

Shoreline UU Church

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February 2017 Soundings Newsletter

Services for the Month

Sunday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.:

"Let Go: Practicing Forgiveness,"
Jessica Star Rockers; Choir

Sunday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.:

"Love and Forgiveness," Rev. Kate Landis.

Sunday, February 19, 10:30 a.m.:

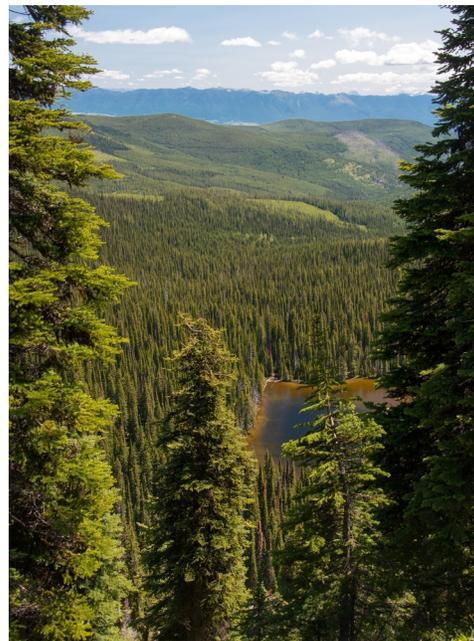
Guest Speaker; Choir

Sunday, February 19, 7 p.m.:

Night Meditation

Sunday, February 26, 10:30 a.m.:

"All-Ages Exploration of Forgiveness,"
Rev. Kate Landis



Columns

Rev. Kate Landis



Dear Ones,

"We forgive ourselves and each other and begin again in love,"
from "A Litany of Atonement," by Rev. Robert Eller-Isaacs

As a teenager, I loved the ritual of New Year's Eve--saying goodbye to the old year and beginning again. I was angsty and unsure of who I was--a fresh start meant maybe this year I would get straight A's, have hair like in the Pantene commercial, and be more patient with my brother. Perhaps this was the year I would be reincarnated into a soulful poet who strummed the acoustic guitar while serving as class president. Every year I thought: this year will be different.

I wanted to begin again, as Rob writes in his "Litany of Atonement," but I didn't know how to forgive myself first. I was mad at myself, that I struggled with grades, that I yelled at my brother, and so I couldn't move on, not really. And so, the fresh start never really arrived, because all that shame and guilt wasn't forgiven.

Forgiveness is our theme this month. When I think of forgiveness I tend to think of it in relationships--apologizing to a friend or my mom, a co-worker, the librarian when I'm paying my late fees. But what about forgiving ourselves? What do you have stored up inside the attic of your soul, waiting to be expunged? Don't you deserve the forgiveness you so readily share with others?

This month I am traveling to the International Women's Convocation in California, a gathering of Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist women from the U.S. and Canada, Western and Central Europe, Bolivia, Romania, India, and the Philippines. Over a long weekend, we will discuss global partnerships and how to move forward under our new presidential administration. The author and philosopher bell hooks will speak on race and gender, a fascinating topic as we recall the ways the feminist movement has short-changed women of color and consider how we can seek forgiveness and move forward. Rosemary Bray McNatt, the president of Starr King School for the Ministry, is also a featured speaker. Rosemary's efforts on forgiveness and reconciliation in the aftermath of Starr King's controversial presidential search, which held the school together in the wake of board and staff resignations and negative news coverage, are inspiring and I look forward to learning from her. I'll be at the conference the third weekend in February, I'm sure I'll have a lot to share when I return.

In the meantime, think about how you can forgive yourself. You may not get Pantene-commercial hair from forgiveness, but you will find new peace of mind.

*Warmly,
Rev Kate*

Chris Pollina, DRE



Hello, all. I hope you have had a January full of growth, caring, and action! Our church community definitely has had a busy and vital month; on January 22nd SUUC saw our third day on record that cracked 200 attendees. I'm really looking forward to this building momentum deepening our congregation's commitment to actualizing our religion's principles which call for a better world in the coming months and years. While there certainly is no shortage of things to be depressed, anxious, and mad about these days, there's also a lot of opportunity arising; millions of people took to the streets to show they were decidedly not OK with where this country is heading. More and more people who I know are looking for meaningful entry points into the struggle for a more just, peaceful, and fair world. Our church has a unique chance to be a place where children and adults can undergo the work of transforming themselves, their communities, and their world for the better. I am proud to be on the staff of this organization and doing my part in facilitating these experiences and thank all of you who have participated in furthering this collective project called Unitarian Universalism in our little corner of the world!

Speaking in more down-to-earth terms about our church's recent work, this past month we started off the Our Whole Lives sexuality education program for 7th-9th graders with a class of 15 youth – as big as any class we've done in conjunction with other churches in the past. The group met for an initial orientation in which they learned about the scope of the program and came up with a wonderful and well thought-out covenant – the conversation around this topic was so rich, we went way over time and they still had many great ideas to offer! The group also had an overnight session in which they covered an array of topics from anatomy to analyzing sexual language in music. They also had some good old fashioned fun time featuring pizza, ice cream, and Sardines – the game, not the food! This month also marked the beginning of our kindergarten to 2nd grade Our Whole Lives program. On January 22, we introduced a group of 15 parents to this important experience in which children learn about birth, body parts, privacy, and other developmentally appropriate aspects of sexuality. It looks like we'll have a BIG group of children for this as well and I couldn't be more excited! Many thanks go out to Corinne who is co-leading the program with me, Todd and Layna who did childcare for the orientation, and Mandy and Melissa who offered their help with the program after the parent orientation!

That's all for this month – look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday and hopefully outside of Sunday as well!

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, February 5, 12:30-3 p.m. – Volunteering at Mary's Place

Our Mary's Place shift from last month was canceled, so we've moved asking the 3rd-5th grade youth to consider it "their big day" to come and volunteer this date. While everyone is welcome to come on any of these days, we decided to put a focus on one class at a time in order to ensure that there's a big group feeling rather than spotty attendance over the course of several months.

Sunday, February 19, 9-10 a.m. – Teacher Breakfast + Workshop

All Religious Exploration teachers are invited to discuss the ups and downs of teaching in RE and to strategize ways to improve our program over a complimentary breakfast! Hope many of you can make it as these events are always better with a good-sized crowd!

Jessica Star Rockers, Intern Minister



My dear friends,

As I write this I have just returned from my two weeks at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. I was blessed to have Rev. Kate join me there for a few days, to mentor me and learn alongside me, and all the other student ministers and teaching pastors as well. Then I spent an incredible week in a class titled “Spiritual Practices for Minister and Congregation.” This was one of the most transformative classes I’ve experienced so far in seminary and I look forward to sharing some of this with you in the weeks ahead.

Many people have expressed to me both a desire to get more involved in social justice actions as well as a desire to develop personal spiritual practices. And I think these two desires are actually well suited to one another. The model of “action and reflection” is a learning style I’ve found really useful (and is the foundation of my work and distance learning through Meadville). It begins with the introduction of a new concept, putting the concept into action, and then processing with one or more people on what worked or didn’t. You then make adjustments and start again. It embraces messiness and mistakes as vital to the learning process. And it allows the space and time for embodied understanding to develop.

On February 5, I will be available after service to speak with folks about how this might work in terms of social justice and spiritual practice. How can our spiritual practice support our social justice actions, and vice versa? How will we find the space to experiment and make mistakes? There are lots of ways we can do this. And I’m excited to explore with you what this could mean. I’m also in the office every Wednesday if you would rather talk with me one-on-one. Send me an email and let’s set up a time to chat!

Also on February 5 I will be preaching a sermon titled “Let Go: Practicing Forgiveness.” I’m eager to share with you a guided forgiveness meditation that I’ve been using lately. Forgiveness is an action and one we can practice regularly to help heal ourselves and the world. And it is incredibly powerful when applied to our social justice work!

Many blessings to you during this rainy season. So glad to be back with you in this wonderful community again.

Paul Borrmann, VP-Finance



Money Talks Look at That Statement

In early February you will all receive a statement from the office that details how much you gave to Shoreline UU during 2016. The statement includes how much you pledged to the operating budget and how much you have pledged to the capital campaign for the proposed new building.

Please, look over the statement as soon as possible to make sure we are all in agreement about how much you gave and what your giving was for! Don't wait until you start pulling together all your 2016 tax information - we are closing our 2016 books soon.

Some of you have said that you find the statement unclear, especially as it relates to capital campaign pledges. Most of you plan to complete the pledge over a period of two, three or four years. The statement lists the full amount of your capital pledge, as well as the amount that you paid this year. I apologize for the fact that this may seem to imply that you are "behind" in paying that pledge if part or all of it remains unpaid; these statements say **NOTHING** about when your capital pledge is due - none of the pledges are actually "due" until the end of the four-year campaign period. We live with the software's limitations.

In any event, the amount of charitable contributions you might be able to deduct on your tax return is the amount you actually **GAVE** during 2016, and is **NOT** the amount you pledged.

Minutes from January Board Meeting

Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees Meeting January 3, 2017, 7:00-8:40 p.m.

In attendance: *Juel Erikson, Amanda Ray, Judi Kalitzki, Paul Borrmann, and Alison Leigh Lilly; Absent:* *Adam Griffith, Rev. Kate Landis and Carolyn Threadgill*

Opening:

Call to Order – Judi Kalitzki presiding

Approvals:

Approval of December minutes: Motion: Amanda Ray; Seconded: Paul Borrmann. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Leave of Absence for Adam Griffith: Motion: Judi Kalitzki; Seconded: Paul Borrmann. Motion was approved unanimously. (See details below.)

New Business:

Board Monthly Meeting Schedule: Due to changing schedules in the new year, the Board revisited the question of when to hold our monthly meetings. After consulting the church's calendar and our individual schedules, however, it was determined that the best available date remains the first Tuesday of the month. Unfortunately, Adam Griffith will be

unable to attend Board meetings on these dates during the spring semester due to a schedule conflict. The Board voted unanimously to grant him a Leave of Absence for the months of January - March 2017 (in accordance with Article VII, Section 6.b of the Bylaws). Adam will continue to serve on the Board during this time, and the Board will consult with him and seek his valuable input via email and in-person conversations in-between meetings.

Capital Campaign for New Members: Since the end of the Capital Campaign our congregation has continued to grow, welcoming 25-30 new members into our community. In order to give these members an opportunity to learn more about plans for the new building and to offer their support towards our continuing fundraising efforts, Rev. Kate Landis and the Board will be hosting 2-3 small gatherings in late January and early February. The Board discussed the logistics of scheduling and hosting these events.

Bylaw Updates--Term Limits: The Board continued our conversation (begun at last year's annual Board retreat) about updates to the bylaws. To ensure church leadership remains engaged and diverse, and to avoid burnout as our congregation grows in size, the Board discussed the introduction of term limits to be applied uniformly to all elected positions. This would mean a change for some elected positions that do not currently carry a term limit. A final proposal for bylaw changes regarding term limits will be presented to the congregation in advance of the Annual Congregational Meeting in May 2017, to be enacted beginning in June 2017.

Congregational Life Committee--Follow-Up: With the creation of the new Congregational Life Committee following congregational approval at the Congregational Meeting last month, the Board discussed next steps in the transition process. Alison Leigh Lilly will convene a temporary working group that will focus on laying the necessary groundwork for a successful transition, gathering resources, setting a vision for the new CLC and developing a plan of practical steps to guide the CLC in working towards that vision. Alison will also continue to coordinate with the current Nominating Committee, Lew Witham (Committee chair) and Adam Griffith (Board liaison) concerning details of the transition in preparation for this year's election.

New Building Committee--Latest Updates: Carolyn Threadgill updated the Board (via email) regarding progress on the new building. The New Building Committee has submitted the Deviation from Engineering Standards application to the City of Shoreline to confirm in writing that we will not be required to make drastic changes to the property frontage. The NBC is in the process of reviewing all quotes for services and meeting with our civil engineer and modular builder regarding final working drawings. These will be shared with the congregation before final building decisions are made. If costs are higher than estimated, a final congregational vote is planned for February, or as soon as possible pending a response to our application from the City.

Topics for Future Consideration:

Providing Minister Assessment: Discussion of developing an assessment process for the minister to provide on-going feedback following the completion of her UUA Final Fellowship last year.

Prepared by Alison Leigh Lilly

Rev. Barbara Cornell, Affiliated Community Minister



Side by Side...a column from Mental Health & Recovery Ministries

This year I've devoted this column to gifts we all can give to those who struggle with mental illness or addiction. This month our topic is time. Your time matters and how you choose to spend it (like your money) says a lot. I wish you could spend some of your precious time thinking about how the world looks to someone with an addiction or a mental illness and then, how they might feel about it. It can be difficult to imagine being that vulnerable, but try. Next time you read a story in the newspaper or see something in a movie or TV show about a person who struggles with mental illness imagine that person is your sister or father or child. Sometimes this exercise can open our minds and hearts in ways we didn't expect. Or maybe we know all too well how it feels to have a sister, father or child struggling in this way. Just sit with your feelings for a moment. Take the time. Take a deep, cleansing breath and imagine lots of love and compassion around that person and you. Keep breathing. Repeat.

When we can make space in our hearts and minds it is easier to make space in our lives to spend time visiting people who struggle with mental illness or addition. We can call or visit. Sit down, visit, fully focus your attention on them. It's hard to imagine sometimes how very isolated and marginalized people in our midst may be feeling. Listening to another person is a very precious gift. I put a note in my calendar reminding me to call my loved one who is struggling. I call and mostly just listen. It's a golden opportunity to share your love and support. You don't have to solve it all or any of it. You don't have to fix it. Perhaps you could say, "I was thinking about you and I wanted to hear how you are doing." Wish him or her the very best. Wow! This gift of your time, not a whole lot of time, but your precious time can make a huge difference in someone's life.

If there is any way that we can be supportive of you and your family please reach out to us, the co-chairs of the Mental Health & Recovery Ministry team here at Shoreline UU, Chris Poole at 206-542-9271 or Rev. Barbara Cornell at uubcornell@gmail.com

The support group for Family and Friends of those with a lived experience of mental illness for February will be held in the Conference Room at church on February 27, 2017 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There is a place for you to join us!

Community Announcements

Spring Retreat: Our Annual UU Gathering at Seabeck

Please save the date for our annual **UU Spring Retreat at Seabeck: Friday, May 5 through Sunday, May 7, 2017**. Together, we return to the beautiful Seabeck Conference Center on Hood Canal to continue our years' long Seabeck tradition. **Online Registration opens the first Sunday in March.**



Participating congregations (Shoreline, Saltwater, Westside, Evergreen, Tahoma, Olympia, and Woodinville) will have a registration table, so please watch for this.

2017 Theme--UUs Face to Face: A Journal for Your Journey: In times of extreme transition -- whether personal, congregational, or national -- we may feel shaken, disoriented, less than whole. It is more important than ever to cultivate a meaningful community and to know we are part of a wider UU web. **Rev. Amanda Aikman, UU minister and spiritual director, will accompany us** as we regroup, restore, and refresh ourselves. You will be invited on a journey with fellow UUs, a journey of sharing, exploring deep spiritual issues, laughter, heartfelt connection. Your Seabeck Team is planning a schedule of volunteer-led interactive workshops, which will complement Rev. Amanda's program; worship; and classes for our children, all based on our theme, "A Journal for Your Journey." All ages are welcome and scholarship assistance is available. Please join us for this attractive possibility!

2017 Auction Fundraiser: Services and Events Sign-Ups

Community! Conversation! Getting to know people in new ways! Good times exploring new cuisines! Services!

Each year, we get together and offer events and services to each other and to our friends. This is the church's biggest fundraiser of the year. Last year, we raised \$10,000 and this year we set an ambitious goal of \$15,000--which is why need to you again to sign up, or sign up for the first time.

How does it work? We're asking you to offer an event or service that others can sign up to get, or to attend. The Fundraising Committee collects your sign ups (you can do more than one!) and **we bid on them starting February 19 at Church or online.**

What have people done in the past? Guided tour of a local museum or garden with lunch included...Cooking dinner at someone's home....Playing games or cardsBabysitting....Sailboat excursion....Picnic dinners for 20 people....Rides to the Airport.....Tickets to sporting events....Gift Certificates and Baskets.....

If you have questions, feel free to contact Kate Beck or Mark Smith. You can fill out the form online and get more information on ideas. <http://tinyurl.com/SUUC2017>

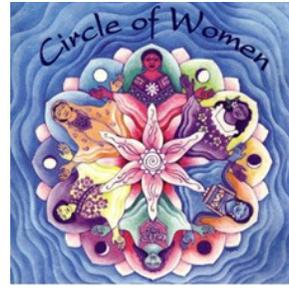


Maximize the March!

Activism 101

Looking for a way to get involved in social justice at Shoreline? Not sure where to start? Let's dip our toes in the activist waters! Our ministerial intern Jessica will lead a discussion on all the possible entry points. Come and chat about the cause YOU care most about and let's plan together how you can make a difference. Every little bit helps. All are welcome! February 5, 12 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Invigorated by the Womxn's March and wondering how you might get involved in the weeks and months ahead? On February 8 at 5 p.m., Standing on the Side of Love is hosting a Post-Women's March webinar to provide helpful tools for folks to provide political context and theological grounding for organizing. You can be a part of mobilizing for the resistance and standing on the side of love! Register at <https://tiny.cc/MoreFromMarchPostWebinar>. You will be sent a link to click on, to watch on your computer.



SUUC Women's Group

Our next Women's Circle will meet Saturday, February 4, 10 a.m. in Chrysalis. We will be planning for the new year, including new topics to explore and also where can we meet when Chrysalis is torn down. Come with your great ideas and treats to share.

Plate Share for the Month

On February 12, our Plate Share recipient will be Compass Housing Alliance. This is a local nonprofit that provides a range of services and housing options to people struggling with homelessness and poverty.

Looking for Candidates

The church's Nominating Committee (soon to be Congregational Life Committee) is seeking candidates to fill vacant positions on SUUC's Board of Trustees, as well as our Committee and the Endowment Committee.

The terms for all of these committees has been set at three years. Any SUUC members interested in serving, and in what the work of these committees consists of, are encouraged to contact a Nominating Committee member. The Nominating Committee consists of Noel Bain, Nancy Curtis, Ann Maxwell, Cal Spangler, and Lew Witham.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to engaging in conversation with you.

Sincerely, Lew Witham (on behalf of the Nominating Committee)



Night Meditation Services

All are welcome for an exploration of meditation styles. 7-8 p.m. the third Sunday of every month. Please note that the 6 p.m. potluck has been canceled.

Where Were You When Feminism's Second Wave Hit?

A New Reader's Theater Play!

Come help the Reader's Theater Group and Rev. Amanda Aikman develop a new chancel play! Rev. Aikman, formerly associated with SUUC, and a well-known local UU minister and playwright, has a new work in progress which she has graciously offered to workshop with our own RTG. Our first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, at 3:30 in Chrysalis. Anyone interested in helping with reading and commentary (and with luck performing in a service at SUUC) is welcome to attend. Membership in the Reader's Theater Group is encouraged but not required. If you are interested, please contact Bruce Campbell or Homer Henderson for further information.

Pacific Northwest District Assembly in Eugene, OR

The 55th PNWD Annual Business Meeting will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, February 25, 2017 during the [PNWD District Assembly](#) at The Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene, Oregon.

The Business Meeting Agenda and the full Nominating Committee Slate, including pictures and bios, have been posted on the District Assembly [Delegates/Business Meeting Materials](#) page.

If you wish to be a delegate for SUUC at the District Annual Meeting, please contact Rev. Kate or a Board member so they can submit a Delegate Certification Form by February 17.

Join us for the full day's activities, scheduled for 9-5:30. Find details about the day's programming, workshops, worship, area lodging suggestions, and more on the [PNWD District Assembly](#) page.

SUUC Evening Book Group Meeting February 1 "The owl of Minerva flies at dusk."

You know, the first wave was the suffragists who got the vote, and the second wave put women in jobs and offices that had been exclusive to men, and tried to pass the Equal Rights Amendment. Do you have any "Stories from the Second Wave?" Were you the first woman to have a certain job or other opportunity, or were you a man who was around when those changes took place? We'd like to hear your story in our church service on March 26. You can present it or ask that someone else present it for you. Please get in touch with Susan Storer Clark at songsue30@gmail.com, or 206-801-7027. Thanks!

GreenSong Event in February

GreenSong CUUPS Pagan Group will hold a gathering convened by Carol Graywing on Sunday, February 5, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. In the Wheel of the Year, it's the time of returning light and harbingers of spring. We'll see if we have some crocus courage to poke our heads up thru that wintry soil and we'll do some singing and drumming. Bring percussion instruments if you have them; if not there will enough to share. Y'all come!

Shoreline UU Men's Association

SUUMA (Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Men's Association) will meet for breakfast at the Wedgwood Broiler, 8230 35th Ave NE, on Saturday, February 18, 9-11 a.m. We will discuss the theme "Forgiveness" at this meeting. All SUUC men are welcome at our monthly breakfast meetings on the third Saturday of each month.

The Evening Book Group (aka "The Owls of Minerva") will meet on Wednesday, February 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the church Conference Room. The reading under discussion is *Ghettoside: A True Story of Murder in America* by Jill Leovy. Judi Kalitzki will facilitate our discussion of this gripping and enlightening book.



Here is the full schedule of books for our monthly discussion meetings for 2017:

- Feb. 1 -- Jill Leovy, *Ghettoside: A True Story of Murder in America*. Facilitator -- Judi Kalitzki
- Mar. 1 -- Philip Tetlock, *Superforecasting: The Art and Science of Prediction*. Facilitator -- Paul Borrmann
- Apr. 5 -- Joseph Bruchac, *Sacajawea*. Facilitator -- Jennifer Sepez
- May 3 -- Louisa Lim, *People's Republic of Amnesia*. Facilitator -- Bob Beekman
- June 7 -- Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, *An Indigenous People's History of the United States*. Facilitator -- Darrell Udd
- July 5 -- Gloria Steinem, *My Life on the Road*. Facilitator -- Ginny Buzzell
- Aug. 2-- Jack Nisbet, *The Sources of the River: Tracking David Thompson Across North America*. Facilitator -- Tori Manzer
- Sep. 6-- Erwin Schrodinger, *What is Life?* (Often printed with *Mind and Matter*.) Facilitator -- Elwin Wirkala
- Oct. 4 -- Siddhartha Mukherjee, *The Gene: An Intimate History*. Facilitator -- Rita Wirkala
- Nov. 1 -- Robert P. Jones, *The End of White Christian America*. Facilitator -- Bill King
- Dec. 6 -- Sebastian Junger, *Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging*. Facilitator -- Karen Thompson

Anyone is welcome to join our book group discussions on the first Wednesday of each month -- even if you haven't finished reading the book for that month! If more information is needed, contact Bob Beekman, 206-527-7340, rlbeekman@gmail.com.

Social Action Ministry

Call for SRE Donation Nominations



In February, SUUC's Social Action Ministry asks congregants to nominate global and environmental non-profits for 2017 donations from the Social Responsibility Endowment (SRE) Fund. The SRE Fund donation guidelines call for an international (or non-U.S.) emphasis or an environmental emphasis. So nominations for SRE donations should look beyond local charities; such local organizations are the recipients of SUUC's Plate Share and Winter Holiday Giving programs. The Social Action Ministry will vet the nominated non-profits and select 3 or 4 finalists.

For the second year, the SRE annual income from last year will be distributed to the selected organizations in proportion to donations received from individual congregants. So, when you suggest a possible recipient organization for this SRE matching donation campaign, think about environmental and international organizations to which **you** would

like to give in April. Given the current national situation, we expect strong nominees from among U.S. environmental groups. Some recent past SRE donations have been: 350.org, Doctors Without Borders, Aprovecho Research Center (improved biomass, low emission stoves for South America), Human Rights Watch, Partners in Health, and the Center for Victims of Torture.

A nominating sheet will be available in the church hall before and after Sunday worship on February 12, 19, and 26. Write in your non-profit nominee there, or contact Bob Beekman, 206-527-7340, rlbeekman@gmail.com, to turn in your nomination or just to get further information.

Mary's Place Volunteering February 5

Volunteer with Fellow UUs right after worship Sun., Feb. 5, at Mary's Place North Shelter. Have you been wondering about Shoreline UU Church's new monthly all ages volunteering project at Mary's Place North Shelter for homeless families? Come check it out! We've had kids, teens, adults, and elders join us—everyone can help. Volunteering with families and peers means you will be planning, experiencing, and reflecting on this important work with people you know well. It's another way to share work with each other while sharing donations and help with those who need it.



Each month, we go to the Mary's Place North Shelter for homeless families. We find, sort, and organize donated clothing, toys, and personal items. We spend time with homeless kids. We step up and do what's needed each time we are there. Join us on Sunday, February 5, 12:30-3 p.m. We'll meet after the church service in the entry hall and have a bit of lunch to sustain us while we work. Then we'll caravan to Mary's Place North Shelter in the former bank building at 130th and Stone Way in North Seattle. Contact Corinne Sherry at Shoreline UU Church if you need more information or would be willing to bring some lunch.

SUUC's Monthly All-Ages Mary's Place Volunteers Need Co-Leaders. Corinne Sherry has done a stellar job organizing our church's monthly Sunday afternoon all-ages volunteering at Mary's Place North Shelter for homeless families. However, to lead the group when Corinne has an absence, either planned (in May, during SUUC's Seabeck Retreat) or unplanned, we need a group of 2 or 3 co-leaders. Marguerite Chin has volunteered for this, but we would like to have one or two more people who are fairly regular volunteers in this activity. We could also use 2 or 3 people to rotate responsibility for providing lunches at the church between the Sunday worship service and the visit to Mary's place on the first Sunday of each month. If you can help with these necessary but fun roles, please contact Corinne Sherry, the project lead or Jean Berolzheimer or Mark Smith, our Social Action Ministry co-chairs. Thanks so much!

Social Action Ministry Meets Saturday, February 11, under New Officers



The SUUC Social Action Ministry meets Saturday, February 11, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., in Chrysalis. Attend this meeting to engage with immediate projects and to plan others for the rest of 2017, under the new SAM leadership of co-chairs Jean Berolzheimer and Mark Smith. Likely agenda items are:

- Possible Black Lives Matter workshop series.
- Intern Minister proposal for her “Focused Initiative” project.
- Recruiting co-leaders & lunch suppliers for our monthly family volunteer Sundays at Mary’s Place.
- 2017 support for Faith Action Network (including SUUC membership), NWuuJN, and WA UU Voices for Justice.
- Sno-King Meaningful Movies -- possible hosting of some film showings in our dome.
- Updates on on-going efforts:

Please contact Jean Berolzheimer or Mark Smith if you have any questions or suggestions for this meeting.

Faith Action Network's Interfaith Advocacy Day in Olympia, Feb. 9

Join people of all faiths to bring the voice of justice and compassion to our elected Washington State leaders in Olympia on Thursday, February 9. Your meeting with legislators and/or their staff on this day is the most important thing members of WA state faith communities can do at the state government level! During Interfaith Advocacy Day, you can:



- Join workshops that will break down these high-priority issues on FAN’s 2017 Legislative Agenda (<http://fanwa.org/legislative-agenda/>)
- Building a More Humane and Sustainable Biennial Budget for Our State
- Increasing Support for Human Services and Reducing Wealth Inequality
- Dismantling the Culture of Violence
- Protecting Housing and Preventing Homelessness
- Sustaining Washington’s Environment
- Learn current best practices on how to advocate in today’s WA State Legislature
- Prepare for briefings and hearings with advocates from your legislative district
- **Meet with your legislator! Once you register, FAN will set up an appointment for you and others from your district**
- Lunch will be provided

REGISTRATION: \$15 when paid in advance, and \$20 if you pay at the door. Your registration fee covers some of the costs of renting our meeting space, lunches, and advocacy materials. (Scholarships are available for low income advocates.) To get more information on where to meet in Olympia, the day’s schedule, and some overnight lodging possibilities--and **TO PRE-REGISTER**, go online to

<https://fanwa.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=78>. Contact Bob Beekman for more information or to confer about carpooling possibilities.

February Church Activities Calendar

Wednesday, February 1

5-6:30 p.m. Intern Comm. Mtg., Conf. Room
6:30-8 p.m. Potluck Supper, Sanctuary
7-8:30 p.m. Evening Book Group, Conf. Room

Thursday, February 2

6-8:30 p.m. Weekly Game Night, Chrysalis
6-7:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:45-9 p.m. Music Committee, Conf. Room

Friday, February 3

12-1:30 p.m. Appreciating Elderhood, Sanctuary

Saturday, February 4

10 a.m.-noon Women's Circle, Chrysalis
3:30-6 p.m. Reader's Theater, Chrysalis

Sunday, February 5

10:30-11:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
12-2 p.m. Healing Dark Emotions, Sanctuary
12-2 p.m. Activism 101, Conference Room
12-3 p.m. OWL, Chrysalis
12:30-3 p.m. Volunteering at Mary's Place
6:30-9 p.m. GreenSong Gathering, Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 7

7-9 p.m. Board Meeting, Conf. Room

Wednesday, February 8

6:30-8 p.m. Potluck Supper, Sanctuary
7-8:30 p.m. Welcome Team, Conf. Room

Thursday, February 9

6-8:30 p.m. Weekly Game Night, Chrysalis
6-7:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, February 10

7-10 p.m. Pub Theology, Flying Bike Brewery

Saturday, February 11

9:30-11 a.m. Social Action Meeting, Chrysalis

Wednesday, February 15

6:30-8 p.m. Potluck Supper, Sanctuary
7-8:30 p.m. Worship Planning, Conf. Room

Thursday, February 16

6-8:30 p.m. Weekly Game Night, Chrysalis
6-7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, February 17

10-11:30 a.m. Charites Chalice Circle, Udd's
12-1:30 p.m. Appreciating Elderhood, Sanct.

Saturday, February 18

9-11 a.m. Men's Group, Wedgwood Broiler

Sunday, February 19

10:30-11:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
12-1 p.m. Congregational Mtg. (tent.), Sanct.
2-1 p.m. Nominating Comm. Conf. Room
12-2 p.m. Healing Dark Emotions, Sanctuary
2-3 p.m. OWL, Chrysalis
7-8 p.m. Night Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, February 20

10 a.m. Soundings copy deadline

Wednesday, February 22

6:30-8 p.m. Potluck Supper, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 23

6-8:30 p.m. Weekly Game Night, Chrysalis
6-7:30 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 26

10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. OWL K-2nd, Chrysalis
10:30-11:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. GreenSong Brown Bag, Conf. Room
12-2 p.m. Healing Dark Emotions, Sanctuary
6-8 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Portable

Monday, February 27

10 a.m.-noon Seabeck Planning, Conf. Room

6:30-8:30 p.m. Family/Friends Support Group,
Conf. Room

Sunday, February 12

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

10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. OWL K-2, Chrysalis

12-2 p.m. Healing Dark Emotions, Conf. Room

6-8 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Portable

Tuesday, February 28

7-9 p.m. Barbara's COM Meeting, Conf. Room

Tuesday, February 14

1:30-2:45 p.m. Chalice Circle, Nursery

7:30-8:30 p.m. Endowment Comm., Conf. Room

Sunday Volunteers

February 5

Marguerite Chin & Milton Wagy, Greeters
Homer Henderson & Anne Martin, Ushers
Evelyn & Tom Bookout, Baristas

February 19

Earl Davis & Karen Thompson, Greeters
Paul Borrmann & Jeremy Corvialis, Ushers

February 12

Andy Landis & Megan Watson, Greeters
Ryan & Zoey Dunne, Ushers
Darian Smolar & David Duke, Baristas

February 26

Carolyn Brenner & Sue Leisy, Greeters
Dianne Carreri & Barbara Stilson, Ushers
Susan Clark & Dana Doerksen, Baristas

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