



Mid-Columbia Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
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SUNDAY SERVICES 10 a.m. at the Rockford Grange **The theme for February: “Generosity”**

February 23: “Singing our History, Part 2,” Dick W, presenter, with Bonnie W, celebrant. In Part 1 (December 29) we met some of the hymn writers (and their hymns) who reflected the theological and social perspectives of our Unitarian and Universalist forebears in the 19th Century. In Part 2 we move into the 20th Century and learn (and sing) how the shared hymns of each denomination helped to lay the groundwork for merger of the two churches 59 years ago. Please join with us as we raise our voices in familiar songs and hymns that have brought us together and have stood the test of time.

March 1: “The Heart of Forgiveness,” Rev. Judy Zimmerman, with Elaine C, celebrant. “He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love,” said the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Forgiving can bring healing. How do we begin this process when our feet feel like they are trapped in concrete and our heart is heavy with bitterness? This Sunday we look at ways to get unstuck and return to love.

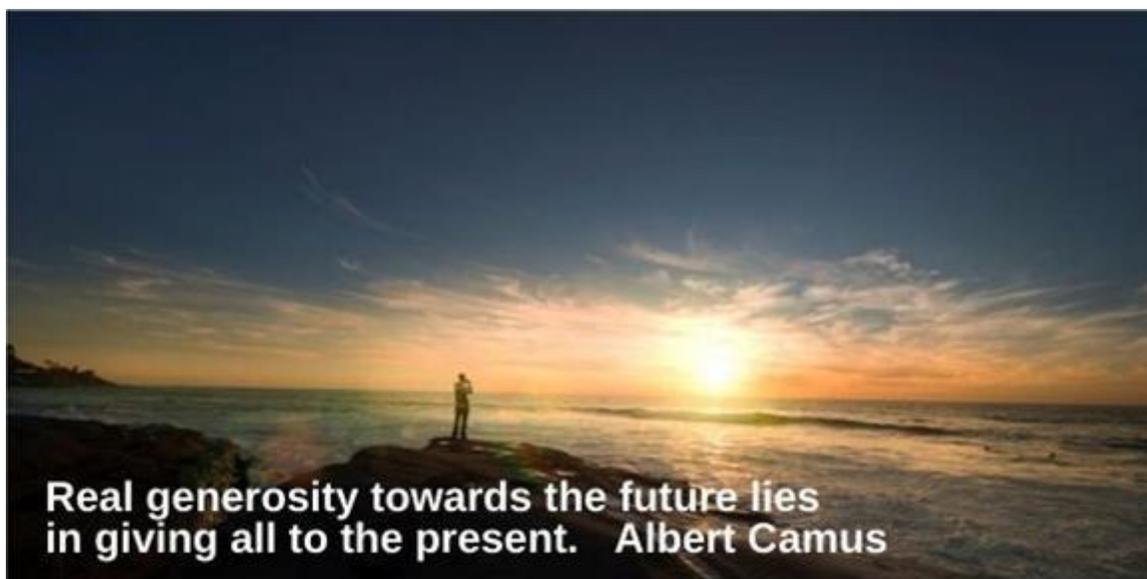


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did UU know?

MCUUF is the proud fiscal sponsor of Friends Stay Warm.

Two questions present themselves: What is a fiscal sponsor? What is Friends Stay Warm?

A fiscal sponsor is a non-profit organization (like MCUUF) that provides legal and tax-exempt status to groups that engage in activities related to the sponsoring organization’s mission. The duty of a fiscal sponsor is to be the “keeper of the money.” Friends Stay Warm donations are kept in a separate MCUUF bank account, and money is withdrawn only when requested by its founder.

Friends Stay Warm was founded by UU minister, Rev. Connie Yost, who was our guest speaker a few months ago. The mission of Friends Stay Warm is “supporting our farm and service and seasonal

workers and their families with needed utility assistance and advocacy.” Check out its website, friendsstaywarm.org.

UU Meetup:

A group will be attending dinner and a program at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center on February 28. The program will be “Assembling the Northwest: A Roadside View of Oregon and Washington” with geologist Dr. Marli Miller. For more information go to:

<https://www.gorgediscovery.org/event/assembling-the-northwest/> If you would like to attend and meetup with other UU’s, contact Rhiannon G.

Women’s Awareness Circle:

A hearty invitation to all the women in our local UU community to join us in a revival of our monthly women’s gatherings. We will meet on the first Wednesday of the month, starting March 4, from 4:00-5:30 at the home of Jan K. in the Heights (the neighborhood behind Rosauers). We will be reading from Chapter One of Mary Pipher’s book, ***Women Rowing North, Navigating Life’s Currents and Flourishing as We Age***. Chapter One is entitled “A New Stretch of the River—There are many lifetimes in one life.” To facilitate rich sharing at our gatherings, we have decided that initially meetings will be grounded in shared readings. Please add your voice to the conversation. For questions, please call Debbie O.

What is a Home Funeral?

You can find out at a presentation Thursday, March 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Rockford Grange. This public event will be led by Holly Pruett of OregonFunerals.org and by Tamara Thiel, Gorge End-of-Life doula and home funeral guide. Learn about home funerals as a timeless tradition that invites family, friends, and community into an authentic and healing after-death care experience in a safe and familiar place with care performed by familiar, loving hands and presented with dignity. This event is by sponsored by MCUUF and the Rockford Grange; \$10 donation suggested and appreciated.

The March Newsletter will be coming out on Wednesday February 26, All submissions must be sent to Brad at mcuuf1@gmail.com by midnight on Monday February 24.

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