

Soundings

THE NEWSLETTER FOR SHORELINE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, SHORELINE, WASHINGTON



May 2011 Worship Services

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

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May 1: “Passion, Sass, and Profundity: Tee Shirts and Bumper Stickers” The Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson, Interim Minister

A casual service to enjoy sharing our favorite slogans, (you are welcome to wear one if you like) and talk about what messages we send about ourselves and our values. Children of all ages will be with us during the service. Hey, it’s not Seabeck, but we’ll all have some fun. A few of us come early and pull the chairs into a circle of sorts. Guest Pianist is Julian Chu.

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May 8: “Taken for Granted” Kristina Selset, Guest Speaker

We trust that the people and things we love and depend on will abide. To imagine otherwise might feel like a betrayal – or it might remind us to embrace and savor what we have, now.

The Plate will be shared with Oxfam.

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May 15: “The Yin and Yang of Life – Dark and Light, Outgoing and Indwelling” The Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson, Interim Minister

How is it with you? How is it with us? I’ve been rereading some Thomas Moore on *Care of the Soul*. Whether you think you have one or not, he has insights worth pondering.

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May 22: “Glimpses, Perspectives and Peripheral Visions” The Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson, Interim Minister

Mary Catherine Bateson, professor in anthropology, wrote of encountering the unfamiliar and opening surprising visions and challenges. Are there members who would like to use this book for a short-term book group?

Congregational meeting following the service.

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May 29: “Illusion, Imagination and the American Dream” The Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson, Interim Minister

What keeps us going? What undermines us? Are we even working in the right direction? A short sermon with time for your responses and observations.

MINISTER'S REPORT

THE REV. HEATHER LYNN HANSON

The Interim Passage ~ Making Choices

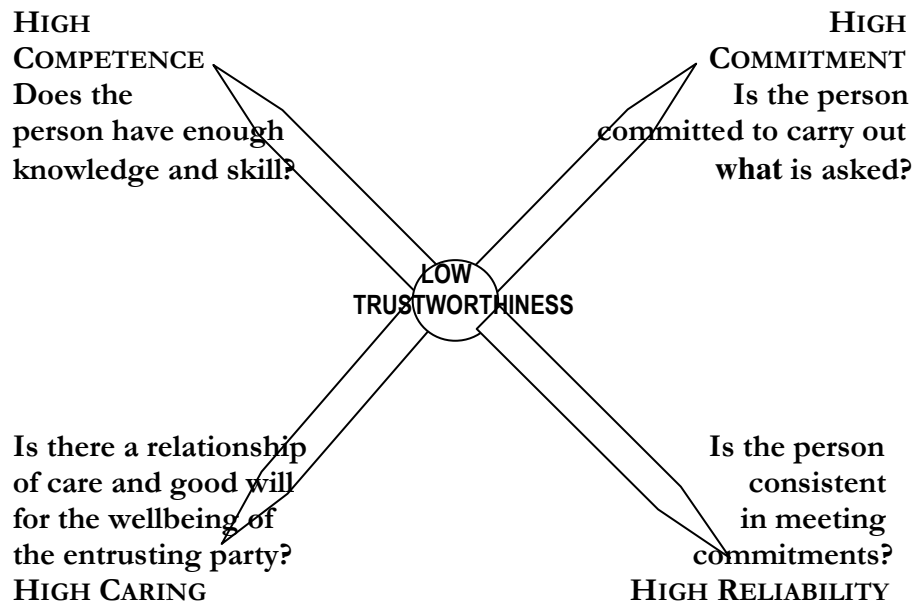
WHOM DO YOU TRUST? AND WHY? FOUR FACTORS.



You will soon be electing board members and a Nominating Committee. It is time to think about whom you trust to do a good job for SUUC. There are people you know you would trust with your life, but not with your savings account. Some you trust to complete a task on time, even though it won't be as well designed as you would prefer, because another, more highly skilled person would be indifferent—your project isn't that important to her. Most professionals are committed to doing a good job, not because they care about you, but because they are committed to maintaining their own good name and professional reputation.

Caring is important most of the time. But ask me to produce a fancy home-made dessert for your social function? BIG mistake! Even if I care about you, my commitment to your function may only be moderate, and my reliability when it comes to Fancy Cooking is dismal. You can trust that if I care enough for you and the success of your event, I will decline your request (and make a different suggestion.)

In the diagram below, the center represents low trustworthiness in any of the 4 factors. A person might be high in one or more factors and medium or low in others.



Trustworthiness ranges from low (in center of graph) to high.

What seems to be missing in this diagram is “integrity.” However, integrity is implied when one is reliably consistent about their information, attitudes, values and behaviors – their truth. Would you add it to this diagram as a 5th factor?

So whom do you trust, for what reasons? Are your expectations based on experience? Of course, it is wonderful when someone is high in each axis of trust. Is there also room for human beings to not be perfect in every aspect, but be appreciated for what they do offer?

Trust is essential in a covenantal community. The primary tools for building trust are attitudes of care and good will. Skills and knowledge might be developed if commitment is present. Multiple factors are important in selecting leadership and staff. By being clear about expectations with one another, all of us can convey good will to one another and appreciation to those that serve.

Concept adapted from the Rev. Blaine Hartford.

**Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday May 22, 2011, 12:15 p.m.**

Agenda:

- Minutes of 2010 Annual Meeting
- Annual reports by Minister and President
- Election of members to the Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee, Endowment Committee, and Moderator position.
- Vote on Bylaw changes

A potluck luncheon will precede the meeting. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Child care will be provided if you let the office know a week in advance (by May 16) if you wish to take advantage of this service.

Bylaws Proposal 1 — Appointments to Ministerial Search Committee

Add a second sentence to Article 9 Section 9 that reads: “After the Ministerial Search Committee is elected, the Board of Trustees may appoint up to two new members to keep the Committee at the stated size should vacancies occur.”

Discussion: In the event that a member of the Ministerial Search Committee needs to step down for whatever reason, it is important that a replacement be found in a timely manner and as early in the search process as possible. Once the Committee holds its planning retreat there will be much information and many decisions that a newcomer will have missed.

Bylaws Proposal 2 — Extend the term of a Nominating Committee member from 1 to 2 years.

Change Article 6 Section 3 Sentence 1 to read: “Nominating Committee members shall serve two (2) year terms and may serve for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. The terms of three positions shall expire in odd-numbered years and the terms of the other positions shall expire in even-numbered years.”

Discussion: This change is intended to sustain the Committee’s mission by preventing a total turnover of members in a single year and extending a member’s experience through more than one election cycle. This additional continuity will become more important as the Committee transcends the traditional Nominating Committee role and takes on some of the functions of a leadership development team.

Bylaws Proposal 3 — Payment of Pledge

Change Article 4 Section 1A Paragraph d. to read: making an annual financial pledge of record each calendar year and fulfilling that pledge by the end of the fiscal year (December 31) to which it applies;

Delete Sentence 2 of Article 10 Section 1 which says: “Voting members are required to pledge to the financial support of the church and to fulfill that pledge.”

Discussion: Article 4 Section 1A is a list of requirements for becoming and continuing to be a full voting member of the church, but actually paying any of the pledge is not on the list. The requirement appears all by itself in Article 10 but Article 4 is the more relevant place for it, and it doesn’t need to appear in both places. The deadline of December 31 is new although implied because it is the end of our fiscal year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHRIS POLLINA – DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



It's finally starting to get sunny and we are already taking advantage of the springy weather. On March 17, all the kids got together in the Chrysalis to hear the story of the Lorax (my personal favorite of Dr. Seuss). At the end of the story, the boy in the story is given the last Truffula seed and told that "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not!" We followed this story by planting some seeds of our own and finished the day by going outside to play a cooperative game with a big parachute and enjoy the sun together. It was great to see different children and adults teaching the entire group how to play different games! Also, as I write this, Easter is almost upon us as well and the children will have even more chances to mark the return of life with a service full of rejoicing, music, and, of course, the traditional Easter egg hunt!

On Monday, May 9, we'll be making dinner for the residents of Nickelsville once more before they move to their new location. Anyone who is interested can come to SUUC at 3 p.m. to help make a big pot of soup, slice up some bread, and participate in a cooking party before bringing the food over to Nickelsville at 5 p.m. and eating with the residents. If you are interested in helping but can't come on Monday, you can also participate by bringing in part of the food we'll need for the event to church on the day before, Sunday, May 8. There will be a list of food items you can sign up to bring in for the meal – please keep an eye out for it in the church as well as in upcoming eBulletins.

There will also be a Child Dedication ceremony coming up on May 8 as well. For any of you who are unfamiliar with this, it is a brief ceremony during church where the entire congregation covenants to care for the spiritual and emotional wellbeing of a child in our congregation. There will be a small celebration afterwards for the children who are part of the Dedication ceremony as well. If you are a parent who'd like to have your child be a part of this ceremony, please call, email, or talk to Heather Lynn Hanson.

Also, please note, I will be out of town for a few days in mid-May – I'll still be answering my phone/emails, but not in as timely a manner as usual. See you on a Sunday soon!

Upcoming dates:

Sun, May 1 – Seabeck Retreat weekend – *No RE program at SUUC this Sunday!*

Sun, May 8 – Child Dedication Ceremony – If you'd like to take part, please contact Heather Lynn
RE Committee meeting, Chrysalis @ noon

Mon, May 9 – Nickelsville dinner event, 3-6 p.m.

Sun, May 15 – Children's Church Day (Earth Day-themed activity)

Sun, May 22 – Annual Congregational Meeting (12:15 p.m., Sanctuary)

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

Workshop: End of Life Issues May 14

The Care Team is sponsoring a panel discussion on "End of Life Issues," Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The panel includes a lawyer, social worker, and representatives from Compassion and Choices and from Hospice. Topics to be included: review of legal papers (health care proxy, end of life directives, etc.), palliative care and medications, the Death with Dignity Act, and communication between patient, families, and medical staff. A question and answer period will follow the presentations. No admission fee.

“April Showers Bring May Flowers”

I don't know about the rest of you, but if this saying is true, judging from the very soggy April we just had, May should be spectacular! While the rain has been falling, there has been a lot of activity going on inside Shoreline UUC. The April 8th Tropical Frolic Auction was a huge success and a lot of fun, with wonderful events and services to bid on, delicious food to eat, folks to mingle and chat with and of course, entertainment from the Islands that will be talked about for a long, long time. I do hope you will take a moment to enjoy the photos that I took and that Laurie has placed on the SUUC website photo album. Mark your calendar now for the 2012 Auction on Friday, March 2. You won't want to miss it!



The majority of us see each other on Sunday mornings, and after the service, share coffee or tea and often, very lively and inspired conversation. Those conversations often turn into ideas for future activities or events that you would like to have at SUUC, and of course, the more ideas there are, the more need there is to find time and a place to have them! On Sunday, May 15, there will be a Council of Committees Calendar scheduling meeting to review and begin planning activities (and reserving spaces) for the upcoming year. Does this seem premature? In fact, there is a great demand for our buildings: our members often find themselves competing for space with outside groups, and knowing the how and why of how events are scheduled, will help all of us as we look forward to this fall and beyond. You don't have to be a committee chair to come to this meeting, and if you are interested, please come. It will be important to begin carefully scheduling activities next year, as your SUUC Search Committee will be diligently working to find a minister to call. When they do, it will be important that there is time (and space) available this next spring to have all of you to meet and interact with this candidate without competing activities.

On Friday, May 6, there will be a showing in the SUUC sanctuary of the movie, “for My Wife” that I hope you will attend. As a member of the SUUC Welcoming Congregation, Rigby Wagner had been planning this just before she passed away and we felt it was important to continue with her project as a tribute to her wonderful spirit. In June, several UU communities will be at the Gay Pride Walk and Edmonds UU is coordinating the efforts. Shoreline UUC has contributed for part of the costs of the table, and if you or someone you know would like to be involved, either at the table or walking in the parade, please let me know.

— Krista Tenney, SUUC Membership Activity Coordinator, tenney@shorelineuu.org

Summer Solstice Storytelling in June at SUUC

The Inuit people say: “A storyteller is one who creates an atmosphere where wisdom can reveal herself.”

From a Siberian Elder: “If you don't know the trees, you may be lost in the forest. If you don't know the stories, you may be lost in life.”

You are invited to a gathering of SUUC Storytellers on the Summer Solstice, Tuesday, June 21, 2011 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Chrysalis Hall or outside in the Orchard, depending on weather.



For more information please contact Cynthia Westby at cynthia.claire@comcast.net, Frog at 206-789-4471 or Bill Norton at wknorton@aol.com or 206-632-7177

Heads up for May 4th Workshop “Solidarity in Hard Times”

Heather Lynn is looking for a few motivated people to attend an event May 4 in Seattle with her. The speakers are David Korten and Chuck Collins, and they will be talking about creating solidarity in hard times by forming alliances of labor, religious and community organizations. This event is designed to help us organize in the face of economic and ecological challenges, exploring the model of small “resiliency” groups called by various names like Common Security Clubs, etc. Would, could, should SUUC get involved? Certainly we should be informed. Curious? Google: Seattle Solidarity in Hard Times for articles and more information. Please email Heather Lynn at (minister@shorelineuu.org) if you are planning to attend and would like to carpool.

Rental Hosts Training

Sometime in June we will hold a training session for those interested in becoming rental event hosts. This is a paid position, \$50 for four hours of your time. Your responsibilities would include representing SUUC to the renters, answering any questions, unlocking the doors (and locking up afterwards), showing where things are (such as the stored tables), showing where the vacuum is so that the renters can clean up after themselves, and making sure everything is cleaned up and locked up by the end. We currently have a few rental hosts, but we would like to have some more people so that no one person has too many assignments. Contact Rick Wilson, 365-7863, or Laurie in the office, 363-7994 or office@shorelineuu.org.

Search Committee Update



Your Search Committee has now held its second meeting! Pretty amazing, huh?! I know, it sounds as though we are off to a slow start, but we have been busy doing our initial homework.

We’ve concluded some background readings recommended by the UUA and our PNWD liaison, Janine Larsen, and discussed some of the attributes we, as the Search Committee view as valuable in a minister. There will be a number of opportunities for everyone in the congregation to have individual input into ministerial qualities – stay tuned for those!

The Reverend Dr. Gretchen Woods from the Corvallis church is our official guide through this process. We have begun planning for our retreat (being held at Clint McMahan’s – thanks, Clint!). At that retreat, on May 13 and 14, we will officially take on assigned roles as well as focus on working together in a close, cohesive fashion.

Following our retreat, we will have much more to share with you as to our next steps and how you all will be involved in those. Remember, you may always contact us with questions or comments at any time.

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Readers’ Theater Group

Monday, May 2, 7:30 p.m. is the third and last casting reading for the mystery play that we will perform in October. The reading will be in the SUUC Conference Room. Two scripts are being considered and copies are in the Readers’ Theater Group mail box in the SUUC office; **TO BE READ AND LEFT THERE**. If you are interested in auditioning, but have not been able to make any of the readings, would you please contact Bruce Campbell (campbeb48@gmail.com) by May 8 and let him know:

- 1) That you are interested
- 2) The type of role you are interested in
- 3) That you are available on Friday, October 29
- 4) What day of the week (except Wednesdays) between May 12 and June 9 you would be available for 1-2 rehearsals and the same for 1-2 rehearsals in October?

Highlights from Board Meeting on 4/13/2011

Present: Ben Tompkins, Laura McCarty, Heidi Henriksen, Julie Houff, Eliza Sutton, Karen Thompson, Heather Lynn Hanson

- 1) Thanks to Chris Pollina and Laura Banks for spearheading and coordinating Church Pals. The participation level was great this year.
- 2) Thanks to Cindy Lyons and the auction team of Joyce Allison, Nola Beeler, Carolyn Brenner, Vickie Brodine, Bruce Campbell, David Duke, Kim Hayes, Marilyn Grevstad, Anne Martin, Helena Parker, Kristina Selset, Krista Tenney, and Rick Wilson for putting together such a wonderful event.
- 3) Thanks to Laurie Radin – the new format for the e-bulletin and for Soundings look great!
- 4) The Board approved a Temporary Posting Policy (policy for temporary postings) and will look into getting an “A-sign” to help direct visitors coming for meetings. Fire code prohibits signs in the glass of the front door.
- 5) The Board voted to have the Treasurer establish a new account at Community 1st Credit Union by July 1, 2011, with a goal of having the church’s Bank of America account(s) closed by the end of this fiscal year.
- 6) The Board discussed different committees and interest groups at SUUC; there are 9 standing committees (which are established in the Bylaws, and are under the direction of the Board) and the others are ministries and special-interest groups. By the next Board meeting, we’ll be reviewing with the chair of each standing committee its vision & purpose, membership, budget line, and current description in the Bylaws.
- 7) We will be arranging consultation with the PNWD’s Compensations Consultant to take place after the new Board is in place (June), regarding contract negotiations which will be part of the Ministerial Search.
- 8) By consensus, Board agreed that use of the church membership data is reserved for official church business including church fundraisers. If there isn’t already a policy on this, we plan to put one in place next month.
- 9) Planning for 5/22/2011 Annual Meeting. We discussed some Bylaws changes which will be presented at that meeting. The agenda will go out by 5/8/2011. Business will also include election of Nominating Committee, Endowment Committee, and 4 Board positions. The Board positions up for election are #1 (currently Heidi; elected), #2 (currently Eliza; appointed), and #3 (currently Karen; appointed). Dawn (position #7) plans to step down effective at the Congregational Meeting. The Board will ask the Nominating Committee to make nominations.
- 10) The next Board meeting will be on May 11, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Sutton
Board Secretary

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, call the monthly Care Team Coordinator directly or contact the church: 206-363-7994 / office@shorelineuu.org. Your request is confidential. The Care Team contact for May is Sue Schiller, 206-818-7679. Her back up is Eliza Sutton, 206-363-2197.

SUUC Service Project at Food Lifeline

May Date: Tuesday, May 17.

The project begins promptly at 6 and ends at 8 p.m. (Please don't arrive after 6:05 because the doors lock and we won't be able to hear you knock.) Everyone welcome; please remember to wear close-toed shoes.

Address: Food Lifeline is at 1702 NE 150th Street (near the former Fircrest School area). Turn east on NE 150th off 15th Avenue NE in Shoreline. Drive a short distance and watch for the driveway into the Food Lifeline parking lot and warehouse on the left. There's a small Food Lifeline sign to mark the turn.

Next month's date is June 21, 2011.

Please sign up at the Welcome Table or by contacting Laura Banks laurabanks1@comcast.net or 206-235-3611).



Book Group

The SUUC Book Group meets Tuesday, May 10, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the church Nursery. This month we are reading "It's All Over But the Shoutin'" by Rick Bragg, a Pulitzer Prize winner. Please join us!

Member Recognition Sunday – May 29!

Come one; come all to Member Recognition Sunday on May 29! During the regular service, we will acknowledge those who have been members of this church for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 45 years. This is an annual event and this year we will be celebrating anniversaries for the following members:

45 Years: Alice Brannman, Nancy McDonald, Clint McMahan, Jim Wickman, Bruce Wilson, and Jan Wilson

25 Years: Rick Wilson and Julia Black

20 Years: Mel Habel, Judi Kalitzki, Bernice Ege-Zavala and Bernie Zavala

15 Years: Barbara Rader, Kathy Reid, Mim Collins, Cal Spangler and Hilda Kahle

10 Years: Noel and Teresa Bain, Theresa Bernhardt, David Betz, Catherine Mills and Carrie Cameron

5 Years: Dorothy Leo and Maggie Metcalfe

As a part of the service, this will be a Share-the-Plate Sunday and the beneficiary will be our Endowment Fund. This is another way to acknowledge all the work of those who have been helping us right along with their membership: by enlarging our endowment fund. This fund is one whose principal cannot be spent, and whose earnings supplement our budget every year of growth. It's a great way for us to pass a sense of stability, permanence, and opportunity on to the future!

UU Partner Church Council Membership

"If we are going to be a thriving religious movement in this century, I am convinced that we will do so by joining in partnership with Unitarians and UUs from across the globe. In this new multicultural world, we have to learn from one another."

—The Reverend Peter Morales, UUA President

Individual membership in the UU Partnership Council opens the door to the transformational experiences that result from long-term international partnerships. Partnerships increase our awareness of the interdependency of all people and our common struggles for human rights, social justice and happiness. UUPCC membership can be a step towards achieving the goal of the sixth UU principle: world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.

—from the UU Partner Church Council

For more information on SUUC and the Partner Church Movement contact Rev. Will Main or Bill Norton. Thank you.

FOR MY WIFE: Standing on the Side of Love



Please join the SUUC Welcoming Committee and all who Stand on the Side of Love for a screening of the documentary “for my wife...” Friday, May 6, 2011, 6-8 p.m., in the Sanctuary, followed by an impromptu conversation period. (Documentary is 60 minutes in length.) Event will be “pay-what-you-can,” accepted at the door.

In December 2006, a torrential rainstorm hit Seattle. Tragic circumstances found Kate Fleming, a celebrated recording artist, trapped in her basement studio. Her spouse of nine years, Charlene Strong, returned home to find Kate sealed behind the studio door as the waters rose. Charlene’s efforts to free Kate ended when the water reached the ceiling level...

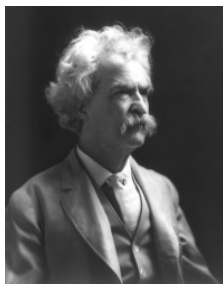
“for my wife...” chronicles the making of an activist for Marriage Equality. Charlene Strong was thrust into the spotlight after the tragic death of her wife, Kate. After facing this loss and the heartless discrimination of hospital and funeral home staff, Charlene decided to take a stand. Her dramatic congressional testimony is credited in passing Washington State’s historic Domestic Partnership laws. As Charlene finds her voice to speak out against injustice, her journey takes her across the country, finally meeting with President Barack Obama and securing his commitment to equality for all LGBT Americans.

“for my wife...” tells Charlene’s story against the backdrop of the national debate on Marriage Equality. It is one of courage and determination that inspires the activist in all of us.

For additional information, please contact Krista Tenney tenney@shorelineuu.org.

Full Moon Concert May 21

The last Full Moon Concert for 2011 features the City Cantabile Choir, directed by Fred West. The Choir will commemorate the life and literature of Mark Twain through songs and tales for this 101st anniversary of his death. The City Cantabile always creates memorable presentations that are SUUC favorites. May 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dome. Invite your friends and family! Tickets \$15 adults; \$10 seniors.



SUUC Women’s Circle News

We have had some amazing times with each other as we have gathered monthly for our Women’s Circle.

In April ideas were shared as to what might be fun and valuable during the upcoming year. We came up with more ideas than the year will hold! That is Good!

You can go to these links to “vote” on the ones that are of most interest to you and if the one you would like is not there, add it.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KQQWPBT>

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K3RJ69T>

Remember that this gathering is open for all women and you need not come every month. The hosting rotates and so if there is something that you would like to help out with, just let Sharon Maynard know.

The Circle for May will be hosted by Chris Poole. She will be presenting the idea of adding and maintaining Balance in our lives; certainly important during these days of shifts and changes. It will be one of those valuable circles and we hope that you can make it.

May 7, 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Chrysalis.

Bring simple snacks if you choose.

For questions: Sharon Maynard 425-774-1142.

I am Coming Alive in Recovery

“When I awaken these days, I feel hopeful, stronger, willing. I have a sense of purpose these days—to recover from my dual disorder, to reclaim my life—and I know what I need to do. I have to come out from under the rock. I feel free and light. With my recovery plan to guide me, my days are full and I sleep well at night. I feel grateful to my higher power for this new strength and spirit.”

I will quietly share my process and my joy with others.

From “Today I will do one thing: Daily Readings for Awareness and Hope for those of us with addiction and emotional or psychiatric illness” by Tim Mc, founder of Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA).

DRA is a 12-step self-help program for those with a “dual illness.” DRA Shoreline meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the East Portable here at Shoreline UU Church.

For more information on the SUUC Addictions and Recovery Ministries, contact Chris Poole at 206-542-9271 or Bill Norton at wknorton@aol.com or 206-632-7177.

The Connectors’ Chalice Circle (sponsored by the Addictions and Recovery Ministries) meets first and third Thursdays, 7:45 to 9 p.m. at the church

What a Frolic!

Besides having a lot of fun (ask anyone who was there about the entertainment!), this year’s fund-raising auction raised over \$12,000 to support the church’s programs that we all value so much.

For those of you who are curious about the raffle prizes—the \$100 cash prize and the basket of goodies from Trader Joe’s were both won by Barbara Cornell. The Tropical Fun basket was won by Carolyn Brenner.

The success of the Auction was a result of the work/fun of many people: Virtuous Volunteers: Laura Banks, Ben Grevstad, Bill Hayes, Carol June, Andy Landis, Maxwell London, Ann Maxwell, Chris Poole, Marjon Riekerk, Darian Smolar, Jan Soderling, Brad Tenney, and Laura Westbrook.

Delightful Donors * Awesome Attendees * Perspicacious Purchasers

From each of us to all of us — Thank you!



The Auction Planning Committee (l-r): Anne Martin, Marilyn Grevstad, Vickie Brodine, Cindy Lyons with granddaughter Viana Garcia, Joyce Allison, and Nola Beeler.

Not shown: Carolyn Brenner, Bruce Campbell, David Duke, Kim Hayes, Helena Parker, Kristina Selset, Krista Tenney, and Rick Wilson.

Tropical Frolic 2011

Thank You Donors

Thanks to those of you who donated to the Memorial Fund or to the Endowment Fund in memory of long-time member, Flo Fujita. Among other projects, money from the memorial fund has provided the furniture on the dais, memorial gardens and currently, the renovation of our church’s sign by the street. The money from the Endowment Fund bolsters our general fund and helps ensure the future financial health of our congregation.

Join Us! Orientation Classes in May; We Would Like to Welcome YOU as a Member of SUUC in May 2011!

Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church. You've been visiting with us for a while, maybe even attended some of our activities. You know it is a great place with fun, interesting people, sermons, and programs. We'd love for you to help us make it even more meaningful!

We offer you a chance get to know us better at our orientation gatherings in May. "When?", you might ask. Well, we've not yet set a date, but, as soon as we do, it will be published in our electronic mailings and with inserts on Sunday mornings. Sign up at the Welcome Table or by calling/e-mailing the office (363-7994/office@shorelineuu.org).

We will have snacks and conversation – and child care! This is an opportunity for you to find out more about the Unitarian Universalist faith, to understand more about SUUC, and to get better acquainted with other "new" folks and current members. You will meet fascinating people and have a chance to ask the questions you have contemplated! Again, childcare will be provided, if you need it.

Do join us in this great venture! Talk to any person on the Membership Committee, sign up at the Welcome Table in the sanctuary, or call Rick Wilson (365-7863) or the church office if you would like to attend this or any future orientation session, or if you have any questions.

We are a great bunch of folks, and we'd love for you to fully partake of all SUUC has to offer. Looking forward to seeing you in May at our classes.

Sunday Dream Group

Meets second Sunday of the month, facilitated by Tricia

Davis. We will be meeting Sunday, May 8 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.

Annual Meeting Note

For the Annual Meeting on May 22, a representative of each committee and the Board is expected to write a report for the past year which will go into one combined document. The reports should be emailed to Laurie no later than May 16 (office@shorelineuu.org) so she has time to prepare it.

Council of Committees Calendar Meeting, Sunday May 15th, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

After the May 15 church service, there will be a Council of Committees meeting in Chrysalis to review and begin planning 2011-12 SUUC activities and the process of reserving the space for them. As SUUC member activities and events increase, the need to balance these with the many outside groups who rent our buildings must be taken into consideration; their fees provide much needed income for our church. Checking to see if a room or building is open is the first step but the room must be reserved through Laurie Radin, who has the master schedule and there is paperwork that needs to be filled out before the room is officially reserved. SUUC Board member Laura McCarty and Heather Lynn will also join us at the meeting and will be there to answer questions and take feedback from you about the process.

At this meeting we will hear from SUUC standing committees and any new or ad hoc committees who will be or plan on using the buildings. We'll review the policies and procedures for booking a room, how to work with Laurie, myself and the janitorial staff to ensure that the event is successful, and discuss committee and event budgets and reimbursement procedures. At the conclusion, we will be ready to have a busy and productive year. There will be pizza to keep the hunger at bay. If you are not a committee chair, but interested in using the facilities or have an idea for an event, please join us. —*Krista Tenney Membership Activity Coordinator*

Plate Share Offerings

Our monthly Plate Share this month will be held on May 8 to support Oxfam. The offering is divided so that the selected organization receives 75% of the collection and SUUC receives 25%.

Oxfam America is an international relief and development organization that creates lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and injustice. Together with individuals and local groups in more than 100 countries, Oxfam saves lives, helps people overcome poverty, and fights for social justice.

April's Plate Share Results: Our plate share donation in April went to support Cocoon House. We sent them a check for \$400. Thank you for contributing.

May Schedule of Greeters, Ushers & Coffee Servers

	Greeters	Ushers	Coffee Servers
May 1:	Sallianne Davis & Jan Soderling	Marge Hampton & Tracy Monaghan	Sharon Maynard & Victoria Satterfield
May 8:	Linda Merriam, Victoria & David Satterfield	Christina Horst & Barbara Stilson	Helena Parker & Laura Westbrook
May 15:	Barbara Stilson, Jennifer & Sarah Brock	Homer Henderson & Tracy Monaghan	Jan Soderling & Clint McMahan
May 22:	Lex Voorhoeve, Julie & Trevor Houff	Paul Borrmann & Christina Horst	Karen Thompson & Rick Wilson
May 29:	Marilyn Thompson, John Sahr & Eliza Sutton	Barbara Stilson & Homer Henderson	Alice Brannman

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May 2011

Sunday, May 1

10:30-11:30 a.m..... Worship Service, Sanctuary
12-2 p.m..... Youth Group, North Portable

Monday, May 2

7:30-9 p.m..... Readers Theater, Conference Room

Wednesday May 4

6:30-8 p.m..... Care Team, Conference Room

Thursday, May 5

9:30-11 a.m..... Food for Soul, Forster Residence
6-7:30 p.m..... Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:30-9 p.m..... Connector's Chalice Circle, Conference Rm.
7:30-9 p.m..... Sine Nomine Chalice Circle, North Portable

Friday, May 6

10:15-11:30 a.m..... Friday Meditation, Nursery
6-8 p.m..... Film Showing: "for my wife...", Sanctuary

Saturday, May 7

10-12:30 p.m..... Women's Circle, Chrysalis

Sunday, May 8

10:30-11:30 a.m..... Worship Service, Sanctuary
12-2 p.m..... Youth Group, North Portable
12-2 p.m..... Dream Group, East Chrysalis Room
12-1:30 p.m..... RE Committee, Chrysalis
3-5 p.m..... Memorial for Rigby Biddle Wagner, Sanctuary

Monday, May 9

1-2:30 p.m..... Monday Chalice Circle, Nursery

Tuesday, May 10

11:30-12:30 p.m..... Book Group, Nursery
7-9 p.m..... Women's Group, East Chrysalis Room

Wednesday, May 11

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m... Music Committee, Conference Room
7-9 p.m..... Board Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, May 12

6-7:30 p.m..... Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:30-9 p.m..... Worship Planning Comm., Conference Room

Friday, May 13

All day..... Search Committee Retreat, home of Clint McMahan
10:15-11:30 a.m..... Meditation, Nursery

Saturday, May 14

All day..... Search Committee Retreat
10 a.m.-12 p.m..... End of Life Issues Panel Discussion, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 15

10:30-11:30 a.m..... Worship Service, Sanctuary
12-2 p.m..... Youth Group, North Portable
12-1:30 p.m..... Committee Calendar Planning, Chrysalis

Tuesday, May 17

6-8 p.m..... Food Lifeline

Thursday, May 19

9:30-11 a.m..... Food for Soul, Forster Residence
6-7:30 p.m..... Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:30-9 p.m..... Connector's Chalice Circle, Conference Rm.
7:30-9 p.m..... Sine Nomine Chalice Circle, North Portable

Friday, May 20

10 a.m..... Soundings Deadline
10:15-11:30 a.m..... Meditation, Nursery
12-1 p.m..... Senior Brown Bag Lunch, Conference Room
1:30-2:30 p.m..... Membership Committee, Conference Room

Saturday, May 21

7:30-9 p.m..... Full Moon Concert, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 22

10:30-11:30 a.m..... Worship Service, Sanctuary
12-3 p.m..... Annual Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
12-2 p.m..... Youth Group, North Portable

Monday, May 23

1-2:30 p.m..... Monday Chalice Circle, Nursery

Tuesday, May 24

7-8:30 p.m..... Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, May 26

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

Friday, April 27

10:15-11:30 a.m..... Meditation, Nursery

Sunday, May 29

10:30-11:30 a.m..... Worship Service, Sanctuary
12-2 p.m..... Youth Group, North Portable

If you want to see the complete calendar (including rentals) go to the church website, www.shorelineuu.org and look for it under "services and activities."

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Mission:

***SUUC is a caring community
that celebrates the growth of mind
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more just world.***

Vision:

*To become a leading voice of liberal religion in
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by continuing to act locally, while thinking
regionally, nationally, and globally.*

Values:

*Affirm and promote the UU Principles.
Grow our human and financial resources in
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