



Mid-Columbia Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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 inspiration and hope in these trying times.

September 29: "Blessing of All Creatures," Rev. Judy Zimmerman. Covenant is a gift given and received—a sacred promise that sustains life. This morning we sing praises and gratitudes in honor of our kinship and covenant with the creatures who make our human lives possible, ever more loving, and joyful. **Bring an animal friend to worship!** Pets of all kinds, livestock, birds, reptiles, insects, and stuffed animals are welcome. If there is a deceased animal you wish to remember, please bring a photo or memento. A blessing ceremony will take place. All ages will stay together for the whole service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Re-Imagining Religious Education at MCUUF. What is it about your experiences in child, youth or adult Religious Education at MCUUF that make you smile? If you're new to UU or MCUUF, or a longer-timer, what are your hopes for RE in the fellowship? Join us for one of these discussion sessions where we will begin re-imagining Religious Education at MCUUF: *Wednesday September 25 6-7:30 p.m.* Dinner and supervised children's activities will be provided. OR: *Sunday October 6 11:45-12:45*. Supervised activities for children will be available. Adults with and without children in their care and teens/tweens are encouraged to participate. Questions? Contact Rheva W, acting director of religious education.

Fall Youth CON, October 25-27, at Camp Cispus, Randle, WA. The Pacific Northwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association Fall Con theme will be CONscioUUsness. Join other high school youth and adult sponsors as we examine the ways our surroundings impact us, and the ways we impact our surroundings through worship, small groups, and intentional and impromptu activities.

A youth conference, or "CON," is a retreat planned and run as a collaboration between high school youth and supporting adults. Youth commit to uphold their standards and have the chance to live within UU community as they design it. About 60-200 people, with a youth to adult ratio no higher than 7:1, attend the CON.

Contact Rheva W. for more information or to register. Early discount registration closes September 30; regular registration closes October 16.

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. (It's OK to use the church parking lot.) We are asked to arrive at 3:15 p.m. to check in and, if you are 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 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 C, 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. 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 jjzimmerman@uuma.org.

THANK YOU to those who have been helping with dishes and clean up after Sunday morning coffee hour and volunteering in our children's religious education program !

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