



Mid-Columbia Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
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SUNDAY SERVICES

10 a.m. at the Rockford Grange
This month's theme: "Covenant"

September 15: "Come, Let Us Worship Together," Elaine C. On Sunday mornings, many of us forsake our comfortable beds, Sunday papers, third cups of coffee, or the lure of the river to come to services at the Grange. It's not likely we are responding to any divine commandments or trying to placate a vengeful deity. So why do we do it? Let's explore together why so many Unitarian Universalists find the experience of worship to be so nurturing and meaningful.

September 22: "Love is the Answer," Rev. Connie Yost, with Bonnie W, celebrant. If love is the answer, what are the questions we have about it? How can we practice radical love in the face of endless threats to our values, ourselves, our neighbors and our planet? What does this kind of love look like, and what does it require of me, and you, and our church community? Let us come together for some inspiration and hope in these trying times. The Rev. Connie Yost is an affiliated community minister of First Unitarian Church, Portland. She is the President of Farm Worker Ministry Northwest and serves on the board of Oregon UU Voices for Justice. For the past 19 years, she has served in community ministry focused on social justice and deep presence for the underserved and often forgotten—the poor, the disabled, the very young and the elderly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



In-gathering Potluck Picnic: Saturday, September 14, 4 to 7 p.m.
Our fabulous, fun, family potluck picnic! Games for all ages!
Don't miss it – Put the date on your calendar!
We had so much fun last year, we're doing it again!

Directions: The address is 8700 Clear Creek Road in Parkdale.

From Hood River, head south on Hwy. 35. At the Mt. Hood Country Store, bear right onto Cooper Spur Road and drive 1.8 miles toward Parkdale. Turn right onto Baseline Drive (0.5 miles), then immediately left at McIssac's Store onto Clear Creek Road. Follow for 2.7 miles. Driveway is on the right, before Laurance Lake Road. Of course, one could also take the Dee Highway and follow the instructions from McIsaac's store.

Religious Education: As we say farewell to summer, and Dr. Seuss, it is time to welcome Autumn and our Autumn/Winter Religious Education program. Our final Seuss classes—focusing on "The Lorax," "Oh the Places You Will Go," and "What was I Scared Of"—will take us through the end of September. Beginning in October we will mirror the monthly themes of Sunday Service in both the

preschool-5th grade class group and the middle school/youth group. **Volunteers are needed to help for autumn/winter RE sessions during Sunday service for children preschool age through 5th grade.** Please contact Rheva W.

The UU Men's Group will meet this evening (Wednesday, September 11) from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Grange. The topic: "*Remembering decades of our life—the first ten years.*" To be added to the Men's Group mailing list, contact Brad at mcuufi@gmail.com. All UU men are welcome.

The **Meditation Group** returns Sunday, September 15, 9 to 9:45 a.m. at the Rockford Grange, before Sunday worship. Childcare upon request. Questions? Contact Rev. Judy at jzimmerman@uuma.org.

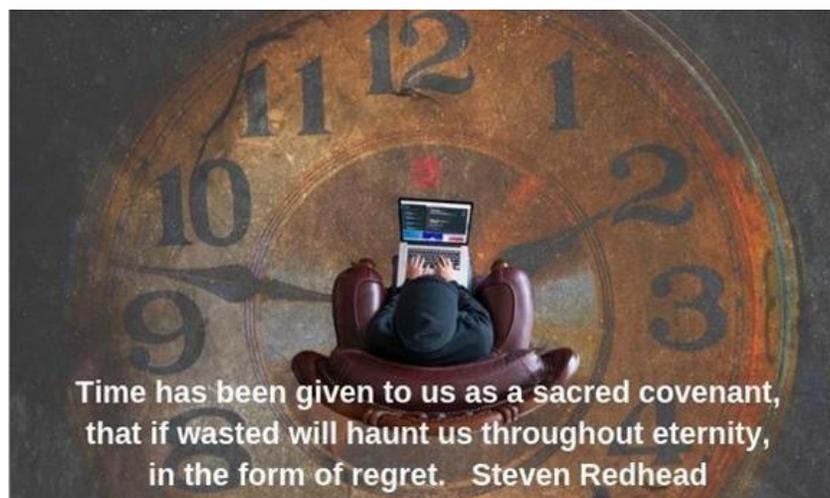
FISH Food Bank service opportunity: Our next Unitarian Universalist service dates at FISH are Monday, September 30, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, October 2, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.; and Friday, October 4, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Members and friends of MCUUF are responsible for serving the public at the Hood River FISH Food Bank on Monday, Wednesday and Friday every eighth week. This team effort is a good activity for newcomers who wish to be involved in a social action activity. It is also an activity that has been enjoyed by family members of all ages. The Hood River FISH Food Bank is located at 1130 Tucker Road, on the right side of Spirit Of Grace Church. (OK to use the church parking lot.) We are asked to arrive at 3:15 p.m. to check in and, if new to FISH, to get oriented. The doors close at 5 p.m. but if there is a backup of people needing food we may need to stay as late as 5:30. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this activity, please contact Steve C.

Help Wanted:

Anyone willing to help organize Circle Suppers? Everyone loves Circle Suppers! For those of you who are new to the fellowship, these are small potluck dinners held in members' homes and are a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another. But Elaine Castles, the long-time organizer of these dinners, is growing weary. Is there anyone willing to step up to help? Elaine will happily provide consultation and logistical help. If you are interested, please contact Elaine C. We are hoping to initially get another round of suppers organized for the last week or so in October.

Website: Our fellowship needs a volunteer to work as part of a team to move our current website into a UUA-developed WordPress template. Another volunteer is needed to make occasional updates and posts to the website. Training available. Please contact Rev. Judy at jzimmerman@uuma.org.

THANK YOU to those who have been helping with dishes and clean up after Sunday morning coffee hour !



Time has been given to us as a sacred covenant,
that if wasted will haunt us throughout eternity,
in the form of regret. Steven Redhead

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