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Online Service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday

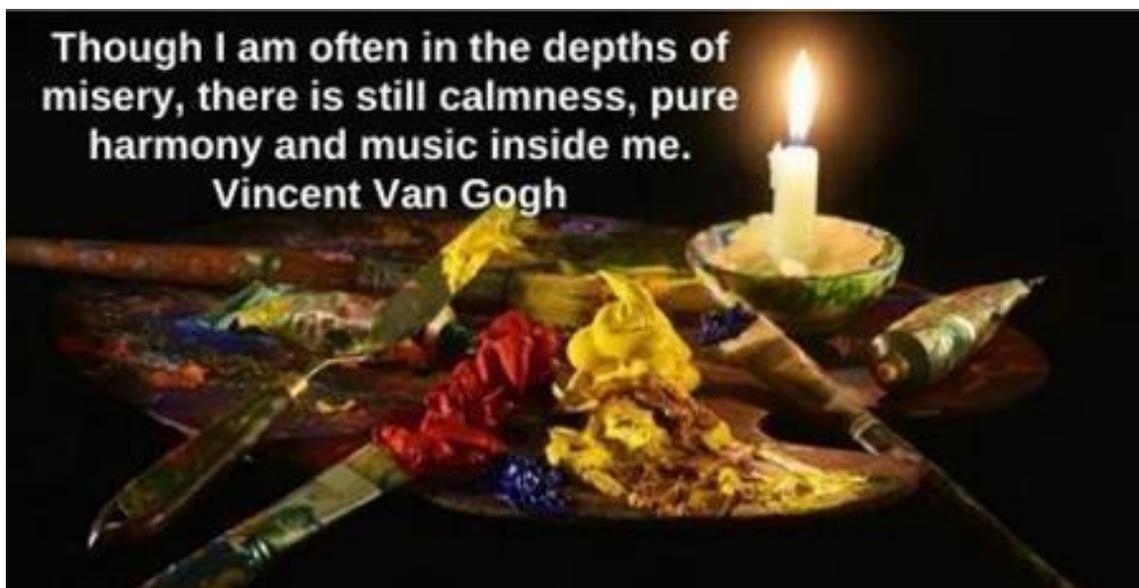
The theme for July: “Harmony”

We will meet for worship in the fellowship’s “Zoom Room.”

Click on <https://zoom.us/j/767376780> to enter the online worship service.

To join by telephone, please contact mcuuf1@gmail.com, as you will need a special code.

August 2: “What Does Our Chalice Ask of Us,” Martha Durkee-Neuman. Join us for this service about the history of our chalice symbol and what it asks of us today. Martha is a young adult who grew up in MCUUF and now serves as the director of religious education at First Parish Universalist in Malden, Massachusetts. She is a Master's of Divinity candidate at Harvard Divinity School. Martha will describe the history of our chalice symbol and connect it to the times we are living in through personal story and guiding questions. What are the bold risks for justice that our chalice calls us to enact today?"



Religious Exploration

(At home) Update

Hi there MCUUF Families,

This week is our final lesson of the "Creating Home" curriculum. This lesson is all about finding home in nature, and explores the life of Henry David Thoreau.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iYseYAcPU-RhKk-gJdNxHqK24FNDaUtl2cjdZNgECSc/edit?usp=sharing>

Join us for work parties at the FISH Food Bank garden every Wednesday this summer from 9 to 10 a.m. This week's forecast is for temps that are warm, warm, warm, so be sure to bring water, a hat,

and wear sunscreen. As always, email me with any questions or concerns at vonruden.elizabeth@gmail.com.

Wishing you all well. Peace,

Liz

Announcements

Let's Get Together (maybe)

The board has put together guidelines to use for in-person, outdoor gatherings. While we are not looking to encourage or promote in-person gatherings, as Zoom is still the safest option, we recognize the need for connection and face-to-face interaction (from a safe distance, of course). We ask that any committee or group considering a gathering make sure that all participants are comfortable with that choice and, if so, that the official protocols are followed. They can be found on our website or by clicking on this link:

<file:///C:/Users/Brad/Documents/MCUUF/Communications/MCUUF%20-%20Meeting%20Protocols%20for%20Gatherings.pdf>

We are making a difference by getting out the vote! Our UU the Vote project is shooting for the stars! Over 1,700 letters have been completed and will be mailed out in late October to underrepresented registered voters in Texas, encouraging them to vote. The organization that provides the list of voters, Vote Forward, states that these letters have increased voter participation by 2 – 3%. Kudos to our letter writers: Bonnie W, Tom K, Heidi V, Pam M, Debbie O, Stacey C, Ray K. and Steve C!

*****Ready to write and donate? ***Want to only donate? *****
Contact Cindy A.



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Coming soon to your home: hymnals! Watch the eNews for details coming soon from board member Pat E-B. about checking out MCUUF hymnals to use at home while our services are conducted on Zoom. There are a couple of steps before we are ready to check the books out, but we

wanted to let you know that the process will be implemented in the next couple of weeks. You will be able to schedule to come to Pat's house (about a mile from the Grange), and the books will be waiting for you on the front porch.

Make a difference in the upcoming elections

The League of Women Voters of Hood River and Klickitat counties is collaborating on a nonpartisan voter registration drive and get-out-the-vote this month for Washington's August primary election and for Oregon's general election. If you are interested in helping make a difference in the upcoming elections, this is the project for you. It will involve safely recruiting new voters in a fun, outdoors way. If you are intrigued about helping in Klickitat or Hood River Counties, please contact Fran F.

Community Corner

Aera A. has received this inquiry from a friend, Savannah T. B. Contact Aera if you can help:

"I am looking for a long term home for myself and two kiddos, 4 and 8. Aside from mothering, I have a small nursery business, growing medicinal and friendly plants in pots that I sell at a farmers market. My kids are with me more than half time and love climbing trees, riding bikes, gardening and follow their curiosities. We are both loud and quiet and usually at the expected times of the day. Ideally, the new home would include community, a place for a garden and outside play. The building could be a studio, a guest house, an apartment, a cabin or anything that provides comfort and a kitchen with rent under \$900. I could offer some hours of trade for organic yard care or possibly other plant oriented needs."

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