Mid-Columbia Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
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SUNDAY SERVICES
(10 a.m. at the Rockford Grange)

May 22: Rev. Judy Zimmerman: "Blessing of Boots, Bikes, Backpacks and Boats"
As the summer season beckons us, we gather to sing the praises of outdoor recreation and the adventures that await. Whether we aim to head to the mountains, a lake, or our own backyard, we'll gather in thanks for the bounty of the outdoors. So bring your favorite outdoor toy, game, equipment, a facsimile or photo for a ceremonial blessing to inaugurate the outdoor season. Children and youth will worship with us. Nursery care will be provided for young children.

May 29: Thich Minh Tinh (Rev. Kozen Sampson): "May we all be well" Our friend from the Zen Buddhist Temple at the Trout Lake Abbey will return to the fellowship to share his thoughts and words with us.

June 5: Rev Judy Zimmerman, "Flower Communion." This is the most beloved of Unitarian Universalist rituals. Uniquely UU, this is our signature service. We'll worship outside in the gardens of Tom and Marie Louise. Please bring a flower to share. A potluck lunch will follow. Children and youth will worship with us in this multigenerational service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Become a Chalice Lighter!!! There are many good reasons to join the more than 2,000 Unitarian Universalists who are PNWD Chalice Lighters. Being a Chalice Lighter brings you the joy of watching your modest contribution multiply to a grant of more than $18,000 to support the growth of our liberal religion in the Pacific Northwest. Just by being a Chalice Lighter, you will help your congregation qualify for a Chalice Lighter grant. **MCUUF was awarded a tech grant in 2015**. The more of us who take the Chalice Lighter pledge, the more the program will have to offer to growing congregations.

When you become a Chalice Lighter, each year you will receive no more than three call letters. The letter will explain the purpose of the call and ask for your donation of at least $15. To read more about this program and to enroll online you can follow this link: https://www.pnwd.org/connections/chalicelighters.aspx
If you have questions about the Chalice Lighter program you may ask David K. or Rev. Judy.

Family Fourth Friday. Come join us Friday, May 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the Grange for a new MCUUF tradition: Family Fourth Friday. Let your kids run free range at the Grange! We will meet every fourth Friday of the month for a family-centered evening full of community and support. Dinner will be provided; you bring the kiddos and anything you have to offer to a fellowship devoted to strengthening families as we walk through parenthood together. All members of the UU family are welcome—yes, kid-less older folks too!—so come play with our adorable kids and join the fun. Contact Mandi Rae with any questions or ideas.

MCUUF Religious Education is looking for specialists in all sorts of hobbies and activities. We hope to offer a summer program that brings in a new volunteer with a new skill to lead each lesson. Our RE staff will be in class to support your needs. Yoga, sewing, compost. . . . The universe is the limit! If you have a specific craft to share, please let us know. We would like to get our guest speakers signed but by the end of May. Contact Alicia B.

Russel Lockwood Leadership School at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA Sat July 23rd-Friday July 29th. This is a one week long inspiring and intensive study of UU history, values and complexities. Focus on nourishing UU leaders (both lay and religious) who

wish to be skillful contributors to congregation. Please let Rev. Judy or the board know if you have any questions or interest in attending.

The Women's Awareness Circle will meet Friday, May 20, from 4-5:30 p.m. at the home of Jodie H. Our topic will be "Balance." All UU women are welcome. Please RSVP to Debbie O.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Monday, June 13: Volunteers needed for UU-sponsored dinner at FISH Food Bank. Oregon State University Extension is coordinating this monthly dinner + cooking class event, especially targeting low-income folks here who are food-insecure. If you can help 3-7 p.m. that day with the food preparation, serving, and cleanup, please contact Bonnie N.

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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