



Mid-Columbia Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
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Pastoral Letter in Response to Orlando Shootings

Dear MCUUF Community,

Our hearts are broken once again, as yet another in a long line of mass shootings has happened at a nightclub in Orlando. Our thoughts are with those who lost a loved one and those who have been wounded. May they find strength and comfort. To those who first responded, we offer our gratitude and send hopes for your healing after what you have witnessed. To our LGBTQ and Muslim brethren, may you know our love and solidarity.

Though our sorrow is great, may these events fuel our resolve to build a world where homophobia, racism, religious intolerance, hate and violence are no more. May we be the hands of change. May our hearts radiate with the Love that lights the way.

In faith, love and fellowship,

Rev. Judy

We Are Orlando Vigil – Wednesday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at the Hood River Waterfront Park in honor of the victims of the tragic shooting in Orlando this past weekend. We will gather at the stage area/amphitheater near the swim beach for a moment of silence and to offer prayers, poetry, music, and to toss flowers into the river in memory of the lives that were lost. If you have a yellow “Standing on the Side of Love” or other Unitarian Universalist-themed shirt, please wear it to show our solidarity.

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

June 19: Rev. Judy Zimmerman, “Simply Joy” For the already virtuous, living with greater simplicity has a reputation for being a downer, sucking the joy out of life. If we’re already living simply because we must do so to make ends meet, the world can seem bleak. How might these views be turned around so that living simply becomes a source of joy?

RE program: Improv Theater

June 26: “A Sense of Place” A musical service by Paul Blackburn and Paul Crouch exploring and celebrating “a sense of place.”

RE program: Canning for Kids

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Fourth Friday

Come join us Friday, June 24, at 5:30 at the Grange for our **Family Fourth Friday**. Let your kids run free range at the Grange! We meet every fourth Friday of the month for a family-centered evening full of community and support. Outdoor toys and a pizza dinner are provided. Bring the kiddos and be ready to have a ton of fun with other UU families in a casual family setting. All members of our UU family are invited, from newborns to great-grand parents. If you have questions or need more information, contact Mandi Rae P. with any questions or contributions.

The Women's Awareness Circle will meet Friday June 17, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the home of Jodie H. For discussion, we will each share a favorite poem. All UU women are welcome. Please RSVP to Debbie O.



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.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Sailing for a Nuclear-Free World

Welcome the Golden Rule to Hood River! Wednesday, June 15

In 1958 a crew of Quaker peace activists attempted to sail the *Golden Rule* to the Marshall Islands to interfere with US nuclear bomb testing. This bold, nonviolent direct action inspired a worldwide movement leading to the Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of 1963.

After five years of restoration by Veterans for Peace and many friends, the *Golden Rule* is once again sailing for a nuclear-free world and a peaceful, sustainable future.

During the day: The *Golden Rule* peace boat will be available to tour and take people sailing at the Port Marina Park dock.

5 p.m.: Water Blessing and Potluck Picnic at the Port Marina Park. Bring some food and drink and enjoy chatting with the crew.

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