_ter keyboard won't type that one letter _nless I po_nd it real hard. Perhaps it's beca_se I'm a _nitarian _niversalist and _se this _sef_l vowel more than the average person. So, to plo_gh thro_gh this column yo_'ll have to s_pply yo_r own "ewe" wherever yo_ see a _ (blank). In tr_th, there is no good s_bstit_te for "ewe." A new keyboard is on the way, b_t in the meantime I'll have to do witho_t "ewe." I really miss "ewe." _ntil "ewe" was gone I didn't realize how m_ch I needed "ewe."

Which reminds me of how m_ch I need YO_, the members and friends of this congrega-tion, to join with me in o_r shared ministry. Sometimes my ministry has either a solitary or a sing_larly high profile feeling to it: When I'm st_dying, writing, doing administrative work it feels so solitary. When I'm preaching, teaching, visiting the sick or co_nseling, I feel like I'm the only one in the spotlight. Yet I know these are skewed perspectives. If lay leaders and member vol_nteers were not sharing in o_r ministry even for a short time I'd flo_nder and fail. I'm so gratef_l for all that yo_ do.

Next S_nday we will have o_r ann_al Participation Opport_nity Faire after the service – if yo_ are not c_rrently involved in some aspect of o_r shared ministry this will be a great time to find o_t where yo_ fit in. We really do need "ewe." Even as yo_ may have gotten o_t a pen or pencil to write "ewe" into these words, we need for "ewe" to p_t yo_rself in the pict_re of o_r shared ministry.

One of the vital roles a congregation plays is in growing new ministers. We've done this several times in recent memory. One of them, Angela Herrera, is going to be ordained into the _nitarian _niversalist ministry on Sat_rday, December 12 in Concord, MA at the ch_rch where she recently served as the intern minister. Ch_ck Howard, who was board chair when Angela served on o_r board, and I will be participating in Angela's ordination in Concord. We hope to have a live video link so that members here can be part of this memorable ceremony. More on that later.

Then, there is the Reverend Millie Rochester, who served as o_r Director of Religio_s Ed_cation for a dozen years and was ordained by_s in 2003. Millie is being installed as the settled minister of the First _nitarian _niversalist Ch_rch of Winnipeg, Canada on November 1. I will be preaching that S_nday morning in Winnipeg and Dennis Ehrp, of the UUCS Chalice Circle Players, will deliver this same sermon to yo_. I will participate in her installation that evening.

We'd like to honor both Angela and Millie on these moment_o_s occasions in their minis-tries. We will be presenting a stole, crafted by o_r own Lisa Jorgensen, to Angela and contrib_ting to Millie's ministerial discretionary f_nd (to help those in need). To contrib_te please send a check to o_r treas_rer Pa_l Rice (designate the p_rpose on yo_r checks). Yo_r contrib_tion will remind these two wonderf_l ministers that they have been blessed by_s.

As I co_nt back over this col_mn I see that I have needed yo_.... o, heck! I don't have time to co_nt how many times I've needed "ewe." Above all, I hope this col_mn serves as a re-minder of how important and vital a role "ewe" play in o_r shared ministry.

Love, Rick



LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
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Religious Education Dates to Note

Weds. Youth/Adult – Meditation 7-9 pm

Sundays Child/Youth – Children's Choir, 9:45 – 10:20 am, RE Commons.

Weds. Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4 Adult – Theatre and Theology course focusing on musical theatre lyrics and their meaning for our culture, 7 pm.

Sat. Oct. 24 All – Multigenerational Halloween potluck and pumpkin decorating event. 5:30-8:30. Bring 2 pumpkins—one for selling and one to take home.

Sun. Oct. 25 Child/Youth – Special Sunday in RE focusing on Halloween. Wear a costume.

All – Annual costume parade and jack-o-lantern sale after service.

Sat./Sun. Nov. 7-8 High School Youth – Sleep over at beach. Watch for details.

Sun. Nov. 8 RE Teachers - Teachers' Forum, 9-10:15 am, a chance to exchange ideas and check in about your teaching year so far.

Mon. Nov. 9 Youth/Adult – Sermon discussion with Rev. Rick, 7 – 8:30 pm

Lise's Letter

As some of you know, I am acting as a student chaplain in a hospital two days a week this fall. This practicum fulfills part of my education for ministry. And, like most things we do in life, this opportunity is providing me with good and/or challenging experiences from which to learn. The good you can probably imagine: celebrating with a family when test results are good; playing video games with a recovering child; or seeing a family cut to the chase and get to what is really important about their relationship when the news is not so good, and perhaps the time is not so long. It's a privilege to be allowed into someone's life and to witness such joyful or inspiring moments.

What's more challenging? Well, they are things that we all bump into every day. Things like

learning to listen, really listen on a deep level to another's experience without diverting the speaker to a more pleasant topic or turning the conversation into a story about, you, the listener. "Oh, you know something like that happened to me one time . . ." We all have ears—it seems like listening is a skill we would all be good at. Thankfully some of us are, and the others of us can learn some skills that will help us along our way.

My chaplain supervisor has introduced me to a little book called *Right Listening* by Mark Brady. It has 52 one page reflections, each focused on a different skill we can work on to become better listeners. The first, I think is one of my favorites. It is simply: *talk less*. Brady states that if we're hearing our voice as the dominant one in the conversation, there's a good chance that we aren't doing a very good job of listening. It seems a self-evident enough statement, yet how many times do we do most of the talking with even the best of intentions? We may be nervous about the situation at hand, or something the speaker has said brings up an unpleasant emotion so we talk to cover up our own feelings and forget about theirs.

Another skill I'm learning to become more comfortable with is doing nothing. How many times in a week (or a day) do we jump in to help someone thinking we're doing a good deed? In reality we might be disempowering that person from developing confidence or a new skill? I think we do this most with our family members and other loved ones. We see them struggling or in pain and we want to alleviate their suffering. In many cases this is a good and necessary thing to do. However, it's also good to look at our motives. Who is it that we're really trying to help or maybe even impress with our helping actions?

These are hard questions, but I think they're worth examining. Listening opens the door to understanding another's experience. If we listen deeply enough, we might discover that's the only help they really need.

Lise Adams Sherry, Director of Religious Education
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Could this be you? See the position announcement
in this newsletter and/or talk to Lise if interested

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Theatre and Theology

The series "Broadway Showcase: A Look at the Lyrics" begins **Wednesday, October 21** at 7 p.m. Classes continue on **October 28** and November 4. The first musical under discussion is *My Fair Lady*. How do we deal with social class? What are our implicit and explicit messages and actions? How do these fit into our theology as UUs? Come join the conversation to find out more. Lee Coyne will facilitate.

Circle Suppers!

The next Circle Supper is scheduled for **Saturday, October 24**. Circle Suppers are potluck-style gatherings at members' homes. Hosts provide a place to meet and guests bring food to share. Conversation and company are great. These are a great way to get to know other UUCS members! Contact one of the organizers if you have questions.

*Lois Nodland
Leah Knudsen*

CUUPS

The October meeting of the Coven of UU Pagans at Salem has been re-scheduled. It will be **October 25** after the UUCS Participation Opportunity Faire. The meeting will be at Teena Kunkle's home. She will provide a pasta main dish and you are asked to bring a salad, bread, dessert or beverage to share. For more information or directions contact Teena Kunkle.

The next meeting will be at the church on **November 2** at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the full moon. Each meeting will include a pot luck, ritual and business discussion. All interested people are invited.

Kate Walker

Women's Alliance

All women in the church are invited to attend the next meeting of the Women's Alliance group. These monthly meetings feature guest speakers, refreshments and plenty of good conversation. Join us on **Thursday, November 5** at 7:00 p.m. in Hanneman Fellowship Hall.

Catherine Carlson

SIHN

The Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network will be hosting at UUCS **November 8 to 15**.

We are looking for volunteers, old and new, to provide meals, serve as overnight hosts, and provide a friendly face for parents and children who are going through the difficult transition from homelessness to permanent housing.

Check out the Social Action Team table at the Volunteer Opportunity Faire next Sunday! If you are interested, please contact Miranda Wood

Opportunities for Child Care

Adults and teens are needed for child care during UUCS activities throughout the year. This is a PAID OPPORTUNITY, although volunteers are welcome.

Soup Kitchen

On Sunday, October 11 the UU Congregation assisted the Kairos Soup Kitchen and served over 56 people 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, hotdogs on buns were offered along with a cake dessert.

The following fine folks helped with the prep, set up and clean up at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in downtown Salem: Pamela Ruona, Pamela Ray, Shelley and Emmy Kennen, Dominic Maluski, Bill and Iris Sea, Janet Stevens, Mallory Lane, and the Kairos Soup Kitchen Coordinating Team of Lois and Mike Sullivan. Thank you all!

The cost of the soup is provided by the working church, and any donations to the UUCS (designated for the soup kitchen) will help defray expenses of approximately \$100 each time we serve.

Our next serving date is scheduled for **December 6**.

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

John T Maluski

Cordon Road Clean up

The Social Action Team reports that bands and bags of litter were picked up last Saturday from Cordon Road by UUCS volunteers Angela Gross, Cathy Connelly, Dick French, Elsa Struble, John Gorman, Keith York, Laura Stine, Mary Bray, Pamela Ray, Richard Scott, Ted Cory, and Tom Lancefield.

Thanks to all of them for their hard work. UUCS will have its name placed on a sign on Cordon Road in January and we'll clean the road again in April and October of 2010.

Parents'-Night-In

Looking for a way to socialize with other parents while your children are cared for? UUCS has a solution! Come on the **4th Tuesday of every month** from 6:15 pm - 7:30 p.m. to socialize with other parents at UUCS.

This will be an informal gathering of members and friends with a common interest in parenting! All are welcome. Childcare will be provided. Looking forward to seeing many of you there. For more information: Contact Christi Olsen or Samantha Scales.

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Brief Items of Interest

Annual Halloween Costume Parade,

Sunday morning, October 25! All ages are invited and encouraged to participate.

UUCS Parking

Our parking lot is filling up with great attendance on Sunday mornings. The Operations Team requests that the overflow parking lot across the street from the driveway be used as well by able-bodied members. This way enough space should be available in the main lot for visitors, the handicapped, the elderly, and families with small children. Please remember that no parking is allowed against the curbs that are painted red as these areas must be left open as a fire lane should emergency vehicles be called.

Childrens Choir

We are underway and will meet every Sunday from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. If you miss a practice session, You Tube practice videos will be available. Contact Sara Greenleaf-Seitz our volunteer director for more information.

Membership Team Clipboards

Do you have clipboards belonging to the Membership Team? If so please return them. They are marked "Membership" on the back and are easily returnable. Thank you for checking.

Fall Reader's Forum Begins November 1

Non Zero: The Logic of Human Destiny

By Robert Wright

Is there pattern and meaning in human history? Or are we the product of random forces, and any perceived pattern only imposed by our desire for meaning? Does history have an "arrow", moving us toward more advanced intellectual, spiritual, and moral levels? Or are we at the core, the same tribal hunter-gatherers we were in the Holocene, just covered with a brittle patina of culture?

These questions have been argued since at least the Enlightenment, but Robert Wright manages to add some new perspective by using evolutionary biology and game theory to inform his views. This book was almost universally given excellent reviews, even by some who disagreed with the author's conclusions. Copies are available at Tea Party Bookshop, 420 Ferry St SE, Salem, OR 97301, (503) 990-6471.

Schedule of Readings

November 1: pages 3 to 53
November 8: pages 54 to 106
November 15: pages 107 to 154
November 22: pages 155 to 208
Thanksgiving week—no meeting
December 6: pages 209 to 250
December 13: pages 251 to 336

The Readers' Forum meets before services at at 9:15 a.m. in Hanneman Fellowship Hall. The group is open to new people. We don't get too serious about the books or the discussion, and learn a lot about each other and the books. The conversation is lively and far-ranging, so even if you haven't read the week's selection, you'll still fit right in. Please join us for coffee and conversation.

For more information, contact Don Wolf.

Foster Parents Night Out

On October 5th, UUCS hosted Foster Parent Night Out. Again it was a rousing success. We served five families and enjoyed 23 children at our church. There were 11 school aged children and 12 infants and pre-schoolers. The children arrived at 5:30 and their foster parents retrieved them at 8:30. The weather allowed the children to play ball, run, climb and swing outside.

We shared a delicious sloppy-joe dinner with lots of snacks and carrot cake cupcakes. After dinner the children made craft projects, and played quiet games indoors. The school-age children participated enthusiastically in voting for their favorite activities and foods for future FPNO evenings. It was a relaxed yet joyous evening for the volunteers as well as the children.

We had 19 volunteers and three visitors who are future volunteers. The volunteers were Rick Davis, Stephanie Jernstedt, Jackie Klimowicz, Harvey Kramer, Tom Lancefield, Allana McDonald, Nancy Murphy, Janet Neuburg, Danna Parmley, Paul Parmley, Lynne Percevey, Joan Stembridge, Jeanette Teta, John Roy Wilson, Don Wolf, Keith York, Randy Fishfader (Temple Beth Shalom), Abbey Venderbeek (Temple Beth Shalom), and Bill Stratton (Salem Alliance Church). The three visitors were Ed Klimowicz, Charles Hannegan, and Laura Stine. A HUGE **Thank You** to UUCS for participating in this worthy program! Anyone interested in being a volunteer, please contact Janet Neuburg.

Joan Stembridge

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem, Oregon

MEMORIAL PLAQUE DETAILS

Those wishing to acquire a memorial plaque for placement on our memorial wall can follow this procedure:

Give us the name of the deceased person or persons. All plaques will use the same size script.
(All named must be members or friends of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation.)

PERSON(S) HONORED:

NAME(S): (PRINT) _____

DATE(S) of birth and death: _____
(You may want to use the exact dates or you may want to use the years only.)

MESSAGE:

The plaque may include a short line that denotes the above honoree's contribution to the church or other group, for example, community activist, life line minister, choir member, caring member for 10 years, or cherished by her family. The line or lines should be less than 30 letters. A message is not required.

PRINT ONLY: 30 LETTERS MAXIMUM.

A line may be included following the message to note the donating family, friends or organization.

GIFT OF: _____

Note: All statements will be monitored for appropriate dialogue and length. Both message and length are subject to change. The final opinion is at the discretion of the UUUCS Board of Directors.

The cost of each plaque is a flat fee of \$50.00. Full payment required in advance of engraving.

Description of plaque: Three and one half inches by four inches, metal with brass overlay. Plaques will be applied to the memorial wall in the order that they are received.

Amount of payment received
\$ _____ Check _____ Cash _____

Signature of donor: _____ Date _____

Received by: _____ Date _____

PLEASE LEAVE COMPLETED FORM AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

UUCS Board Meeting Notes

October 8

Board Members Present: Chair Pro Tem/Treasurer Paul Rice, Vice Chair Gloria Holland, Secretary Don Wolf, Past Chair Vicki Cunningham, and members Claudia Koch, Danna Parmley, and John Gorman. Minister Rick Davis and Director of Religious Education Lise Adams Sherry were also present.

Agenda: The agenda was approved with a revision to allow guests to speak in the early part of the meeting.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the September Board meeting were approved as corrected.

Reports

Minister: Rev. Rick Davis submitted a written report.

Director of Religious Education (DRE): DRE Lise Adams Sherry presented a written report. The Sunday morning RE program is averaging 48 students in recent weeks.

Treasurer: Paul Rice submitted a written Treasurer's report. Pledge income is roughly on schedule, rental income is considerably less than anticipated, and expenses are on schedule.

Old Business

Memorial Plaques Report: Iris Sea and Barbara Hanneman reported on memorial plaques for the wall in the Memorial Garden and recommend brass plaques attached to the wall with epoxy. All plaques will have a consistent size, font, and border. The Board commended them on their progress and authorized them to proceed.

Topic: Future Options Committee

A leader for this committee has not been designated. Rick described this effort as a process of congregational discernment to thoughtfully discuss what we are called to do to open ourselves to as many people as possible.

Topic: Microfinance Fundraising

The Microfinance Steering Committee submitted a proposal requesting the Board approve fundraising during the month of December, in addition to a special offering, to raise funds for this program.

Motion: Moved and seconded approval of the request to approve pre-December individual fundraising. Motion passed without dissent.

Topic: Fundraising for Millie Rochester's Call to a Congregation and Angela Herrera's Ordination

Motion: Moved and seconded authorizing Rick to raise funds for Millie's discretionary fund and a stole for Angela. Motion passed without dissent.

Topic: Status of the UUCS Website

Paul Rice reported on the current status of our UUCS website is very outdated. DeAnn Rathbun's nephew, Harlan, has been working on a revision and a "draft" is nearly complete.

Board Retreat: Board Retreat the evening of November 13 at UUCS, and Saturday, November 14 at Don Wolf's house in Silverton.

New Business

Topic: Finance Committee Appointments

George Struble requested approval of his recommendations for Finance committee appointments.

Motion: Moved and seconded and passed without dissent.

Topic: New Hymnals

Rick requested consideration of the purchase of 60 new hymnals. The matter was referred back to the Music Committee.

Topic: 2010 Board Retreat

For planning purposes, next year's Board Retreat is scheduled for September 10 and 12

Topic: CUUPS Book Sale

The Coven of UU Pagans (CUUPS) has requested permission to have a book sale on 10-5, Saturday, December 12, and following church on December 13.

Motion: Moved and seconded that UUCS accept the donation of 3,000 books from Brookbrowzers in Dallas Oregon, and allow sale of the books as a fundraiser for CUUPS. Motion passed without dissent.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned. The next Board meeting will be Thursday, 7 pm, November 12, at UUCS. All congregation members are welcome to attend.

(This is a summary of Secretary Don Wolf's notes. editors)

Upcoming Events

CUUPS Book Sale

The Coven of UU Pagans at Salem has received a donation of approximately 3,000 books. The UUCS board has approved a book sale for Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 13 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

We will provide further information at a later date. If you have books you would like to donate, proceeds will go to fund projects at UUCS.

Kate Walker

News of the UUCS Community:

We learned this past Sunday that **Kay Cogswell**, like **David Cozart**, is at home recovering from pneumonia. We wish them both speedy progress!

Eunice and Kenneth Sherman returned recently from a tour of discovery through Canada's maritime provinces, a cluster of lands in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia known for their rugged Atlantic coastline and maritime culture. The group was ably led by a Nova Scotian woman. Eunice cited as high points learning of Acadian history on the land and visiting the original home of Lucy Maud Montgomery, author of the noted 1908 novel, *Anne of Green Gables*.

Jo Bateman's annual reunion with her sister Alice, who lives in West Springfield, Connecticut, earlier this month gave her another opportunity to enjoy the fall colors of New England, including four days on Cape Cod and in the White Mountains. She particularly noted the loveliness of the Hannover, New Hampshire, campus of Dartmouth College, attended by Bonnie Heitsch and Brian Reeder's son Alex.

More travels: A UUCS foursome, **Marion and Sharon Dearman** and **Bev and Wes Anderson** adventured together in Ireland earlier this month, following their noses on a self-designed schedule after arriving in Dublin. Despite the challenges of the country's narrow and twisting roads and maneuvering on the wrong side of the road, Sharon did all of the driving with skill! South from Dublin to

the 140 year old Cavan Arms Hotel, formerly a "work house" for the poor, they readily relied upon the kindness of strangers to help direct them to the significant sites of the region, including Sharon's ancestors' home village.

Upon return to the U.S. the Dearmans returned home while Andersons explored in the Washington DC area and attended the annual Schoenhut Convention, a group of collectors fascinated by the intriguing and playful characters created. This year's meeting, held in Annapolis, Maryland, inevitably brings together dealers of the figurines and eager buyers.

Ellen Howard's eighteenth book for young people has just been published: *The Crimson Cap* (Holiday House, 2009)

Fred Ratzeburg has shared with us the complications over his diminishing vision. He was hopeful that treatment of his enlarged optic nerve would allow cataract surgery to proceed to reverse the vision problem. It didn't do as hoped and now Fred continues to patiently await time (and healing) to bring eventual surgery.

During September **Gloria and Alan Holland** took their fourth trip to Costa Rica, spent their days visiting long-time friends, Ana and Edgar Navarro in Cartago, and enjoying their days at a resort in Playa Hermosa on the Pacific Coast. They've known the Navarros for eighteen years, since their eldest daughter came to Oregon on the Amigos de Oregon student-exchange program.

Senor Navarro is a civil engineer with success in building banks and hospitals in the country. Since Ticos (as Costa Ricans refer to themselves) have commented on the economic impact of decreased tourism over the past year, the Hollands were especially interested in the obvious improvements in the country's infrastructure, especially roads and transportation services. The Costa Rican government continues to opt against a military, spending tax monies on education and universal health care instead.

While out of the country, Hollands got news of the birth of two granddaughters! Rachel Linn Wood was born to Alan's daughter Krissy and husband Tim Wood of Keizer, within minutes of the birth of Fiona Rose Fitts'

birth to Gloria's daughter Annie and husband Rick of Girdwood, Alaska. Congratulations, Hollands!

A caring community is in part the logical and natural product of sharing one's joys and concerns with others. If you agree, please contact me.

Joan Erickson

Community Events

Sacred Vows: Why Marriage Matters

A conversation about marriage equality will be presented on **November 3** at 9:00 a.m. in Portland at St. James Lutheran Church (1315 SW Park Ave) and at 12 noon

at Temple Beth Israel (1175 E 29th Ave) in Eugene on **November 4**.

Evan Wolfson, one of the country's foremost advocates for the freedom to marry and Executive Director of Freedom to Marry, will be featured. Please RSVP to Rev. Tara Wilkins of The Community of Welcoming Congregations (CWC), 503-665-8741 so that they can prepare enough food.

Basic Rights Oregon (BRO) is also sponsoring talks by Evan Wolfson in Portland on November 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the SEIU Local 49 (2536 SE 26th Ave.) and in Eugene on November 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Eugene Public Library (100 W 10th Ave).

SUNDAY SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

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

Sunday, October 25

"Death Is My Teacher"

The Reverend Richard R. Davis

We live in a death denying culture – it's considered morbid to talk much about the subject. To the contrary, nothing is more life affirming than an honest awareness of death. *Please bring a picture of a beloved family member or friend who has died. We will display these on a special altar during the service.*

(Afterward, people of all ages are invited and encouraged to participate in the Annual Halloween Costume Parade.)

Sunday, November 1

"The Call"

Written by The Reverend Richard R. Davis

Delivered by Dennis Ehrp, UUCS Chalice Circle Players

Here's something new. On this Sunday Rick, our minister, will be preaching in Winnipeg, Canada just prior to the installation of the Rev. Millie Rochester at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg. The sermon is for us, too. Rick has asked Dennis Ehrp to deliver it here. In this sermon Rick (through the voice of Dennis) will be sharing his memories of Millie's call to the ministry and ask us to reflect on our own call to our shared ministry.

Sunday, November 8

"Should we Delete Our First Principle?" The Reverend Richard R. Davis

("We covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of EVERY person")

Over the years I've had people ask me if they need to "believe" in our first principle to join our congregation. Others who are long time members say they are not able to wrap their hearts and minds around this one, hence this sermon.

Sunday, November 15

Confluence Chorus

Sunday Services Team.

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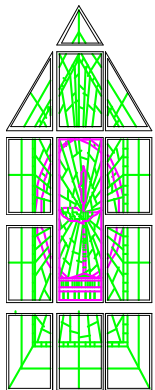
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UUCS Calendar

- Wednesday, October 21
UU Meditation, 7 p.m. (**every** Wednesday)
Chat & Craft, 7 p.m. (1st & 3rd Wed.)
Theatre & Theology, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 24
Pumpkin Decorating & Potluck, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Circle Suppers
- Sunday, October 25
Annual Halloween Costume Parade, 11:30 a.m.
Participation Opportunity Faire, after services
CUUPS, after Opportunity Faire
- Tuesday, October 27
Parent's Night In, 6:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 28
Theatre & Theology, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 31
Halloween Potluck & Contra Dancing, 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 1
Annual Halloween Parade, 11:30 a.m.
New Fall Readers' Forum, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
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