

Umpqua Unitarian Universalist Church
 2167 NW Watters
 Roseburg, OR 97471

UU MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Umpqua Unitarian Universalist Congregation is to create and maintain a diverse, caring community that encourages ethical, intellectual, and spiritual growth. To accomplish this mission, we covenant to welcome individuals and families; to share the joys and sorrows of life's passages; to educate children and adults in our UU Principles values and heritage, and to act personally and collectively on our UU principles and values in a larger world.

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 President.....Gary Pischke
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 Secretary.....Lucy Harrington
 Member At Large.....Jan Fritz
 Member at Large.....Gail Spitze
 Member at Large.....June Ervin

Committee Chairs
 Adult EnrichmentPaul Zegers & Lucy Harrington
 Art.....Lucille Alfred
 Cares & Concerns...Lorrie Agost-Caley & Pat Zemlin
 Building.....Mel Watts
 Green Sanctuary.....open.....
 Membership.....Lori Farmer
 Ministry.....Jim Pratt
 Music.....Elizabeth Herbert
 Office.....Gail Spitze
 Community Action.....Jim Terry
 Sunday Services.....Jim Pratt
 Volunteer Coordinator.....Judy Robertson
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UMPQUA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
August 2009



Sunday, August 2, 2009

“All Else is Waiting” Rev. Marge Keip

Rev. Keip from Grants Pass will be speaking on courage and risk; inspired by the anecdote about the Flying Wallendas.

Sunday, August 9, 2009

“The Abuse of God: And What We Can Do About It” Rev. Holmes

Are you sure you know who or what you do or do not truly believe about God? Let us take some time this Sunday and parse out the “real” God and if we find a God we are comfortable with, what we truly believe about this concept.

Sunday, August 16, 2009

“Safer To Be Silent?” Rev. Holmes

An atheist tells of their faith.

Sunday, August 23, 2009

“A Short Discussion of Faith and Fundamentalism” Rev. Holmes

Sunday, August 30, 2009

"Self-Evident Truths - is our society ready for them?" Doug Matheson

Doug Matheson from Klamath Falls will be our speaker. In being consumers of information in today's media saturated environment, we have to get better at recognizing bias, at reading between the lines. We need to become conscious of our own biases are. After sharing my own biases with you, I will apply them to current life in America, including political and economic aspects. I will challenge you to be willing to say things that aren't welcomed by others. To walk my talk, I will finish by saying a few things that I anticipate won't be entirely welcomed by most in the congregation.

Reverend's Riffs

"Why We Search For The Holy"

Because as Unitarian Universalists we have so many different ideas of God, salvation, heaven and hell, suffering and goodness, I believe that we may need a special time to devote to our quest for what is good and true in our lives. As many of us have put off the trappings of "religious" language of our youth, have we really done the search for what it is we believe about life and love now? As I listen to many of you share in different milieus, I am reminded again of the need to set aside some time in our busy lives and define what it is we do believe.

So, in that vein I am offering a special time for anyone who feels this may be the time in their life to do this worthy search. But, you may say, you have already have this great thing already defined in your life. Way to go, I would reply. But couldn't everyone, the searchers and

those who have found, all need a bit of reconnection in a loving community?



So, starting on **Wednesday, September 9th**, until **Wednesday, October 21st**, I will lead a time for us to do something different with our time, find new muscles and be open to a new experience. This class will go for 7 weeks. Seven weeks you say! Yes, I say,

because that is the time it will take to really formulate a new way of communicating with yourself and others. Remember how people in the know tell us that if we truly want to have a vacation that will benefit us, we have to take more than a few days to let go of the everyday world where we reside, and learn to relax. If vacations take time, imagine how much time we could give to our inner life, our quest for the holy and the sacred, our renewal with the forces that surround us, but often don't get

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maintains a relationship with the minister, acts as her spokesperson to the board and congregation. They evaluate the minister, ministry, and congregation and will help the minister celebrate any ministerial anniversaries, help the minister transition to another call if necessary, and assist in ensuring a smooth transition and completion of the Minister's Sabbatical which will be from January through April 2010).

Item: Discussion of Ad-Hoc Committee on the Vision

Action: Members are Jacie Pratt (chair), Lucy Harrington, Jan fritz and Dean Byers. This committee deals with what needs to be done to develop the church vision and will make a 5 year plan of goals. They look for specifics about what makes our church different and will evaluate whether or not children will be a part of our church mission.

Item: Discussion of Community Action Committee

Action: Members are Jim Terry and Hope Lindsay (co-chairs), Anna Slemmer, Kasha Claire, Patti Zachary, Phyllis Zegers. Committee will focus on the Ten Thousand Villages sale, Earth Day and the social concerns candle. We will continue the Sunday's candle donations. It was brought up that our church could take a weekend and work at the festival of lights building during the Christmas season. We could have a sale and keep the proceeds. Sara suggested that we also do a food drive or gift of warmth at the same time.

Item: Discussion of Music Committee

Action: Members are Elizabeth Herbert (chair), Marilyn Stevens, Gary Pischke, Beth Brown, Barb Alvis, Mary Grant, and Sara Byers. This committee chooses and recommends potential Music Directors to the Board (our current director is Roberta Hall). They arrange payment and the hiring of the Music Director and other Music Ministry members, such as assistants, pianists, and soloists. Amanda Moore, our current pianist, will be replaced in the fall. This committee act as a liaison between the congregation, the Board, the Minister, and other Choir Members. Annie suggested that we hire musicians from the city to play on Sunday. The bands could play our hymns in their genre (rock, blues, etc.) She suggested that we pay \$50 to these bands for such services. Annie said that the two main ways for a church to grow it to develop music and children's services. All members think this is a good idea. Annie wants the Music Committee to do some research on this topic. Roberta Hall, Jacie Pratt, and Connie Erickson were brought up as good people to ask about band ideas.

Next committee on committees meeting will be in October. Gary will make an announcement when it gets closer to that time.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Lomprey
Church Administrator

UUU Church Committee on Committees Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2009

Board members present: Rev. Annie Holmes, Gary Pishke, June Ervin, Paul Zegers, Sara Byers, Anna Slemmer, Claire Dalzell, and Marilynn Stevens.

Committee chairs present: Elizabeth Herbert (Music), Jacie Pratt (Vision adhoc), Judy Robertson (Ministry), Mel Watts (Building), and Lucy Harrington (AEO).

Guests: Jan Fritz, Doris Heyman

Item: Discussion of AEO Committee

Action: Current members are Gail Spitze, Julienne Demarsh, Lucy Harrington. All 2009-2010 AEO classes are scheduled.

Item: Discussion of Building Maintenance Committee

Action: Members are Mel Watts (chair), Ernie Alvis and Bernie Fox. The rental house work has all been completed. All members in favor of putting a sidewalk and parking spaces along fence in front of the church as it will make the church accessible to more individuals and organizations. We will replace, not Rotoroot the basement drain that caused the flooding because it is too small. Annie suggested that we add a couple thousand dollars to the Chalice lighters grant so we can afford to fix this problem. We will get estimates done so we have an idea what our expense will be. Annie wants the whole downstairs looked at by a contractor and ideas drawn up of a new design that is more practical for future church renters and an added children's program. She also wants to find a new way to heat the downstairs. Mel will find out where the drain connects to the sewer system. Sara volunteered Dean Byers to be in charge of getting the drain problem fixed.

Item: Discussion of Membership Committee

Action: Members are Lori Farmer (chair), Gail Spitze, Jan Fritz, Pat Zemlin, and June Ervin. Church greeters now get visitors information when they arrive. We are planning a concert series in the community. The first one is scheduled for September 19th. We need to find three groups to perform and hopefully draw people into the community. Our current goal is to get 10 new church members this year. Some possible ways to achieve this goal: A Mother's Day peace rally, a concert series, and a "bring a friend to church in the fall" program. There are currently no identified people wanting to join.

Item: Discussion of Ministry Committee

Action: Members are Judy Robertson (chair), Pat Zemlin, Mary Ann Wilcox. Committee

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a chance to be heard.

So, take the plunge, sign up in the back of church for a truly unique experience. It is always a crap shoot just how much will really change or be affected by these classes, but not trying at all is not an answer either.

I have come kicking and screaming to many of the changes in my life that have only benefitted me in the end. I share this because I know all your reasons for not putting yourself in the middle of a Medicine Wheel for example, I have said all those reasons to myself too. All I can say today, is that there is power here in the Medicine Wheel, in the people of this congregation and their goals and their desires and their earnest search for truth. In many ways I am starting from scratch in this search for a deeper life. I don't know always what is expected of me. There is so much unhealthy expectations out there, that often I am confused and sometimes insulted. That is why, when this seven sacred paths came my way, I sat up and pictured in my mind what it would be like to walk these paths with

many of you. It could be the greatest asset of who we are as liberal people, the absolute uniqueness of our beliefs and yet we are able to walk together.

Some of you are already wondering if you can sign up and miss a class or two when in the brochure that was sent out it stated that you needed to come to them all to sign up at all. That is an expectation I have, but wouldn't five or six paths done with an open mind be better than none done at all? And I have to say yes. So, even if you have to miss a class or two, please come when you can. Our lives are busy, and just because I picked these dates, that doesn't mean they are good for your life.

We search for the holy because it is the right thing to do. We define in our UU way what is of importance to us because that is the path of the seeker. Whether you are Buddhist, atheist, agnostic, Taoist, Theist or not sure, these paths are about being human, so come one, come all.

See you in church, Annie

UUU AUCTION FUNDRAISER

This is a reminder to all of you who are organizing events, fieldtrips etc. from the 2008 auction. Please be sure to schedule your event and call the participants. Events and fieldtrips have been the best money makers. Everyone enjoys the geology fieldtrips (led by Gary and Elizabeth), the art workshops led by Jemma Crae, the garden tours organized by Dana and Connie and the special dinners!

PLEASE be thinking of an event or fieldtrip that you are willing to organize for the 2009 UUU Auction. The August 15th fieldtrip to Aprovecho earned about \$500 for the 2008 UUU auction and the women's trip to Portland earned over \$700. The movie night at Dean and Sara Byers is a great example of an event! This year more than ever we need your creative ideas.

The 2009 UUU Auction is scheduled for Oct 24th. We need an event organizer for this year's auction. Connie Erickson has organized the last two auctions. She will be traveling in Guatemala this year in Oct. Connie has agreed to work with the new auction organizer. She has a complete folder on how to organize the auction. Remember this is our biggest fundraising event! Please note: Sara Byers is the Auction Committee chair so please contact her with any questions.



The new Toltec I Ching written by a friend of the UU's, William D. Horden is now out in publication. It is a book of great wisdom from the ancient mesoamerican culture, the Toltecs and the ancient Chinese culture. It is written with clarity for the western mind and it is beautifully illustrated by Martha Ramirez, an accomplished muralist painter. Visit the website for a review of the book and a blog on how to use it. www.thetolteciching.com. The difference with this book is that it is written with the "peacetime" order of the hexagrams as opposed to the previous renderings based on a war-time order. The book is useful as an oracle to give a reflection of the present situation and what it is changing into (near future) or as a mere book of reflection and contemplation by looking at the situations that attract your attention and then reading about them. Hope you enjoy this 20-year work of scholarly study and creativity.
Leonor Horden



August 2009

Musings

Gary Pischke
Church President

We lucked out. It is not quite mid summer and we have renters in the house. We fixed up the house quite a bit to make it acceptable. But we should be able to recover our costs in rent over time. The renters are nurses, which may help in an emergency at the church.

The joint service on July 12 was a success, even though it was not at the half shell. We were rained and thundered out, but the sun shown at 5 for the service. The singing of the two choirs was awesome and added a lot to the energy of the peace service. The house was packed to the back. We should have those more often was the general thought after the service.

We are working on a chalice lighter grant for an increasingly longer list of repairs and improvements to the existing facility. The prime goal was to add a ADA ramp and parking so that the lower floor can be accessed. The ramp will help with community events and with our own events. The improvement will help us as a church reach out into the community more.

We need more help with the Auction Committee and with a Finance/ Canvass Committee. At the board meeting, we set up the initial framework for both committees. But board members shouldn't have the run the committees. So if you have a hankering to be on a different committee, now is the time to move from your existing one to a new one, and bring new energy.

The Sunday Services Committee is working on the programs for the time that Annie is on Sabbatical from January to April 2010. We also have other programs to think of during that time. More to think of.

Treasurer's Report

This Treasurer's Report and the Budget Report June 30, 2009 represents the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Our total pledges for 2009-2010 are \$77,166.00. We received one pledge this month and one pledge was reduced because of a reversal in income.

Fish Contributions for June **\$383.00** plus food collected for the month.

Total pledge income received in **June was \$11,129.00**

Total Plate Cash income received in **\$311.00**

Our plate cash give away in June of **\$184.00** went to the Boys and Girls Club.

The Fish Pantry contributions were **\$383.08** plus collected food.

Total Income was **\$12,367.55**. Total expense were **\$8,264.86** (Income & expenses include the Pass through money).

Actual Church Income was **\$11,800.55**. Actual Church Expense was **\$7881.86**.

Minister salary and expense for June was **\$4,884.25**.

G. Stiles Realty has rented the Peace House and we have received the first income check in the amount of \$1035.00. Thank you Anna Slemmer for all of your time and effort. We also want to thank you for all that you do, especially for those new drapes that suddenly appeared, the sparkling windows and extra cleaning touches given to that project.

Our Membership is 63 members and 49 friends of the Church.

Doris Heyman, Treasurer

Announcement

Starting **Sunday, August 9th** there will be a change in the Order of Service and the way we celebrate our time together on Sunday morning. The change will be in the addition of the **three part meditation** that was so beloved by those who attended the first service when we had two services. This meditation will consist of: a short reading, silence and music.

It will come right before the sermon and after the hymn. If we are talking all the time, it is very difficult to listen. I would like our service to have a balance to it, a time for laughter, a time for songs, a time for sharing, but also a time to go deeper and know that we are in the presence of the holy. Hence the addition of this three part meditation time. See how you feel about it after we try it for a few months and let Jim Pratt, chair of the Sunday Services Committee know how you feel about it as part of our Sunday morning service.

New and Not-So-New Member Bio

Meet **LORRIE AGOST-CALEY**

By: Sheila Lawrence



Born in Des Moines, Iowa into a navy career family, Lorrie spent her childhood on the road, covering both East and West Coasts, attending 18 grade schools and 4 high schools – however, she did manage to earn a B.A. as an Art Major at the University of Oregon.

Lorrie settled in Roseburg in 1957, where her husband, had set his sights on setting up an Optometry Practice. It was here in Roseburg, that Lorrie, teaching bible studies at a church met a friend who taught her about Unitarianism and Universalism. In fact, Lorrie was one of twenty five people who met at the old Umpqua Hotel to set up the Unitarian Fellowship, the first of its kind in Roseburg. She has also had a long career (20years) at teaching English as a second language at UCC to students who came from 36 countries around the globe.

As in many families, divorce happens, but as luck would have it, Lorrie met Ted Gordon, who (proudly) called himself a second generation Unitarian, but who actually worked at being a metal sculptor, a probation officer in the Child Development System and, in his spare time, a wonderful chef. Their union lasted for 16 years before Ted's passing, but as fortune would have it, one of Ted's best friends, Eldon Caley, who Lorrie had been acquainted with for some 40 years, began a relationship that ended in marriage that Rev. Annie performed. Lorrie laughs when she says, "When we combine our families, who know each other because they attended school together, we have 30 people."

In speaking of a belief system, Lorrie says she is terribly spiritual due to her Grandson Clay's passing as a result of an auto accident ten years ago. Having accompanied Ted to Central America due to Ted's interest in Mayan Civilization, she lit a candle for her Grandson in a local church, when suddenly a white butterfly appeared. The following morning, white butterflies surround the cabin they had rented for the night and then landed at her feet. She can't explain the spiritual energy but she knows it's there. For Lorrie, who is a precious soul, it appears she has derived the knowledge of her own personal universe and feels she is a better person because of it.

Lorrie has three children, a son Joe who lives in Santa Rosa, a daughter Leann who resides in Eugene, and a second son Bret, who lives in Portland - they have produced five grandchildren. A staunch member of the Cares and Concerns Committee, Lorrie has also been heavily involved in Adult Education In producing biographies each month, I have to say because of the enlightened and gifted people who inhabit our sacred place, how extraordinarily fortunate we are to have such a unique congregation.

UUU Church Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the UUUC Board of Directors

June 8, 2009



Board members present: Rev. Annie Holmes, Gary Pishke, June Ervin, Paul Zegers, Sara Byers, Anna Slemmer, Claire Dalzell, and Marilyn Stevens. Guests: Jan Fritz, Doris Heyman

Item: Treasurer's Report: Doris - month of June update

Action: We have \$77,100 in pledge money and our projected income is \$105,967, which should be attainable with the chalice grant and fundraisers. We should have all Domini fund debt paid back by next summer. We pay \$115 a month to G.Stiles Realty. In all, we get \$1035 each month from the rental.

Item: Treasurer- Discussion of replacement; June, Sara and Gary with Kara gathering data

Action: Kara puts all bills and income into Quicken. June makes the deposits. Gary will do the spreadsheet and treasurer's report. Gary and Anna now sign all checks issued by the church.

Item: Rental House- house is rented

Action: We now have renters in the rental house.

Item: Discussion of Church Audit by State of Oregon: Doris

Action: Everything is taken care of at this point. Doris will have our tax consultant come out at the end of the second quarter to make sure we submit all documents correctly.

Item: Flood damage- lower floor, insurance coverage

Action: We paid \$155 for the carpet cleaning and the carpet pad removal because we had a \$500 deductible. Doris will see if the pipe problem is covered by insurance.

Item: Chalice Lighter Grant- access to first floor for ADA requirements; other improvements on building; application asks for "growth plan"

Action: Gary asked Beth Brown to find the last chalice lighter application because she submitted that one. We need to have a "growth plan" on there. It needs to be submitted by July 31st.

Item: Words from the vision list

Action: Gary has given it to Jacie Pratt and it is moving along.

Item: OWL (Our Whole Lives) training - instruction

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Action: PWND will pay us \$35 per person. We need homes and food for about 20 people. We need them to give us a tentative date before we can say that we want to do it for sure. All members agree.

Item: Use of building for "Cash Flow" game- request from Patti Zachery

Action: It was decided that since Patti is not a member, she will need to contact Mary Ann Wilcox to pay the rental fee which is \$10 for 4 hours if they decide to use our facility.

Item: Fourth Sunday board with congregation meetings discussion

Action: This will start in September. Annie suggested we could call it "Behind the Pulpit" and people could discuss with the board members various topics (decided ahead of time) after the church service on the fourth Sunday. We would put the topics in newsletter and OOS.

Item: Discussion of possible Board retreat in September or October

Action: This date is tentatively set for September 26 from 9-5pm. Annie offered her home as the location. We will discuss again at next month's meeting.

Item: Discussion of organizing a new Finance Committee

Action: Annie wants to form a finance committee right away so they can work on the canvass for next year. Annie suggested Joyce Swanson and June volunteered to ask her to be on the committee. Paul Zegers agreed to be on the Finance Committee instead of the Committee of Ministry.

Item: Discussion of church auction on October 24th

Action: Connie has a notebook with data to help at this event. Sara Byers said she would be in charge of the auction committee, per se. June and Marilyn said they would help too. Paul Zegers suggested Gardener Chappell be in charge of decorations at the auction. The theme could be "Harvest of Hope".

Item: Discussion of a new building fund

Action: Annie suggested that we start a new building fund for when we decide to get a new location for the church. Marilyn suggested calling it a "wish fund". Anna Slemmer said she would bring in a jar.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 12, 6:30pm at the UUUC.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Lomprey
Church Administrator

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9 10:30am - Sunday Service "The Abuse of God: And What We Can Do About It"- Rev. Holmes	10	11	12 Noon - Mindfulness Meditation 6:30pm - Board Meeting @ Church	13	14 11:00am - Membership Meeting @ Church	15 12:30-3:30pm - Shamanic Journey Circle with Sharon Haag <i>Newsletter Articles Due!</i>
16 10:30am - Sunday Service "Safer To Be Silent?"- Rev. Holmes	17	18	19 Noon-Mindfulness Meditation	20	21	22
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