



## MCUUF NEWSLETTER—NOVEMBER, 2015

***The next meeting of the MCUUF Board will be Tuesday, Nov.10, at 6 p.m., downstairs at the Grange. All are welcome to attend.***

### FROM OUR MINISTER

Once a month a group of friends and I gather to share a potluck dinner. This is something we have been doing for the last twenty years. We're pleasantly pleased that we've continued to get together. Talk of disbanding has never come up among us. One of the reasons for our longevity is that we don't do an ordinary potluck. We have always chosen a theme for our dinners. Usually our theme focuses on the cuisine from a country or region of the world. As we've made a culinary journey around the globe with a theme as a guide, we've learned about hidden talents, experiences and dreams among one another. Friendships have deepened in a way that wouldn't be possible if we'd followed the typical hodgepodge approach to potlucks.

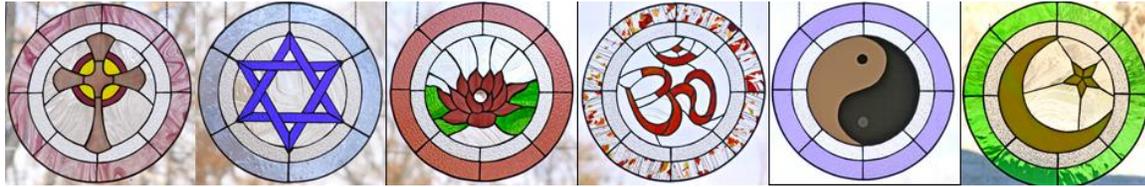
This coming month we'll be experiencing a taste of a new initiative in Unitarian Universalism: Theme-Based Ministry. It offers something beyond the potluck of a religion of random servings from the world's religions. In Theme-Based Ministry, worship, small groups, religious education for all ages, and other activities share the same monthly theme. This month we'll explore the theme of Ancestry. We kicked this off with an October 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service on Michael Servetus, an early Unitarian who was martyred in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. During Children's Time we placed the names of two religious ancestors on a live tree. During the coming month, we'll continue to add names to the tree. Worship services in November will touch on the theme in some significant way. On November 29 our first Children's Chapel will focus on Ancestry. And you'll find inspirational quotes, readings and practices on this month's theme in our weekly e-news update.

With Theme-Based Ministry, children and adults can continue the conversation at home. People who attend intermittently can find common spiritual ground across Sundays. Theme-Based Ministry is a thread that can tie us closer together. Our spiritual exploration can focus and deepen.

Early next year, we'll join over a hundred Unitarian Universalist congregations and begin Theme-Based Ministry. In a world that is often shallow and fragmented, may what happens here at MCUUF connect us ever more deeply to one another and our UU faith, and bring hope and grace to meet the needs of the world.

In love, fellowship and service,  
Rev. Judy

**Minister's Office Hours: Tuesday 10-11 a.m. and Wednesday 4-5 p.m., upstairs in the blue "cry" room at the Rockford Grange. These are times to just drop-in. You may also contact Rev. Judy to make an appointment: [jjzimmerman@uuma.org](mailto:jjzimmerman@uuma.org)**



## SUNDAY SERVICES

**November 8: Rev. Judy Zimmerman, “The Chalice and the Dharma Wheel.”** The ties between Unitarian Universalism and Buddhism reach back over 150 years. What does it mean to be a Buddhist *and* a Unitarian Universalist today? How do these traditions weave together—and where might they be like oil and water, defying integration?

**Nov. 15: Storyteller Will Hornyak, “Mostly Grimm.”** Dark(ish) stories for grownups.

**Nov. 22: Rev. Judy Zimmerman, “A Third Place.”** Without a destination or a compass bearing, sailors will meander and drift. They will be unable to take advantage of the winds to help travel to their chosen landing. If this is true on the water, what about in life? How will drifting get us to a Third Place?

**Nov. 29:** Our traditional gratitude and sharing service for this most heartfelt of holidays.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Membership Potluck November 13<sup>th</sup>.** The Membership Committee is holding a potluck Friday, November 13, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Grange. Everyone who has been coming to the fellowship is invited. Rev. Judy Zimmerman will provide information about UU and MCUUF. She can also provide information about membership and the process for becoming a member of the fellowship.

While the potluck is an opportunity to obtain information about the fellowship, it is also a social event. Attending the potluck does not imply any commitment to become a member.

We would like to know how many people to expect at the potluck so please RSVP to Pam ZM or Steve C.

***Save the Date: First Annual All Fellowship Dinner—February 6***

The first Annual Fellowship Dinner, sponsored by your Membership Engagement Team, will be held at the Grange on Saturday evening, February 6. This will be a family potluck dinner. We will have a “called” dance with live music after dinner; it will be simple enough for children to participate. We hope this evening will be so much fun that people will want it to become an annual event!

***MCUUF Workshop on End of Life Issues—Nov. 15 and Nov. 22.***

The MCUUF Care Team will be sponsoring a presentation and workshop on End of Life issues including Advanced Directives, Do Not Resuscitate (DNR), Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) documents and associated issues. Our own Dr. Kristen D will be the presenter. At the second meeting participants will be guided in discussion to help decide what might go into end-of-life care documents. Both meetings will be at 11:45 following the service.

***Care Team***

MCUUF strives to be a community that supports each other. If you or someone you know in the fellowship has a need because of a loss, illness, or other difficulty, please notify Rev. Judy or any other member of our Care Team: Jane F, Shelley B, or Tom P. The team will do its best to organize respectful and appropriate help for our members and friends who need it.



**MCUUF COMMUNITY ACTION**

***Fill Your Pantry Market, Saturday, November 7, 2-6 p.m. at the Grange.***

Stock up for winter with storable food products grown and sold by local farmers . . . onions, garlic, winter squash, root vegetables, grains and beans, flours and cornmeal, fruit, meat, honey, cheese, dried herbs, jams, pickles and preserves, soaps and more. This event is put on by the Rockford Grange in partnership with Gorge Grown Food Network and OSU Extension Service, and it will include children's activities, food storage demonstrations and live bluegrass music. The Grange “soup ladies” will be downstairs serving hearty soups and treats to keep you going through it all!

***Thursday, Nov. 26: Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner.*** Please come with your calendars next Sunday, ready to sign up as a volunteer for the Thanksgiving

Community Dinner. The two locations are: FISH (Hood River Food Bank) and Riverside Community Church.

The dates needed are: Monday, November 23, and Thursday, November 26. The times at each location are: (two people each time slot) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9:00-noon and noon-3:00 for food preparation.

Riverside requires 3 additional people Tuesday and Wednesday 1:00-4:00.

THURSDAY HELP IS NEEDED ALL DAY.

Specific times and tasks will be on our schedule at church next Sunday.

Our UU schedule will be coordinated with other church schedules and a master schedule will be put on line. Any questions, email or call Sharon S.

***Coats for Kids Drive*** begins in White Salmon this week. NOVEMBER-JANUARY Please bring coats for ALL ages for collection beginning this Sunday. They need to be CLEAN and in GOOD CONDITION. Your donations will be greatly appreciated by the entire community.

***November 30, December 2, and December 4: Volunteers needed to work at FISH food bank.*** Monday and Friday, 3:15-5 p.m.; Wednesday 3:15-5:30 p.m. Contact Jane F.

***Join:*** Want to help on the Community Action committee? Have a project you want to lead? Contact Bonnie N.

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