



Mid-Columbia Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
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SUNDAY SERVICES (10 a.m. at the Rockford Grange) This month's theme: "Truth"

March 17: "Celtic Spirituality," Rev. Judy Zimmerman, with Dan B, celebrant and Alicia B, director of religious education. On this Saint Patrick's Day, we'll explore the spiritual traditions that were alive in ancient Ireland and their resurgence today. We'll do so in an interactive, family-friendly service where the whole congregation will worship together.

March 24: "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail"—ACT ONE, a dramatic reading with an all-star cast and Dick W, celebrant. Our Unitarian Universalist heritage comes alive as we meet the two great luminaries of Unitarian transcendentalism, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau. Their deep and abiding friendship is tested in the crucible of 19th-century American society and politics. Issues of war and peace, nonviolence, civil disobedience, slavery, justice, ecology, and education challenge the practice of our faith and principles today in much the same way as they challenged our forebears in 1846. Please join us for a different kind of Sunday morning service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carry the Flame

Albert Schweitzer wrote: "At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

This is your moment to kindle the flame and pass it on. Our annual pledge drive has begun. Consider your participation in this congregation in terms of time, talents, and treasure. Consider how this congregation has nurtured your spiritual growth, your children, and the lives of those important to you. Consider the friendships that have been formed and the support that is present in this intentional community. Consider how this congregation has put love into action in our community through social justice work.

Ours is a hope-filled, life-affirming faith. How many more lives could be changed were we to be able to expand the Unitarian Universalist Association's Our Whole Lives sexuality education program to adults? To our children in the K-1 or 4-6 grades? How might a music or choir director enrich Sunday worship if funding allowed for more staff? How might spiritual growth be enhanced if there were a more robust Adult Religious Education program? Or the means to offer scholarships so teens could attend regional youth conferences or General Assembly?

When I first became a member of a Unitarian Universalist congregation, I had never thought much about how churches get money, except when I saw televangelists on TV. Now that I was part of a small fellowship, it became quite apparent to me that the financial support did not come from somewhere higher up in the denomination. It came entirely from within the congregation in the form of pledges. And so, it is with MCUUF. My pledge of 5% of my ministerial income is an important way to say that MCUUF and its mission matter and merit my financial support.

Help us kindle the flame of hope and joy. A pledge team member will be contacting you soon. When they do, make a generous commitment of financial support. The future of MCUUF lies with you. Thank you.

-- Rev. Judy

CONNECTION

The MCUUF Men's Group will meet tonight from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Rockford Grange. The topic for discussion will be "FUN: What have you done that is fun or what are you doing now that is fun?" All UU men are welcome to attend. If you have questions, contact Brad at mcuuf1@gmail.com.

UU Parenting Group. Let's move into the new season with some UUnplugged! We are offering a 5-week workshop focused on parenting as a Unitarian Universalist that offers guided conversation with other parents who are wanting to work on parenting positivity and bringing spirituality into your busy lives. No matter where you are at in your journey as a parent (adult children to newborn) you have a space in the workshop. It will be held at 5 p.m. every Sunday in April. Dinner will be provided, and childcare will be based on necessity. Location to be announced. Please RSVP. If you have any questions please contact Alicia, Director of Religious Education.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Immigration Advocacy Day: April 8. Bring our 2018 Immigrant Welcoming and Supporting Resolution to life. Join people of faith from across Oregon for a first-ever Advocacy Day in Salem, with IMIrJ, the Interfaith Movement for Immigration Justice. IMIrJ is a partner of Gorge Ecumenical Ministries/Somos Uno and Gorge ICE Resistance, and the NORCOR Clergy Visitor Group. You will be briefed on immigration justice legislation bills making their way through the legislature and coached in the basics of lobbying, in preparation for visits with your Oregon state legislators. To register go to [IMIrJ Advocacy Day 2019](#) and let Rev. Judy know you're participating. Ride sharing will be coordinated as the day draws closer. Let's make MCUUF's delegation the largest from the Gorge!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Want to join a great group of UUs to clean up a beach this spring? The SOLVE Spring Beach Clean-up will be Saturday, March 23. The Mt. Hood Cluster of UU Congregations has for several years has participated in this event 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—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 clean-up, those who wish can 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 Financial Committee is looking for a volunteer who is interested and experienced in finance and financial management to help us evaluate financial options. Contact Lori G. for more information.

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