



Mid-Columbia Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
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*Blame is very tricky in that it seems like a way out
when it is really a form of imprisonment.*
– Bryant McGill

SUNDAY SERVICES (10 a.m. at the Rockford Grange)

March 27: “A UU Easter,” Rev. Judy Zimmerman. In March there is a confluence of holidays telling us that the story of liberation and rebirth in Easter transcends any single religion. Let's celebrate Easter with inspiration from the six sources of Unitarian Universalism in a service for the whole family. Easter egg hunt to follow the service.

April 3: “The Call of Beauty,” Rev. Judy Zimmerman. Beauty is more than cosmetic perfection, a sensation of pleasure, a pursuit of the selfish, or something you could buy if you just had enough money. This morning we explore how beauty might be none other than a voice calling us homeward—and a resource to help guide us through challenging times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for Leaders! Your nominating committee has started work to complete a slate of members of the congregation's Board of Trustees. The election will be at our congregational meeting this Spring.

Congregational self-governance is a core element of our Unitarian-Universalist tradition. It's the way we take responsibility and ownership for the autonomy we have as a congregation. We also work to make service on the board a growth and learning opportunity for the trustees. Past board members cite the value of the experience in improving their skills for leading and working in organizations, church, and otherwise.

We are also looking for people who would like to grow their skills and comfort in other roles in the congregation or would consider board service in a future year. Leaders are made, not born.

The board meets one a month in the early evening, and trustees commit to staying in contact and doing work between board meetings with people in specific areas of congregational work, like communications or religious education.

If you are interested, please contact a member of the nominating committee by March 15: Pam Z-M, Annie M, or Kristen D.

HAVEN Safehouse needs our help! MCUUF is gathering items from the following list to bring to Haven by April 8. HAVEN is a non-profit organization that advocates for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, teen dating violence, and stalking. They connect with education programs and existing legal and social-service providers so that victims are aware of their rights and can become empowered to reclaim their lives. Let's support them in their efforts. Any questions or donations can be directed to Alicia B.

Kitchen Items Needed: Big

Cooking Pot
Microwave
Baking sheets
Can opener
Drano (or other drain cleaner)
Oven cleaner
Mop and bucket

Hand soap

Dish rags and sponges
Paper towels
Hand/dish towels
Queen mattress pad x2 (NEW)
Pillows (NEW)

Personal Hygiene Needs:

tampons and pads
deodorant
full size shampoo,
conditioners, and body wash
Household Items Needed:
laundry baskets
Bagless vacuum

**April 4, 6, 8 Volunteers needed to work
at FISH food bank.** M&F 3:15-5pm. Wed 3:15-
5:30pm. Contact Christie B.

Want to join a great group of UU's at the beach this spring? The SOLVE Spring Beach Clean-up will be **Saturday, March 26**. The Mt. Hood Cluster of UU Congregations (eight UU congregations in NW Oregon and Vancouver, WA) for several years has participated in this clean-up as a group, cleaning a beach designated for us, then gathering for a potluck afterward. We are doing it again this year, at the same beautiful beach as the past few years—the Boy Scout Camp Meriwether beach several miles south of Tillamook. From **10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** that Saturday we will gather to act on our Seventh Principle and help take care of one little part of our earth. After the cleanup, those who wish will gather at a sheltered area at Cape Lookout State Park Beach, about five miles away, for a potluck lunch. For more information or to register, please contact Elaine C.

The Women's Awareness Circle will meet Friday, April 8, from 4-5:30 p.m. at the home of Jodie H. Our friend Jane F. will share her travel experiences with us. All UU women are welcome. Please RSVP to Debbie O.

COMMUNITY ACTION

New gleaning project seeking donations: Columbia Gorge Gleaning, operating under Gorge Grown, will improve access to fresh local produce by harvesting farm surplus and donating it to local organizations serving low-income, hungry, and marginalized Gorge residents. The project brings together growers, gleaners, food banks, and consumers. Your donation will help provide sufficient and nutritious food to those in need. Donate downstairs after service on Sundays or send a check made out to Gorge Grown (with "Columbia Gorge Gleaning" in the memo line).

The FISH Food Bank Garden is seeking new volunteers to help grow fresh, organic produce for clients at the food bank. No experience necessary; just come ready to spend a few hours outside and maybe get a little dirt under your nails (we have extra gloves if you need them). This is a great place to meet new people and learn new skills. We make sure to enjoy ourselves while we work and have fantastic summer potlucks. This is family-friendly and open to people of all ages. Contact Susan R. for more info or check out the FISH Food Bank Garden Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FISH-Food-Bank-Garden-639638889506875/> Hope to see you there.

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



Feed the wagon—and feed our neighbors. Food donations for Washington Gorge Action Programs and FISH Food Bank are received every Sunday Service. Don't forget your donation.

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