

Soundings

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR SHORELINE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, SHORELINE, WA



February 2012

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

Feb. 5

“Community Ministry” The Rev. Barbara Cornell, Guest Speaker

Join us this Sunday for a celebration of Community Ministry, that ministry that steps out of the parish door and into the wider world. Community ministers address the social and spiritual needs of people outside the care of congregations by working in prisons, hospitals, and colleges; and by writing and producing plays, running non-profits, or lobbying for justice, and more. Community ministers hold up our UU values in the world. Come, let us celebrate!

Feb. 12

“Facing Dragons” The Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson, Interim Minister

Most of us have been challenged by dragons. When they started as cute little lizards, but have now grown to deprive you of your “treasure”—now what? A reflection on relationships, fear and love.

🎵 *Spirit Hand will play.*

Our first 2012 Plate Share recipient is DAWN (Domestic Abuse Women’s Network). DAWN is celebrating 31 years of providing services to survivors of domestic violence in south King County. It is the voice of survivors, their struggles and experiences.

Feb. 19

“More Dragons” The Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson, Interim Minister

Another mangled metaphor about things we love to dread and fear—with input from your own lives.

🎵 *Choir will sing.*

Feb. 26

“Waltzing— or Line Dancing— with Bears” The Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson, Interim Minister

Realities and fantasies of selecting and calling a minister.



*Don't wait to get your tickets! You won't want to miss: **Trouble in the Gallery,***

A new Dinner Theater production at SUUC, Saturday, February 4, 6 p.m. Tickets \$35, available at church on Sunday or online from Brown Paper Tickets. This is a FUNdraiser for SUUC!



MINISTER'S REPORT

THE REV. HEATHER LYNN HANSON

The Interim Passage



Ah, February, - so much hope – with an extra day this year.

Questions that may be answered before Feb 29 – does SUUC have a ministerial candidate yet? If so, when will s/he/they be coming for Candidating week? Once we know that, the excitement begins to mount, as you read about the candidate; plans for that week get floated, revised and publicized, fund raisers get moved to auspicious days. Watch!. This spring will rush by.

So savor February. We'll offer the class Building Your Own Theology (BYOT) this spring. Will Main is resuming "Bible for Liberals" class. Other classes and activities will soon fill in. If there is a topic you'd like to have offered – or you'd like to offer, contact Krista Tenney or Gerald Forster and we'll see if/when it can happen. Let's keep blooming.

Intimations of Spring

Watch for gray whales to blow with their calves.
Spy the first crocus to brave the chill air,
Mark how new leaf buds foretell verdant canopies.
Wait for the ground hog, if that be your omen,
Or the first western tanager visits your yard.
Greet growing sunlight on rain-dampened streets:
Inhale the fragrance of mosses and fiddle heads.
What lights your heart before winter is gone?

Heather Lynn

If you want to be part of a Building your Own Theology group, please email or phone to indicate whether you are available weekly, starting February 7, on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. (brown bag) or would prefer Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Sessions generally run two hrs or a little less. We can decide together how many sessions to plan for. Some reading prior to each session is expected; class discusses issues raised in each chapter. BYOT book one, 2nd edition. Book is recommended: Office will order \$16.00; (\$20% discount if we order 10).

Guest Speaker from Transylvania to Need Host

Shoreline will host a Unitarian minister from the region of Europe where our tradition began in Transylvania. The Reverend Zoltán Kopáncsi-Benczédi is in the U.S. as a guest scholar at Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley. In March we and the Edmonds congregation will meet him and learn how Unitarianism has survived in Eastern Europe. (See page 11 for more information.) If you would like to offer your guest room for all or part of his stay in the Shoreline area between March 23 and April 1, please contact Rev. Hanson for more details.

Ministerial Search Committee Update for February, 2012

Lots is happening in our search process! We continued receiving applicants through the end of the year and have invited four “pre-candidates” for the search committee to interview in February. As we get to know these ministers in depth, through interviews, informal talks, reference calls and sermons, we are keeping in mind the attributes you helped us define as important in the congregational survey. As a reminder, here is what we published (in our congregational record) in terms of the attributes we are looking for in a minister:

We seek a minister who will be a catalyst and facilitator and who will support us in our spiritual journey. We are looking for someone with balance and confidence – someone who likes to support our ideas, but also knows how and when to suggest alternatives. Our new minister will be someone who enjoys working in a team, collaborating with lay leaders and staff, and who will provide leadership to help us reach our goals.

We want our new minister to be present in our congregation and community: physically, emotionally and spiritually. Our new minister will be comfortable with himself or herself, personable and caring, empathetic, warm and welcoming — a person who relishes and celebrates diversity.

We seek someone who will respect our theological diversity and our desire for spirituality that comes from many sources and traditions — someone who will inspire, nourish and challenge us with sermons, ceremonies, classes, music, poetry and meditation. The kinds of sermons we enjoy are dynamic and soul-inspiring. We are searching for a minister with both wit and wisdom — a down to earth person who likes to have fun, a person who can relax and laugh with us, but also someone with depth, who supports and encourages us to spiritual and emotional growth.

We have a little gem of a church and we are looking for a minister who can help us share this gem with more people in the Shoreline and Seattle community while still maintaining the intimacy and warmth that we enjoy about our church. We seek someone with the creativity, optimism and energy to help us realize our vision to be a voice for liberal religion in our area – someone who is excited by the idea of reaching out to youth and young adults and can help us develop new ideas and programs to reach these groups; someone who is excited by the idea of deepening our social action and connections to the broader community. Our new minister will help us strengthen our voice, so that we can more effectively bring the news of liberal religion and the hope it provides to the greater Seattle/Shoreline area.

The ministers on our short list fit these attributes. They seem excited to find out more about SUUC and we are excited to meet them and find out more about each of them. We’re looking forward to the day, a few months from now, when we can announce our final choice for Shoreline’s settled Minister. As we’ve said before, we’re in the confidential phase of the search process, so we are not able to share specifics about our candidates, but we still want to keep you all informed as much as possible. We value your questions and concerns, so don’t hesitate to share them with us. At any time during this search process, we encourage you to speak with us about your ideas or questions.

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BUDGET UPDATE

LAURA McCARTY — VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE



On Sunday, January 22, 2012, the congregation met to approve a budget for fiscal year 2012. We had over 60 voting members in attendance and had A LOT of discussion about our priorities, vision and ability to meet those with our financial contributions. The Board brought a budget with a net shortfall of approximately \$13,000 for search/settlement one-time costs. However, this budget included some cuts to our staff hours and to our UUA dues. The congregation voted to restore the staff hours and UUA dues to 100% which results in a net shortfall of approximately \$21,000. However, to begin to address this new shortfall, 12 members of the congregation made additional pledges to the 2012 budget of an additional \$2700! If you voted to keep our sights high, I would like to ask you to join these 12 generous members in finding a way to increase your 2012 pledge amount. Several ideas were raised including asking all members to pledge an additional \$5/month, or to increase the size of their pledge by a certain percentage. Whatever works for you, please consider helping us close our operating shortfall of approximately \$4000 or starting our fundraising toward our search and settlement costs of \$17,500. Please call Laurie Radin with your new pledge amount and/or your commitment toward search/settlement costs. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP

KRISTA TENNEY — MEMBER ACTIVITY COORDINATOR



“People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they’re not on your road doesn’t mean they’ve gotten lost.” — *His Holiness the Dalai Lama*

My husband’s cousin brought a fascinating family artifact to our Thanksgiving Day dinner. It was a **fifteen pound**, leather-bound King James Family Bible dating from the late 1800s, that she had come across while cleaning up her (now deceased) parent’s condominium. Needless to say, it took up a lot of space on our coffee table! As we pored through it, we found that it was much more than just the Old and New Testament and beautiful photos of Biblical scenes. It was more of the scale of an encyclopedia; with sections dedicated to a wide variety of subjects ranging from plants and animals found in the Holy Land, a Household Dictionary of Biblical terms, to an amazing page with a Temperance Pledge that was signed by one of their ancestors in 1902. There were sections to record the names of family members, including dates of their births and deaths, and clippings from obituaries were included. There was a section about World Religions, including Unitarians and Universalists and I found it fascinating to read about these and the other religions, some that I was completely unfamiliar with.

Heather Lynn conducted the New Member Orientations on January, 7 and 14, and during our January 29 service, we will be welcoming seven new members to Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church. **Please welcome Katie and Yvette Ascencio-Gourd, Kristi and Aldo Coppi, Nancy Curtis, Zach Ploskey, and Lauren Kim.** Due to weather and deadlines, you will read their “short” bios in the March Soundings! I would like to thank Jennifer Brock, Jan Soderling, Sallianne Davis, Ben Tompkins, Eliza Sutton, Rick Wilson, Sharon Maynard, Paul Borrmann, Frog Uding, Karen Thompson, Laura McCarty, Lew Witham, and Marjon Riekerk for attending one or both of the orientations and sharing why SUUC is important to them. As our new members sign the SUUC membership book, they are joining our history of a liberal faith, made possible by all of you. Thank you for all that you do to keep SUUC a vital, welcoming place for everyone.

—Krista Tenney / Membership Activity Coordinator / tenney@shorelineuu.org

As I write this, Shoreline is a big snowy mess and I haven't been able to get into the office all week. Snow is interesting: when you are sitting in your house and thinking about all of the things you can't do because of the snow, wondering how long it will be until it stops, it takes on an imposing quality that can really make one anxious and tense. But when you are out in the snow, it doesn't have the frightening quality that thunder, lightning, high winds, and other kinds of storms have – it is just quiet, cold, and peaceful. For me, it seems snow is only intimidating to the degree that I feel the need to be mobile, independent, and productive. The snow is a kind of enforced peacefulness and a lot of times having a stillness and calm thrust upon us feels difficult to deal with, like a huge imposition. Silence can actually be quite frightening! I certainly hope that every one of you has had a chance to enjoy the peace of walking or playing in the snow, alone or with family and friends, or to have examined the difficulty that it's presented you with and taken something from the experience.



Anyhow, more tangibly, this month, a new class is forming for the youngest members of our community, the pre-school age children in the nursery! We went from an average of zero or one child in the nursery in the beginning of November to five or six presently, so I'm currently assembling people and a program for these children to expose them to stories, activities, and the warm presence of caring members of our church. Also, if you weren't there, last month's potluck was a great time! A group of about 25 people got together for food, discussion, and a game show! I hosted "Superstition," a "game show" where contestants tried to identify which superstitions were real and which were made up. Everyone had a great time talking and trying to deduce/vote on which superstitions they thought were real, and discussing what the roots of superstitions are and what differentiates superstitions from religious belief. Thanks to Laura Banks and Laura Westbrook for helping set up and clean!

Lastly, February is MAGIC MONTH! What does this mean? Not enough column inches to tell you more about it here – stay tuned to emails, eBulletin, and the Shoreline UU Family blog for more info! Thanks for reading, hope to see you all on a Sunday soon!

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 10 – Family Potluck, 6 - 8:30 p.m. – Valentine's Day Theme

This will be a time when we can look at how we can not only give valentines, but explore and act in different ways to make the world a more loving, magical place. In addition, we'll, of course, be eating food, playing board games, and having fun!

Sunday, February 12 – Children's Church Day

Kids of all ages will join together in Chrysalis for a Valentine's Day activity.

Sunday, February 12 – RE Committee Meeting, 12 - 1:30 p.m., East Portable (Second Sundays)

Stop in to learn about what's going on in RE now, in the future, to let us know what you'd like to see happen in the future of the RE program. Teachers and parents are especially encouraged to attend one or more meetings a year. Childcare is available – please contact me a week or more in advance if you plan to attend with children in tow.

— Chris Pollina / shorelinedre@gmail.com / 206-240-5500



Welcome to our Community Activities

Companionship

“You may have experience with mental illness. A loved one in your family may have experienced a brain illness. You or someone you love may be in recovery or may have struggled with trauma. Your son or daughter may be a returning veteran with a brain injury, depression, or PTSD. You may have an elderly parent, relative, or friend with depression or dementia.

“You may be a psychologist, psychiatrist, nurse, social worker, counselor, therapist, or case manager. You may volunteer in a shelter or meal program. You see the suffering and know the need.

“You and your congregation can make a difference by [among others] offering wellness services—companionship, small groups, and concrete resources such as referrals, shelter, housing and employment”

—from “How To Start,” Craig Rennebohm, *Mental Health Ministry: A Toolkit for Congregations*, p.5

You are invited to Companionship Training with the Rev. Craig Rennebohm, February 11, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Sanctuary.

Over the last 20 years, the good people at Mental Health Chaplaincy have developed what they have called, “Companionship” as a way of ministry with individuals facing mental illness. Companionship is an intentional relationship in which we respond with empathy, compassion and understanding to the suffering and struggles caused by a brain disorder. They teach companionship as a capacity in us all and a calling for us all, a way of approaching each other as human beings and souls of infinite worth and value. This training is very congruent for Unitarian Universalists who believe in the worth and dignity of every person.

As a trained Companion, one of the aspects to the training that has proven especially useful to me is his discussion on the limits of helpers. Helping, truly being a help instead of a hindrance, can be very challenging. I also really appreciated his idea of seven-fold listening. One of the seven is to listen for what’s going on inside of you. So often helpers discount what’s going on inside of us. I wish everyone could hear the very wise Rev. Craig Rennebohm. I wish everyone who desires to be a help at Shoreline UUC could come to this training. It’s for YOU! We’ll provide morning refreshments and we’ll be done by noon.

Hope to see you there!

— Barbara Cornell

For more information on the workshop or the SUUC Mental Health Ministry, contact:

Chris Poole, 206-542-9271; Barbara Cornell, uubcornell@gmail.com; or Bill Norton wknorton@aol.com

February 4, SUUC

Women’s Circle News

The SUUC Women’s Circle is making some special plans for our February Circle. Last year we hosted a brunch for women, young and old. It was such a joy to share between generations. This year our Circle of Women want to plan another event for all ages. The theme is “Stories Connect and Enrich Us.” There will be specific focus on the stories of experiences that our older members have encountered on their journey of life. You will not want to miss this morning of sharing and so mark your calendar.

February 4, 2012, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Meeting in the Sanctuary. Hearing devices will be available.

Potluck brunch comprised of all that we love to cook and share! Tell your friends, invite your daughters, granddaughters, friends. Every woman is invited. Have questions or ideas? Call Sharon Maynard at 425-774-1142.

February Bake Sale!

Sunday, February 12 after the service: Seabeck Bake Sale, to benefit the Seabeck Scholarship Fund. Please bring your favorite pies, breads, cookies, cakes and desserts to church. We hope you will purchase some baked goods, as well. The Seabeck Bake Sale will help raise funds for scholarship assistance for the 2012 Shoreline/Evergreen Seabeck Retreat, April 27 - 29. Our goal is to be able to provide up to 50% scholarship to all participants who request financial assistance. We want to include everyone who wishes to attend our annual retreat. Please call Chris Poole at 206-542-9271 if you can donate something or if you can help on the day of the sale.

Welcome to our Community Activities

Highlights of January 12th Board Meeting

Present: Ben Tompkins, Laura McCarty, Julie Houff, Peggy Williams Scott, Eliza Sutton, Karen Thompson, Heather Lynn Hanson, Cindy Lyons, and Paul Borrmann (for first item below).

1. A proposal for graduated compensation (based on experience, training, and contributions) discussed as a framework for evaluation and compensation for the minister and for staff. This had been recommended by a PNWD Compensation Consultant. The Board is interested in moving forward with this and asks the Personnel Committee to review.
2. Resignation of Quanah Spencer moved, seconded, and accepted by unanimous vote.
3. Financial update:

Letter has gone out to members who had not fulfilled 2011 pledge or who had not pledged for 2012.

Reviewed discussion from open meeting on budget held after church on January 8.

After consultation with an accounting firm, Finance will be changing how health insurance premiums are handled (reimbursing employees directly rather than treating it as taxable income).

Discussed plans for Congregational meeting to be held on January 22, including the agenda, the budget to be presented, and options to meet the Ministerial Search, Settlement, and Installation costs.

Discussed voting roster and meeting quorum. At subsequent Congregational meetings, members will sign in and be given a colored, numbered index card for voting.

4. Thanks to Jo Moore for her long-term contribution of Jo's Jottings, to Cindy Lyons for her work as treasurer, and to Elaine Hayes for her work organizing coffee service and lining up volunteers.
5. Next meeting: Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eliza Sutton
Secretary

An Exploratory Session for Elders

If there were a group of people in the last third of their lives who were exploring ways of experiencing more serenity and wisdom, as suggested in the Serenity Prayer, would you like to participate in the process?

If so, join the exploratory process to be held in the Conference Room, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, February 17. Jerald Forster, who is currently participating in a telecourse titled *Conscious Aging*, will facilitate this exploration, which might lead to future gatherings of **Conscious Elders with Serenity and Wisdom**.

This session will follow the monthly Senior Brown Bag Lunch that meets in the Conference Room from noon to 1 p.m. on February 17. Bring your lunch and share your stories.

Plate Share Organizations

Based upon congregational voting over two Sundays in January, the following groups have been designated for Plate Share recognition during Sunday services throughout 2012:

Domestic Abuse Women's Network, Downtown Emergency Service Center, Hopelink, North Helpline, Real Change, ROOTS Young Adult Shelter, Treehouse, Water First International and YWCA.

We had a good voting turnout. Thanks goes to those who provided input throughout the process of recommending and selecting candidates. A special thanks goes to Kristina Selset for researching organizational eligibility.

— Lew Witham



Welcome to our Community Activities

Food Lifeline Service Project

Unfortunately, we didn't get to go to Food Lifeline in January because it was snowing to beat the band in Shoreline. Hopefully, by the time you read this, snow/ice will be a distant memory. However, the food that Food Lifeline provides to over 300 meal programs and food banks in western Washington will be needed even more than usual as a result of the storm for the people who were unable to go to work and consequently didn't get paid.

In February, we will not be having our normal third Tuesday because of staffing issues at Food Lifeline. They have offered us Valentine's Day, February 14. If you want to join me on Valentine's Day, I'd love to see you there. If you want to wait until March, that makes sense as well.



When: **February 14, 2012 6 - 8 p.m.**
Where: Food Lifeline
1702 NE 150th St.
Shoreline, WA

Turn east off NE 15th St. on to NE 150th and take the first left into the parking area. Go beyond the state labs on the left and Food Lifeline is directly in front of you. It is important to be there by 6 p.m. because the front door is locked at 6:05 p.m. and sometimes cell phones don't work very well inside the facility. Be sure to wear closed-toe shoes.

Next month's date: March 20, 2012

Sign up at the Welcome Table (FLL likes to have an idea of how many of us are coming). Feel free to call Laura FoodBanks at 206-235-3611 or email at laurabanks1@comcast.net with any questions.

Sunday Dream Group

Meets 2nd Sunday of the month, facilitated by Tricia Davis. We will be meeting February 12, right after the service, 12 to 2 p.m. in the East Chrysalis Room. New members are welcome. Please come to share your own dreams or simply participate in the group, searching cooperatively for the meanings in the dreams shared by others. Sharing dreams in a group this way strengthens the fabric of community and helps to meet our desire for belonging and connection. For information please contact Tricia at pmdavis500@aol.com.

Women's Grassroots Congress

March 24-25, 2012 at The Landing, 5001 25th Ave. NE., Seattle, WA 98105

Women in Egypt, India, Africa, South America and around the world are taking actions that are changing life for the good of all.

To join our sisters around the world, we, the women of the United States, must first declare a common agenda to stand for and commit to.

The policies of our country will not change until the agenda of our country changes. That is a woman's most Sacred Work. You can be the voice of those changes!

The focus of this Congress is to invite women to come together, and in the spirit of Democracy, name the values that they declare must be the foundation of actions and policies from this point forward.

Using Open Space, Circle Principles, and Occupy's General Assembly process, we will do what our UU sister, Julia Ward Howe, called for in 1890. Seeing the devastation of the Civil War, she called for a Congress of Women to stand for what would be of benefit to individuals, families and our planet.

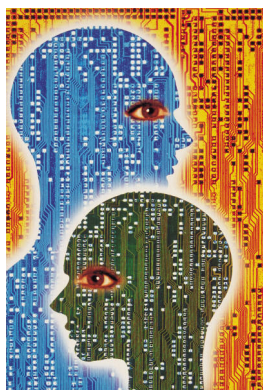
Unfortunately, that has not happened until now.

Please join us!

"It is in the heart and soul that we will find the common ground from which to build." — Judy Garland

www.womensgrassrootscongress.com

For more information, contact Sharon Riegie Maynard sriegie@yahoo.com
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Spirituality and the Arts

April 27-29, 2012

At The Seabeck Conference Center, Seabeck, Washington

Shoreline UU Church and Evergreen UU Fellowship join together for fellowship each spring at our Seabeck Retreat. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other people in our congregations on a deeper level.

Our program this year, "Spirituality and the Arts," will focus on some of the many ways to participate in the arts as spiritual enhancement and expression. We are asking members of our congregations to lead hands-on experiences with the arts and spirituality. These could include everything from worship planning to music to dance to writing, etc. All ages are encouraged to participate. We'll also have programs for children ages 3-12 and youth.

Questions? Call Chris Poole (SUUC) 206-542-9271, Karen Totten (EUUF) 425-971-6292, or Pam Gerke (EUUF) 425-347-9065.

We are still early in the planning stages. Would you like to lead a session on how your spirituality can be related to the arts? Here are some of the things that could be on our agenda:

Music
Theater
Visual Arts

Writing
Worship Planning
Choir

Dance
Poetry
Community Building

Others in our congregations would appreciate the opportunity to experience some "UU-nique" ways we are learning to worship together. We'd love to hear your proposal. See Chris Poole 206-542-9271 (SUUC) or Ramonda Sosa 425-772-7399 (EUUF) if you have questions.

****Register for our Seabeck Retreat by Sunday, March 25, 2012, using the registration form on reverse side. Partial scholarships available on request.***

For a preview of our retreat, see the SUUC website at www.shorelineuu.org for our Seabeck Video. Join us – don't miss out!

Welcome to our Community Activities

Waking the World

The Spring Equinox 2012 is the occasion of this year's World Storytelling Day, March 20. We will be celebrating in Chrysalis at 7 p.m. Let's get together and tell stories!

"The world, in which most people identify themselves with either the Masculine or the Feminine while demonizing the Other, is a world asleep—and those people who sleep are out of touch with their own inner reality.

In order to address this sleeping world, we must enter into the sleep ourselves in order to find out how to wake ourselves up.

Fairy tales and folk legends are beloved to young and old because they offer images that echo those of our own fantasies—the impossible situations we get ourselves into and the miraculous ways we get ourselves out. All of us experience suffering as uniquely our own, yet these wondrous tales make clear that we are each and all victims of the common human condition. Life challenges us to find creative solutions that can, with a little help from our friends, transform us from victims into something approaching the heroic."

from A.B. Chinen, M.D., *Waking the World, Classic Tales of Women and the Heroic Feminine*, p. xi-xii

— Bill Norton



We Care!!

Are you going through a tough time in your life when a little help could ease your burden? You are part of our caring community, so don't hesitate to ask for help! Our Care Team is ready to provide support services, including transportation, brief respite care, support for caregivers, light housecleaning, and meals during a crisis. If you need assistance, you may call the monthly Care Team Coordinator directly or contact the church: 206-363-7994 / office@shorelineuu.org. You will be referred to a Care Team Coordinator who will listen to you and match your needs to someone who will provide the appropriate help. Your request is confidential. The Care Team Contact for February is Barbara Cornell, 206-367-9485.

More About This Year's Balázs Scholar: A Guest Speaker at SUUC and Edmonds UU in March/April



This year's Balázs scholar, the Reverend Zoltán Kopáncsi-Benczédi is the seventeenth Transylvanian Unitarian minister in recent years to study at Starr King School for the Ministry. The Balázs Scholars Program has brought a Unitarian Transylvanian

Minister to study at Starr King School almost every year since 1994.

Rev. Kopáncsi-Benczédi says that, in addition to his studies at Starr King School, his general interest is in the connection between church life and community development, particularly work done in multicultural environments. He is also interested in everything: individual churches' missions, how new congregations are started, congregational growth plans, and, how to experience life in different congregational settings as a way of learning.

For more information about the SUUC Partner Church Committee contact Will Main at revwdmain@aol.com or Bill Norton at 206-632-7177.

Activities at SUUC

If you have wanted to explore your beliefs on a deeper basis, Heather Lynn will be offering a "Build Your Own Theology" course in February, and registration information will be on the Welcome Table. What a great way to begin 2012! Our website, Facebook page, weekly eBulletin, Jo's Jotting's, the Children's RE blog, and announcements in the weekly Order of Service, provide you with information about ways you can participate. If you have an idea or activity you think would be a great "fit" for SUUC I would be delighted to hear from you!

— Krista Tenney

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Giving Life the Shape of Justice: A Social Justice Workshop led by Rev. Richard Gilbert

March 23-24, 2012, at Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church, Kirkland, WA.

Can your congregation's social justice work be more effective and engage the hearts and minds of more people? Join us for this special opportunity to learn and experience effective congregation-based social action from the Reverend Richard Gilbert, an outspoken voice for Unitarian Universalist justice-making work. The Reverend Gilbert, Minister Emeritus of First Unitarian Church of Rochester NY, is the author of the *Building Your Own Theology* curriculum and of *The Prophetic Imperative: Social Gospel in Theory and Practice*, and *How Much Do We Deserve? An Inquiry into Distributive Justice*, as well as meditation manuals.

Workshop cost is \$25 per person, and includes lunch on Saturday. To register, contact WA UU Voices for Justice, coordinator@uuvoiceswa.org, 360-786-8074.

February Schedule of Sunday Volunteers

	Greeters:	Ushers:	Coffee Servers:
Feb. 5:	Sallianne Davis & Jan Soderling	Marge Hampton & Christina Horst	Eliza Sutton, John Sahr & JoDee Creighton
Feb. 12:	Barbara Stilson & Molly Holmes	Homer Henderson & Tracy Monaghan	Erica McCarty & Jill Patten
Feb. 19:	Kristina & Lukas Selset, & Lex Voorhoeve	Marge Hampton & Homer Henderson	Nancy Curtis & Marjon Riekerk
Feb. 26:	Marilyn Thompson & ?	Barbara Stilson & Nancy Curtis	Jennifer, Kevin & Sarah Brock

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February 2012

Wednesday, February 1

6:30-7:30 p.m..... Wednesday Potluck, Nursery
6:30-8 p.m..... Care Team, Conference Room

Thursday, February 2

9:30-11 a.m..... Food for Soul, Forster Residence
6-7:30 p.m..... Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7-10 p.m..... Rehearsal for Mystery Theater, Sanctuary
7:30-9 p.m..... Sine Nomine Chalice Circle, N. Portable

Friday, February 3

10:15-11:30 a.m..... Meditation, Nursery
7-9:30 p.m..... Rehearsal for Mystery Theater, Sanctuary

Saturday, February 4

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m... Women's Circle, Chrysalis
6-9 p.m..... Mystery Dinner Theater, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 5

9-10 a.m..... The Bible for Liberals, Conference Room
10:30-11:45 a.m..... Worship Service, Sanctuary
12-1:30 p.m..... RE Committee, East Portable

Tuesday, February 7

11 a.m.-noon..... BYOT Class-tentative, Conf. Room
1:30-3 p.m..... Worship Planning, Conference Room
6:30-8:30 p.m..... BYOT Class-tentative, Conf. Room

Wednesday, February 8

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m... Music Committee, Conference Room
6:30-7:30 p.m..... Wednesday Potluck, Nursery

Thursday, February 9

6-7:30 p.m..... Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7-9 p.m..... Board Meeting, Conference Room

Friday, February 10

10:15-11:30 a.m..... Meditation, Nursery
6-8:30 p.m..... Family Potluck, Chrysalis

Saturday, February 11

9 a.m.-noon..... Mental Health Workshop, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 12

10:30-11:30 a.m..... Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Seabeck Bake Sale, Sanctuary
12-2 p.m..... Dream Group, East Chrysalis
12-2 p.m..... Leadership/Committee Meeting, Chrysalis

Monday, February 13

1:30-3 p.m..... Monday Chalice Circle, Nursery

Tuesday, February 14

11 a.m.-noon..... BYOT Class-tentative, Conf. Room
7-9 p.m..... Women's Group, East Chrysalis
6:30-8:30 p.m..... BYOT Class-tentative, Conf. Room

Wednesday, February 15

6:30-7:30 p.m..... Wednesday Potluck, Nursery

Thursday, February 16

9:30-11 a.m..... Food for Soul, Forster Residence
6-7:30 p.m..... Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:30-9 p.m..... Sine Nomine Chalice Circle, N. Portable

Friday, February 17

10:15-11:30 a.m..... Meditation, Nursery
12-1 p.m..... Senior Brown Bag Lunch, Conference Room
1-2:30 p.m..... Conscious Aging, Conference Room

Sunday, February 19

10:30-11:45 a.m..... Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, February 20

10 a.m..... Soundings Deadline

Tuesday, February 21

10:30 a.m.-noon..... Book Group, Nursery
11 a.m.-noon..... BYOT Class-tentative, Conf. Room
6-8 p.m..... Food Life Line Project
6:30-8:30 p.m..... BYOT Class-tentative, Conf. Room

Wednesday, February 22

6:30-7:30 p.m..... Wednesday Potluck, Nursery

Thursday, February 23

6-7:30 p.m..... Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Friday, February 24

10:15-11:30 a.m..... Meditation, Nursery
7-9:30 p.m..... Mystery Theater Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 26

10:30-11:45 a.m..... Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, February 27

1:30-3 p.m..... Monday Chalice Circle, Nursery

Tuesday, February 28

11 a.m.-noon..... BYOT Class-tentative, Conf. Room
6:30-8:30 p.m..... BYOT Class-tentative, Conf. Room

Wednesday, February 29

6:30-7:30 p.m..... Wednesday Potluck, Nursery

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