



# The Chalice and the Flame

*Diverse people. Diverse beliefs. One community.*

*A Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem, OR*

## August 2016

Our month of August "Share the Plate" recipient: *Family Building Blocks*

UUCS Tagline: *Diverse people. Diverse beliefs. One community.*

### Help Homeless Families, July 31 to August 7

There are still opportunities to volunteer as one of two overnight hosts each evening in our building to help homeless families in the Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network (SIHN). One or two hosts are needed on August 2, 3, 4 and 6. Also needed are a helper or two for Sunday dinner, Wednesday dinner, Saturday dinner, as well as several evening hosts. Can you help? Contact the coordinators at [sihn.coordinators@usalem.org](mailto:sihn.coordinators@usalem.org)

### Pet animals at UUCS - new Policy

Due to the dander that pet animals emit or shed, the Board made a decision to **no longer allow any animals into our building effective August 7, 2016**. This decision is based upon the serious concerns some members have shared regarding allergic reactions. However, certified service animals are always welcome.

An exception to this policy is Animal Blessing Sunday, when all animals are welcome. Also, special dispensations can be made for a pre-approved event with Board's approval. Animals can be kept outside the church as the owners feel appropriate. Board member John Prohovsky will work with the Facilities Team to create the written procedures by September 2016.

### UUCS Ride-Share Program Start-Up

As we all receive notices every so often, many in our congregation need help getting to Sunday service. If you can help, or if you need a ride, please enroll in our new program at [goo.gl/forms/o9QQqOUbSp](http://goo.gl/forms/o9QQqOUbSp). Questions? [ben.cavaletto@gmail.com](mailto:ben.cavaletto@gmail.com)

### Call for Talent and Passion in Newsletter production, Websites, Publicity, or Photography!

As our dependable newsletter editor team is moving to Central Oregon, the Communications team (that includes newsletter production) is looking for a few volunteers to join our group.

As Sharon Pierson takes over newsletter editorial duties, we specifically need a writer for the newsletter column, "News of the Community." And if you like to reach out online, with visual messages or with the written word, the Communications team is for you. Basic email and computer familiarity is needed for most jobs. We will train on the technical aspects.

Come and see where you might fit in: special projects, website maintenance, newsletter production and editing, publicity (design, written, and online), photography, and electronic media.

Come to our next meeting, the last Monday of each month at 4 pm at the church (August 29 is our next meeting), or contact Vicki Cunningham. [vickicunningham11003@gmail.com](mailto:vickicunningham11003@gmail.com)

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## *Lifespan Religious Exploration*

### ~ Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

**August** is upon us! Summer Religious Exploration (RE) is always a great time to enjoy visitors to our program, and spend a lot more time outside together. Yay for nice weather!

I have been thankful for the weather while on my sabbatical, but I also miss the routine of spending time with your children & youth on Sundays. That is what makes my job much more than “just a job” It makes it a “heart job.”

I had not heard it put that way until, in a check-out line, someone asked what I do for a career. Saying "I am a Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration" made them say, "It sounds like it is your heart job!" They were exactly right!

[Tinybuddha.com](http://Tinybuddha.com) had an article I recently read entitled, *4 Myths about Doing What You Love for Work*, by Lori Deschene. If you do not already feel like your job is your “heart job”, this article can lead you through some myths that might be holding you back from pursuing a new path. Feeling good about what you do so much of your week for income really can fulfill you in a spiritual way I had not counted on in my journey.

Part of why directing at UUCS is my “heart job” is the time we put in each Sunday thinking about and working on our RE Offering project. It is so rewarding to fulfill our program year goal to help a local organization. In September, we will be making plans for the next recipient for the RE Offering Project. Ideas for local organizations in need of children & youth involvement and a financial contribution would be appreciated. Over the last three years, we have brought the offering to life by connecting the children to the community. We collected grain for Green Acres Farm Sanctuary and watched it stack up. We delivered it and volunteered for them. They also came to speak with the children and do a presentation during our year.

We have collected money for an organization, Lydia's Love, when we heard they were in need of funds for gifts for a homeless shelter's children's birthdays. The owner came and shared why the company was started and visited with the children. We raised over \$400 and put on a wonderful birthday party!

This year, our collection of peanut butter and jelly brought to life an awareness of the needs of people for food who may not always be able to afford groceries.

So with those particular examples in mind, you could help me plan a new project. The children and I have been talking about something that may benefit a nursing home or assisted living facility. Keep me posted on your suggestions and talk with your children about what they would like to see us do! Thanks for your help!

Another way to help RE is to become a **famous Unitarian Universalist interpreter** for RE. "What is that" you ask? Well, it is an opportunity to study a UU in history that interests you, dress-up to look like the person, visit RE as this historical person, share some information with the children & youth and be able to answer impromptu questions they might have about your character. If you are interested in helping me bring UU history to life this next program year, PLEASE let me know!

Finally, volunteers for our 2016-2017 program year are needed. Please see page 4 for more details! Thank you very much for considering these opportunities.

As we get closer to September, watch for information on how to register your children for the Religious Exploration 2016-2017 program year. We will be doing this on-line this year! Woohoo!

I look forward to seeing you all again soon, Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>!

*In peace and until next time, Christi*

Christi J Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

# News of the UUCS community and Beyond

## Health matters

**Mary Hart's** knee surgery was on July 12; she came home the next day and is doing fine, with Lifelines volunteers and neighbors doing the driving. Also, **brother Keith York** had a fall in June, hurt his back but nothing broken, also still suffers from post-shingles pain. Our best wishes for improved health for both, Keith and Mary.

Our dear member **Paul Manka** underwent a surgical procedure last Thursday for a diagnosed bladder cancer. Paul let us know that the operation went well, and the surgeon believes he got all of it, but the pathology results won't be known for a week or two. Other than discomfort of the catheter, and hassle dealing with the collection bag, Paul is recuperating well and has to take it easy for a couple of weeks. All of us at UUCS wish him well and are glad everything went so smoothly.

## Caught in the Act of Kindness

Who might be the most helpful, patient, and most available person at UUCS? No doubt, there is no other office manager in the State of Oregon who could out-perform our own **Samantha Scales**. She knows how to handle any challenge, and makes sure that all the facts are on the table before she addresses the problem. She never loses her cool. Instead, she stays objective and transparent, with a smile. Thank you Samantha for all you do!

### August 'Share the Plate' recipient: *Family Building Blocks – Services and Results*

- Work to prevent Child abuse and neglect;
- Helping more than 1,100 babies, toddlers, and preschoolers per year;
- Fewer children involved in the child welfare system;
- Reduced foster-care placement.

Website: [Family Building Blocks](#) ; Phone: 503-566-2132

## Accomplishments and Changes

**Baby Girl!** Our sweet Penélope Lane Amend was born on July 13 at eight pounds 6 ounces and 20.75 inches long. Mom is doing great and Dad is loving his time with his daughter. Our three boys are being great helpers and we are all so excited to finally have our new edition here with us. Life is so good. I have attached a picture. Thanks so much and hope to be seeing you soon! Aimee Larsen-Amend

**Sabbatical** - After 18 years getting to know Salem, the Willamette Valley, and UUCS, **Mike** and **Petra Berger** have decided to spend the next two years exploring eastern Oregon. They are taking a sabbatical from all of Salem-based commitments during that time.

Petra has already signed up as site coordinator for an elementary school reading program, and will spend time with her family there. Mike loves the idea of taking advantage of being under clear skies for much of the year. He wants to explore the night sky, and plans to fulfill his dream by building a small observatory at their second home a few miles out and up from downtown. They will definitely miss their friends and activities at UUCS. Their email and phone numbers remain the same.

**The Facilities team** – front and center of UUCS's daily happenings – is so lucky to have long-time member **Joel Martin** helping to solve the challenge with our inadequately functioning Heating /Cooling system. With encouragement from **Mark Kendall**, and his two team Co-leaders **Tom Lancefield** and **Brian Kirkpatrick**, as well as **John Prohodsky**, Joel finally took it to a promising next step in all its detail. An expert engineer has been engaged to evaluate exactly what is wrong - and right - with our current system. At this stage, we thank Joel's thorough project work, and look forward to the engineer's report.

**Mary Gear** wants us to know that we may not see her at church much for the next few months. In August she will be saying goodbye to the UU Fellowship of McMinnville where she has served as the part-time minister for the past year. It has been a great year and she is sorry to say goodbye. In August, after several weeks of school on campus at Starr King in Berkeley, Mary will return to Salem to begin her 3-month internship as a chaplain at the Oregon State Hospital.

## The Spirit of UU – Among us & Beyond us

### UUCS message about our Middle and High school youth (*Christi Olsen, RE Dir.*)

Do we want them to feel valued and supported? Do we want them to feel that their needs and spiritual journeys are important to us? If we do, we at UUCS are not quite telling them that message.

When too few adults want to spend time with them and volunteer to be youth advisors, I believe we are telling them that they are Not important!! They all are aware of our dilemma! For **too long**, we have been struggling with one to two advisors for each of these age groups. This simply does not work! Though these few people were very dedicated, it still leads to burning out.

We need to create a team of twelve people, six for each age group, that can all share the collective responsibility of being youth advisors. We are asking that each advisor volunteer during second service **for one Sunday a month**. There will be a First Friday activity outside of UUCS, each month, that will require two advisors. This responsibility will be rotated every third month. There will be one meeting every month with me, and dinner will be provided. I am excited about these curriculum components, and I hope you are too!

It is expected that your team of advisors communicate during the week, so that we build a cohesive team from Sunday to Sunday!

There will be three weekend events in October, January and April that will require one to two advisors to attend (if we have youth attending). Your expense will be covered by RE.

If you have been a member (or attending) UUCS for a minimum of a year or a verifiable time at another congregation, I would love to see you consider this important work for UUCS!

**THANK YOU to those who have already come forward to support our youth!** We are on the right track for making this team a reality, but we still have far to go! If you would like more information, please give me a call or email me, and we can talk more about this important opportunity. [christi@uusalem.org](mailto:christi@uusalem.org).

### Sustainability Tips for the UUCS community

**Alter your driving habits:** Small changes to driving style can make a big difference in carbon emissions.

- **Stop idling:** An idling car gets 0 miles per gallon. If parked or stuck in a gridlocked traffic jam, turn it off.
- **Accelerate gently:** Hard acceleration just takes you to the gas station faster.
- **Reduce your speed:** Think about how much more energy it takes to run than walk. Now think about how much more gas your car uses at 70 mph than at 55 mph.

## Find Your Niche

### Capitol Pride event

The social justice team has obtained a space at Capitol Pride on Saturday, August 6th at Riverfront Park to show the LGBTQI+ community that we stand with them, welcome them, and mourn with them after the shooting in Orlando, FL. If possible, we could use help with the following:

Table staffing. Capitol Pride runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. My hope is that we can have two people per 2-hour shift. Informational materials would be provided. Volunteers would be there to answer any questions event goers might have about UUCS or Unitarian Universalism in general. Set up and take down would also be included with the first and last "shifts". If you are so gracious as to help, please sign up for one of the following shifts. Accommodations can be made for your schedule:

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Setup. And Table staffing.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Table staffing.

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. - Table staffing and Break down.

Please let me know if you have questions and/or if you can help. My email address: [chaddiwicker@outlook.com](mailto:chaddiwicker@outlook.com)

### Wild Blackberry Pickers Wanted for Pie Day this Fall

Combine a trip to a farm or to a park with fundraising for UUCS! Susan MacGinnis has wild blackberries on her farm, or you could pick at Minto Brown or other parks. As a bonus, you can eat all you like as you pick! Call Susan for directions and crop information. We need about 50 pounds of frozen wild blackberries for Pie Day, the weekend before Thanksgiving. On that Saturday, about 20 volunteers roll up their sleeves and put



together 200 pies in 3 or 4 hours. It is fun and fundraising! We bake them and then sell them the next day as a fundraiser for UUCS.

If you pick wild blackberries, freeze them in quart bags (4 cups is about 2 pounds) and report how much you have to Vicki Cunningham. She can also point you toward people with freezer space if you have no room to store them. Extra fruit can be sold.

We already have enough Marion berries, blueberries, and rhubarb, and only a few pie cherries (12 pies worth). We have commitments for the apples and raspberries (to make rhubarb raspberry pie). If you want to be on the "Board of Crusteeze" to make the pies, email Vicki to be put on the list.

### **UUCS Sunday Coffee Servers**

Your wonderful Coffee volunteer coordinators are asking for people to **sign up for coffee service**. There is a **large sign-up sheet** posted in the Fellowship hall **on the Bulletin board**. They also thank all those who have been so loyal in their call to coffee making over this past church year.

So please give serious consideration to the need for your help to sign up.

Love and Light to all of you, Arrhiannon and Brian

### **Kairos Community Lunch**

Help celebrate summer by making a meal for your fellow community members on **Sunday, August 28, 12:30 p.m.** Volunteers from UUCS are invited to join together to prepare and serve lunch to those in need through the Kairos Community Lunch program at St. Mark Lutheran Church (Marion & Winter St.). This is one of four or five service dates throughout the year. Dress comfortably, all foodstuffs are provided. Please join us for an immediate way to give back to your community.

We'll be cleaned up and out by 3:30 p.m. Older children may serve with their grown-up. It really is great fun and very satisfying. Please sign up at the Social Justice table on Sundays.

We are always looking for new (and seasoned!) volunteers to help prepare and serve lunch to those in need from the kitchen at St. Mark Lutheran - (summer is especially difficult!) So please join us.

Questions? Call Mary Beth Hustoles at 503-587-7949 or email [mbhustoles@gmail.com](mailto:mbhustoles@gmail.com).

### **State-wide Annual meeting of UU Voices of Justice at UUCS this Oct. 15 – need hosts**

Hear Ye... Hear Ye...

Our Salem Unitarian Congregation will be hosting the annual meeting of the **UU Voices for Justice** on October 15th. We will need families willing to have members from throughout the State stay at their homes so they can attend. Please advise Cecilia Craig at [cccraig24@yahoo.com](mailto:cccraig24@yahoo.com) or 949 235-8577 if you can accommodate them. Thank you

### **THE BLESSING OF VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR CHILDREN'S R. E. PROGRAM**

Volunteers are what make our Religious Exploration program possible! We do not have paid staff to fill all of the positions needed to support our growing program. We have a variety of positions available to fulfill you on Sundays! For the Nursery Care and Wisdom of Wondering, we ask that you choose the same Sunday for each month (every first Sunday, or every second Sunday, etc.) for a total of 9 hours for the year. Please note, we ask volunteers to attend a **"Welcome Back to RE Dessert and Orientation" will be September 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 – 8:15 pm in the RE Commons**. Sign-ups for volunteers will be in the foyer.

**Nursery Care (infants – two yrs old) Volunteer** = volunteers spend time playing with our youngest UUs. The service can be heard in the nursery.

**Wisdom of Wondering (preschool – fifth grade) Class Support Volunteer** = spend time with the children supporting the learning generated by the story lesson provided. If you are interested in reading a story and leading a discussion, this can be added to your volunteer role with advance planning.

**Advisors for Chalice Youth ( Middle School) and YRUU (High School)** = one Sunday a month, one dinner meeting a month, one "First Friday" outing every third month, a possible weekend over-night outing in October, January, or April divided among advisors, as needed.

**Social Justice Advisor** = share your passion for social justice projects and help the youth develop volunteer opportunities and projects to benefit the community. This is the same Sunday each month. You will collaborate and be supported by one of the youth advisors.

**UU Historical Interpreter**= Study a famous UU, dress like the UU you choose, present information about your character and be able to answer questions from children /youth about your UU.

**RE Team Member**= Become part of the Religious Exploration Team. Meetings are held monthly and communication is done via google group as needed. RE Team members support the Religious Exploration program by being a part of discussions that are effecting the program. Help with special projects as needed and if available. Support the Director of Religious Exploration with Director goals and program goals.

**RE Youth Advisor 'Welcome Back' Dinner Meeting:** Tues, Aug. 23, 6:15 -8:00 p.m., RE Commons

Youth Advisors, please note, this is a required dinner meeting before the program year starts;

You are welcome to attend the Welcome Back Dessert as well; however, it's not required!

I look forward to spending time with you all! Christi Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

*In faith and until next time, Christi*

Christi J Olsen Director of UUCS Lifespan Religious Exploration

### **Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education Trainings for 2016 & 2017**

Below is a list of OWL (Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education) training classes being offered very close to home. UUCS offers these classes every other year. If you have been interested in becoming a facilitator for OWL, and have been part of our congregation for a year or more, please contact Christi and consider going to a training. These trainings are also open to individuals who may want to offer these classes for other venues.

There are two OWL Trainings of various levels coming up and listed below. Trainings are offered by both UUA and UCC denominations. Please refer to these links for more information.

**August 26-28** - Deadline: **August 10**, 2016 or when full; Cost: \$225; **Level: Secondary**

Location: Eastrose Fellowship UU, Portland, OR

Sponsor: Pac West Region of the UUA

Registration: [www.uua.org/re/owl/trainings/calendar/portland-owl-7-12-training?month=2016-08](http://www.uua.org/re/owl/trainings/calendar/portland-owl-7-12-training?month=2016-08)

**November 11-13** - Cost: \$250 before Sept 1, \$275 after; Level: **All Levels**

Location: Pilgrim Firs Camp and Conference Center, Port Orchard, WA

Sponsor: PNUCC and PNWD UUA

## **Happenings and Highlight**

### **AUGUST PARTNER CHURCH PROJECT**

As is becoming traditional in the month of August, we will be collecting Over-The-Counter pain relievers and vitamins B and C to send to our partner church in Simenfalva, Transylvania, Romania. As we discovered in an earlier visit, analgesics are very expensive there, and many households do not have them on hand. Also, our partner minister's wife, Dr. Csilla Szen, has suggested that older people need vitamins B and C, in particular. Csilla, who practices in a nearby village, and the local doctor in Simenfalva share the donations and dispense them as needed. Your help in making life more comfortable for our Transylvania friends will be much appreciated.

Please place your donations in the basket on the Social Justice table in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much!  
Jean Sherbeck ([jean@sherbeck.net](mailto:jean@sherbeck.net))

### **A week in Hawaii this Fall?**

The Strubles' timeshare week is for sale to the highest bidder. The unit is one bedroom, plus a sofa bed in the living room for a maximum of four people. It also contains a full kitchen, washer, dryer, and of course a lanai. It is in a resort a little north of Kona on the Big Island.

The minimum price is \$1500, which will go to UUCS. **Send your bids to George and Elsa Struble by August 15;** they are available at 503-364-3929 to answer questions, but you can also consult previous buyers: Nicholson-Nelsons, Joan Erickson, Kendalls, and Carvers. The week should be used in 2016, but Christmas week is not available. GOOD LUCK!

## ORDINATION

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem  
Cordially invites you to the ordination of  
**Theresa Inés Soto**  
into the Unitarian Universalist ministry

Monday, September 5th, Two Thousand Sixteen  
at 2 o'clock p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem  
5090 Center St, NE Salem, OR 97317  
Dessert reception to follow at 3:30 p.m.

Religious Professionals and Seminarians are invited to robe at 1:30 p.m.

Service 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Dessert Reception 3:30 p.m.

Childcare will be available 1:30-4:00 (Clergy and religious professionals, please advise if childcare is needed)

R.S.V.P. to email: [pastortheresa@theresalovesyou.com](mailto:pastortheresa@theresalovesyou.com) Phone: 503-364-0932

For more information, see [www.uusalem.org](http://www.uusalem.org)

## Monthly Membership News

### Membership Directory

If you chose to be included in the Membership Directory, you received an email providing a simple online access. The needed password was also included. Please take a few minutes to review your entry in the online directory and call or email the UUCS office if you want to make any corrections. If you don't have a picture in the directory or want a retake, pictures will be taken Sunday, August 7 during Fellowship hour. Remember that print copies of the directory may be requested by calling the UUCS office.

### Membership Leadership Changes

The Membership Team is pleased to announce that **Brenna Norvall** will be the new co-chair. She will take over that role on August 2. Carolyn Woodman, current co-chair, will devote her energy promoting membership volunteer opportunities and supporting working committees.

Additional new committee leadership roles include:

- **Sarah Rohrs**, Ongoing Membership Directory Update
- **Caroline Bridges**, Visitor Gift Pack Production
- **Cecelia Craig**, Pathway to Membership Team

## The Calendar

### Event Scheduling and Rescheduling

To schedule an event at UUCS, go to the website ([uusalem.org/Calendar](http://uusalem.org/Calendar)). While you are on the calendar page, click on the Event Scheduling Request Form link to reserve the room and time. If you later need to reschedule your meeting or event, please submit a new Event Scheduling Request Form **and** follow up with an email to [office@uusalem.org](mailto:office@uusalem.org) asking that your prior meeting or event time be cancelled. If you don't have access to email, call the office; leave a message if your call isn't answered. Please do not ask office staff to remember spoken information when they're away from their desks.

### September Newsletter Deadline - Friday, September 2

#### Help Homeless Families, July 31 to Aug 7.

To help, please contact the coordinators at  
[sihn.coordinators@uusalem.org](mailto:sihn.coordinators@uusalem.org)

#### Membership Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 2, 6:30 p.m.

#### UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, August 3, 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

A welcoming place for meditation practice.  
Session I is for experienced meditation practitioners.  
Session II provides attendees with basic instruction,  
and explanation. The last hour, 8 to 9 p.m., is for

discussion, compassion, about how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

### **UU 101**

Thursday, August 4, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of discussion about Unitarian Universalism, the history, the movement, and what it means to be a UU. The discussion is designed for those who are new to Unitarian Universalism, but all are welcome and encouraged to come and share their experiences.

### **Dances of Universal Peace**

Friday, August 5, 7:00 p.m.

Simple, easy-to-learn movements and songs honoring spiritual traditions from around the world. The dances bring together sacred phrases from the world's religious traditions in heart-awakening circle dances dedicated to peace within and without. See SalemDances.com for more information.

### **Membership Open House**

Sunday, August 7, 11:30 a.m.

Do you have questions about your membership at UUCS? Questions about what it means to be a member of UUCS? You are invited to stop by the front office and chat with our Office Manager, Samantha Scales. And, if you are ready to become a member, the Membership Book will be open and available to sign.

### **Social Justice Discussion Group**

Monday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.

The Social Justice in Action Team invites you to join us to discuss current social justice topics in an informal setting. Topics will be decided by participants. This meeting will be in addition to our regular monthly meeting, but will be more focused on allowing people to talk about issues in a deeper way than we have time for in our 'business' meetings. No commitment to attend both meetings is expected or required. Please join us with an open mind, an open heart, and open ears. If you are able, please consider bringing a snack or non-alcoholic beverage to share. Hope to see you there!

### **Salem Covenant of UU Pagans Business Mtg.**

Monday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.

Monthly business meeting for the executive team of Salem Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans, discussing items that are relevant to the spiritual and business needs of the group, planning for events, and addressing and supporting the greater pagan community at UUCS. The meeting is open to anyone to attend.

### **UU Compassionate Mind Sangha**

Wednesday, August 10, 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A welcoming place for meditation practice. Session I is for experienced meditation practitioner. Session II provides attendees with basic instruction, and explanation. The last hour, 8 – 9 p.m., is for discussion, compassion, about how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

### **Board Meeting**

Thursday, August 11, 6:00 p.m.

### **Compassionate Connection**

Sunday, August 14, 11:30 a.m.

Are you going through a hard time? Would you like to feel the compassionate support of others? Please join us in the front of the sanctuary, following service, for Compassionate Connection, a time when we lay our hands upon those in distress and our minister offers a prayerful reflection. We also invite other members to join us and offer compassionate support.

### **Worship Team Meeting**

Monday, August 15, 6:00 p.m.

### **UU Compassionate Mind Sangha**

Wednesday, August 17, 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A welcoming place for meditation practice. Session I is for experienced meditation practitioner. Session II provides attendees with basic instruction, and explanation. The last hour, 8 – 9 p.m., is for discussion, compassion, about how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

### **Microfinance Committee meeting**

Wednesday, August 17, 6:00 p.m.

Please contact the office for the location of the meeting.

### **Dances of Universal Peace**

Thursday, August 18, 7:00 p.m.

Simple, easy-to-learn movements and songs honoring spiritual traditions from around the world. The dances bring together sacred phrases from the world's religious traditions in heart-awakening circle dances dedicated to peace within and without. See SalemDances.com for more information.

### **Finance Team Meeting**

Friday, August 19, 10:00 a.m.

### **Salem Covenant of UU Pagans Meet & Greet**

Friday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.

A place for pagans to gather, connect, and share. All are welcome to discuss and learn about each other, events, and shared spirituality. Bring a snack to share and a smile. We'd like to get to know you.



## April Full Moon Celebration

Saturday, August 20, 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate the Full Corn Moon with a pot luck supper beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by a ritual at 8:00 p.m. This will be held outside, weather permitting, and you are encouraged to bring your own lawn chair. This is a family friendly event and everyone is invited to attend.

## Social Justice in Action meeting

Sunday, August 21, 12:30 p.m.

## Facilities Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 6:00 p.m.

## RE Youth Advisor Dinner

Tuesday, August 23, 6:15 p.m.

RE Advisor welcome back dinner and meeting.

## UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, August 24, 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A welcoming place for meditation practice. Session I is for experienced meditation practitioner. Session II provides attendees with basic instruction, and explanation. The last hour, 8 – 9 p.m., is for discussion, compassion, about how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

## Earth Care, People Care, Fair Share film series

Thursday, August 25, 6:30 p.m.

Permaculture is, 'Earth care, People care, and Return of Surplus,' creating systems that are not only sustainable but also enriching to the soil and all life. Please join us every 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for a finger food potluck & showing of a permaculture inspired film. New film and discussion every month! Contact the NW Permaculture Institute for more information: [nwpermacultureinstitute.org](http://nwpermacultureinstitute.org), or on Facebook at [facebook.com/nwpermacultureinstitute](https://www.facebook.com/nwpermacultureinstitute), or call 503-449-8077.

## Communications Team Meeting

Monday, August 29, 4:00 p.m.

## UU Compassionate Mind Sangha

Wednesday, August 31, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

A welcoming place for meditation practice. Session I is for experienced meditation practitioner. Session II provides attendees with basic instruction, and explanation. The last hour, 8 – 9 p.m., is for discussion, compassion, about how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

## Ordination

Monday, September 5, 2:00 p.m.

Our former intern minister, **Theresa Inés Soto**, will be ordained at UUCS. All are invited to attend.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Of Salem

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**DEADLINES:**

**Newsletter Submissions** for *The Chalice and the Flame* must be received by the Friday before publication. The deadline for the **September 6** newsletter is 8:00 p.m. on Friday, **September 2**.

Please send your submissions, including personal news items, directly to the editors at the following email address: [editors@uusalem.org](mailto:editors@uusalem.org).

**Announcements** for the separate **Sunday Bulletin** must be at the **office** by 9 a.m. **Tuesday**.

**EVENT SCHEDULING:** please use the [Event Scheduling Request](#) form on the UUCS website! Note that all fields are required. When complete, remember to click the submit button.

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# Worship Services and Religious Exploration

**August Share the Plate:** Family Building Blocks

Summer services begin at 10:30 a.m. This schedule will continue until September 12, 2016. Sunday School / Religious Exploration for pre-school through grade 5, and childcare for infants through age 2 will be available.

**Sunday, August 7**

**The Power of Memory**

**Rev. Millie Rochester**

**David Gortner**, Celebrant; **Lennie Martin**, Anchor  
Music: **Sarah Greenleaf**

Memory has been called the most wonderful ability. While it can be retentive, serviceable, and obedient, it can also sometimes be weak and bewildering. Memory is a powerful, ongoing narrative we use to understand and manage our lives. This morning, we reflect on the power of memory both to connect us with the past and to shape who we are in the present.

**Sunday, August 14**

**Poetry Sunday**

**UUCS members**

**David Jeffers**, Celebrant; **L.J. Frederickson**, Anchor  
Music: **Cheryl Randall**

Come and enjoy hearing some very creative work of Poetry from select poets, within our UUCS community and from the Salem area. This will be our First Annual UUCS Poetry Service.

**Sunday, August 21**

**"Apple, Apple, Pineapple."**  
Interactive theater production

**David La Duca**  
West Hills UU Church, Beaverton

**Arrhiannon Kirkpatrick**, Celebrant; **L.J. Frederickson**, Anchor  
Music: **TBA**

David La Duca will bring an interactive theater production with the theme of "How to treat people who are different." The play calls for over 20 speaking parts, using people from the congregation. There are parts for adults and children. David brings a puppet show that the kids will do, and an original musical sing-along. This service will provide a fun-filled, lively, positive message for young and the more mature, alike.

**Sunday, August 28**

**TBD**

**Bob Muir**

**Gloria Holland**, Celebrant; **Arrhiannon Kirkpatrick**, Anchor  
Music: **TBD**

UUCS member Bob Muir will present a topic developed especially for our UUCS congregation.

**Sunday, September 4**

**Sparkle and Clean**

**Reverend Rick Davis**  
**UUCS Members & Friends**