



Mid-Columbia Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
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It is only through disruptions and confusion that we grow and are set free, jarred out of ourselves by the collision of someone else's private world with our own. — Joyce Carol Oates

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

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 will explore how beauty might be a voice calling us homeward—and a resource to help guide us through challenging times.

April 10: "Accepting All Offers," Rev. Judy Zimmerman. In its traditional sense, grace has meant free and unmerited divine assistance. Does this mean grace is like an unearned increase in the credit line on a cosmic credit card? And for humanists, atheists, and agnostics, does grace even have a place in spiritual life? Join us as we explore some of the meanings of grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCUUF Annual Congregational Meeting. The annual meeting of the members of the Mid-Columbia Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will be on **Sunday May 15 at 11:15 a.m.**, immediately after worship. Our agenda will include election of officers, election of the nominating committee, and adoption of the 2016-17 budget. As required by our bylaws, an official announcement and full agenda will be circulated in April.

Additionally, we are planning on holding "town hall"-style informational meetings following the services of **Sunday, May 1, and Sunday, May 8**. These times are intended to answer any questions members may have in regard to the upcoming meeting agenda items. —Stacey Campbell, president of the Board of Trustees

"Community Ministers" are persons qualified to perform ministries of counseling, chaplaincy, social justice, and education in religious studies; community ministers do not serve the needs of a single congregation. To maintain a connection with congregational life, UUA requires each community minister to be affiliated with a congregation. This association is of great benefit to the community minister and is a way for a congregation to give back to the greater UU community. MCUUF has been honored by a community minister requesting affiliation with us. Typically, the community minister will provide one or two sermons a year and act under the direction of our minister, Judy. Your Board of Directors is considering this request. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Judy. You may also contact a board member for additional information.

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. It connects with education programs and existing legal and social-service providers so victims are aware of their rights and can become empowered to reclaim their lives. Let's support HAVEN in its 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 cloths and sponges
Paper towels
Hand/dish towels
Queen mattress pad x 2 (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 the FISH food bank. M&F 3:15-5 p.m. Wed 3:15-5:30 p.m. Contact Christie B.

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.

Rental needed. A member of our fellowship is in need of a rental in Hood River (preferably the Heights). Monthly rent in the \$600/700 range. Please contact Brad A.

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) to Theresa N.

Wed., March 30: Help at the FISH produce garden. It's gardening season again! Join fellow UUs and others to work on soil prep and planting at FISH food bank's produce garden. FISH is happy to have new volunteers all season or on a one-time basis. Come when you can: 1-6:30 p.m.

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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