

Soundings

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



MAY 2015 WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.:

"Restoring Common Ground,"
Bridget Laflin, Guest Speaker;
Choir Sings; Celebration Sunday!

Sunday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.:

"A Tapestry of Restoration,"
Rev. Kate Landis; Spirit Hand Performs

Sunday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.:

"A Circle of Restoration,"
Rev. Kate Landis; Choir Sings

Sunday, May 24, 10:30 a.m.:

"What Next?" The Readers Theater
presents "Three Unresolved
Situations"

Sunday, May 31, 10:30 a.m.:

Flower Communion! Bring a flower to
church!

MINISTER'S MESSAGE REV. KATE LANDIS

My Dear Church Family,

Happy May! This month our theme is Restoration. What does restoration mean to you? Restoration reminds me of spa advertisements, pictures of modern hotels with clean lines and white décor, people looking ecstatic to be eating a piece of fruit. Places that seem built to help you rest, eat leafy greens, and get gentle exercise. In this culture of rushing, or cramming more and more into every day, it isn't surprising that vacations built around rest are popular. Perhaps we all long to return to the infant cycle of sleep-eat-move a little-sleep-repeat. Then again, what if it is your soul that needs restoration? What if you are weighed down with worry, fear, and your nervous system is so tired you don't know whether to choose fight or flight?



Have you heard of the term compassion fatigue? It comes up a lot in helping professions, jobs where the tragedies of the world are center stage. When compassion fatigue strikes, it is hard to care about problems big and small, huge societal ills and local crises. It may even be hard to share compassion with your own family. However, the 24-hour news cycle and the internet have spread compassion fatigue to a much greater population. We see tragedy every day, tragedies in our town and across the world. Sometimes I fear anyone with access to the web has a touch of compassion fatigue.

So how do we restore our souls? What will buoy our spirits above the morass of compassion fatigue? Soul restoration. This month in worship and in small groups, we are discussing how we can hit refresh on our fatigued souls. Please join us, this is a life-changing time to explore your spirit at Shoreline UU Church. If the despair is too heavy to even imagine lifting, please give me a call. Compassion fatigue can turn into depression and you don't have to face that alone. We are all in this together.

Together we will find new hope. Together we will make a new way. Join me on Sunday morning. I am so glad we are on this spiritual journey together.

Warmly, Rev Kate

Congregational Meeting, after Church on Sunday, May 17

Come to a potluck and the semi-annual meeting to vote on new Board of Trustees positions and others. (See pages 2 and 3 for information about the nominees.) Also on the agenda is the final Building Assessment Committee presentation on a new building to replace the old Chrysalis and two portables. Paul Borrmann, VP-Finance, will present information on funding the construction of the new building.

—Carolyn Threadgill, BAC Chair and Board member

A New Chrysalis — Finance Update

Three months ago I wrote in my column that I thought we might be able to afford to finance only about **\$150,000** in addition to the debt we still carry from building the dome. I now revise that estimate to **\$250,000**, since a surplus from the 2014 operating budget allows us to use both 2016 and 2017 expected growth in income in assessing our capacity. This figure assumes we will be able to generate the loans from our members, and not have to seek a commercial loan.

The Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 17, will feature a recommendation by the Building Assessment Committee for a new Chrysalis. It will include a total cost estimate in the range of \$800,000-\$850,000. With the invested Davis gift now worth **\$125,000**, this means that we would need to raise somewhere **between \$425,000 and \$475,000** in a capital campaign.

While achievable, such a goal would be a challenge for this congregation. My research into other congregations' experience says that achieving this goal will require several LARGE gifts (not necessarily as large as the \$100,000 Davis gift, but at least in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range).

Other congregations have had large gifts come from members who had planned to make a bequest, but who decided to give that gift BEFORE they died, and were able to see for themselves the result of their gift. Have you been thinking of putting a substantial gift to SUUC in your will? Would you like to see for yourself how your gift benefits SUUC? Think about it.

—Paul Borrmann
Vice-President, Finance

Nominees for SUUC Leadership Positions

Nominated for the Board of Trustees:

For a one year term —Juel Erickson;

For two two year terms —Mandy Ray and Allison Lilly.

For three year terms—Paul Borrmann will run for a new 3 year term and Caroline Threadgill will run for a new 3 year term.

Karen Thompson and Adam Griffith are the holdovers.

Nominated for the Endowment Committee:

Laura Banks, Bob Beekman and Bruce Campbell. Laura and Bob will run again and Bruce Campbell is a new term.

Devi Nambi and Christian Moore are the holdovers.

Nominated for the Nominating Committee:

Cal Spangler, Noel Bain, Lew Witham, Nancy Curtis and Ann Maxwell; Jo Moore's and Jan Soderling's terms expired.

Bios of Nominees

Bruce Campbell is a New Englander with Senior standing. He has a BA and PhD which allowed him to do research and teach chemistry among other things at the University level. He has acted professionally and does other peoples taxes. He is a life member of AAII (American Association of Individual Investors), which gives him access to financial research and results. He prefers minimal hair styles.

Nancy Curtis is a retired preschool teacher. She moved to Seattle from PA in 2011 and has been a UU for 15 years. She has two daughters and two grandsons.

Juel Erickson is a Seattle native; she graduated from the UW in Numerical Analysis, the forerunner of Computer Science, and spent her entire career in computers, beginning in 1968. She is currently retired, divorced, and has no children. She loves to play bridge. Juel joined SUUC two years ago, having found her spiritual home.

Alison Leigh Lilly is a freelance author and blogger, as well as a columnist for SageWoman Magazine; her work explores the relationship between nature and spirit through the lens of ancient Celtic myth and tradition. Since becoming a member of SUUC in October 2014, she's been enthusiastically involved in the Pagan Interest Group, through which she has led rituals and provided poetry, songs, meditations and readings for small group rites as well as the recent Spring Equinox Sunday service. She also regularly rubs elbows with other under-40ish SUUC members at the monthly Pub Theology discussion group, and is looking forward to becoming even more active with the congregation in the months (and years!) to come.

Ann Maxwell's family members have been Unitarians/Universalists for many generations. (She is the 6th generation). Ann has been a member of SUUC since 1994 and her son Matthew Allen grew up in the church. Ann

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has been involved in many aspects of the church. She was chairperson of the pledge drive in 1996; co-chair of the new Sanctuary Building Fundraising Committee; she has been on the Board of Trustees; Endowment Committee for several years; fundraising group for the children's playground; member of the Fundraising Committee. She coordinated some workshops on end of life and financial planning; coordinated a rummage sale and plant sales; has been a mentor for two years for the Coming of Age program, plus other activities.

Mandy Ray, her husband Brandon, and daughter Allison, have been attending SUUC since late 2013. She is a native of the Pacific Northwest, but has lived in several states over the past 10 years, moving around with Brandon's military career. She currently work as a nurse practitioner in a busy cardiology practice, and before this she was an ICU nurse. She considers her open-mindedness and conscientiousness to be among her greatest assets. Mandy enjoys being a member of SUUC because she feels comfortable being herself, knowing her own beliefs and practices will be respected and valued without ever having to justify who she is or what she believes. One of her favorite activities at SUUC is serving coffee.

Curious or Interested in Joining SUUC?

Come to the next orientation gathering on May 9, from 9 a.m. until noon and find answers to some of your questions. This is a time when those of you who might be interested in joining our community of faith can come together with Rev. Kate and explore some basic tenets of Unitarian Universalism and how SUUC operates as a community. If you would like to attend (with great snacks provided – child care, too, if needed!) just contact the office office@shorelineuu.org or Andy Landis andy.landis@comcast.net.

Hope to see you there!

The Plant Sale is Rapidly Approaching!

Hello, fellow gardeners and plant lovers! Thanks for all the empty pots; we don't need any more.

Friday May 8, 5 p.m.; tent set up—Adam W. Adair and the Collins-Matsuzaki clan. Organization discussion during tent-up: Robin Bruins, Jill Patten, myself (Laura Westbrook) and anyone else. We'll be done by 6 p.m., in time for Rick Wilson's event.

Saturday May 9, Sunday May 10—Sylvia is helping (times?); sorry folks, I know some of you have said you'd help, but I can't find my notes. If you want to help on Saturday or Sunday—please send me another message.

Sunday May 10: Take down and put away— I need you to remind me who you are; thanks so much.

A few of the plants that will be available (this list is only a fraction of what we have):

- Clematis: four small Clematis 'Fireworks'; one each, in gallon pots: 'Fujimusume', 'Guernsey Cream', 'H.F. Young'
- Coleus, Columbine, Cosmos Cocha Mocha
- Edibles: cilantro, figs, grapes, kale, patio cucumbers (according to Territorial, they grow well in a pot), pumpkins (Cuties!!!), squash, strawberries
- Heucheras (little cutie Coco and Lime Marmalade)
- Lupines, Marigolds (the little guys), Zonal Geraniums

If you were planning on sharing some plants, get them into pots and labeled. Bring to church Thursday evening, May 7, or sometime Friday, May 8. If the tent is up and has tables and shelving (after 5 p.m. Friday), please put your plants on far right side.

We will also have some little terrariums, garden art supplies, Harry Lauder's Walking Stick branches, blown glass eggs, glass balls, and interesting pieces of wood.

—Laura Westbrook/wildweeder@gmail.com/206-605-2005



RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

CHRIS POLLINA – DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



As I write this, it is a positively beautiful day. It feels like summer is just around the corner – and it is! The last day of children’s classes will be on May 17 after which we’ll have a party for the children while the adult members of our church bask in the glow of democracy in the sanctuary for our (very important) annual congregational meeting. **Please note that, due to the slew of events on and following this Sunday, we will be skipping the regularly scheduled monthly family potluck for May!** The two Sundays after this are intergenerational worships (more on those below), after which our summer RE program will begin. Starting on June 14, the children and youth from kindergarten to 8th grade will spend the next 13 Sundays doing a variety of outdoorsy, social justice-related, educational, spiritual, and fun activities together. If you’d like to spend some time with the children and me helping out with summer activities, even just for two days, please get in touch – it’s a very easy, fun, and low commitment way to spend some time with all of the bright, fun, and thoughtful children and youth at SUUC.

I hope that, to the extent your schedule allows, you will all save the date of June 7 to come to church, as we’ll be having a special service in which we’ll honor this year’s RE teachers and highlight the accomplishments of their RE classes over the previous nine months. During this intergenerational service, we’ll also be celebrating the high school seniors who are moving into adulthood as well as the 13 children and youth who are moving up to a new class this year! I hope everyone can come together to make a real celebration out of this special occasion in their lives and in the life of our church.

Good luck to all you parents – I know May is a crazy time for many of you and I hope that our SUUC can be a refuge for you in the hectic rush that is the end of the school year. See you on Sunday!

Chris Pollina / shorelinedre@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 17 – Final Day of RE Classes/Year End Party!

Since the children will be having their last class together for the year this Sunday, there will be a party for children and youth in Chrysalis concurrent with the congregational meeting! More information about this coming soon.

Sunday, May 24 – K-8th Grade Children’s Church Activity

This Sunday is often a lower attendance day due to the majority of folks being at the annual Seabeck retreat, so we’ll be combining grades K-8 for a special “Children’s Church” day. Past Children’s Church days have included making the Junk Mandala as well as creating the handprint chalice and flame which lives in the foyer of Chrysalis.

Sunday, May 31 – Flower Communion Intergenerational Worship

During this annual Unitarian ritual, which started in 1923, congregants young and old are invited to bring a flower to church and go home with a different flower at the end of the service. Please note, there are always lots of extra flowers waiting for you at SUUC if you forget to bring some with you.

Sunday, June 7 – Teacher Appreciation and Bridging Ceremony

See above for more information.



Religious Exploration Big Picture Team

Greetings! The RE Big Picture Team just met for a third time to continue our work in defining goals for the future of SUUC's religious exploration program. We are working to create a vision for the program in three parts:

- A concise statement that paints in broad strokes the aim of our children's religious exploration program, such as "A sense of being part of the larger UU community, both geographically and over time"
- A more explicit list of what we hope for our children to know and do to meet the broad goals, such as "lighting the chalice" and "participating in events which foster multigenerational community"
- A very specific set of measures to evaluate how well we are meeting these goals. We all agreed that, while they can express good sentiments, goals that are very general ("We want our children to be kind") provide little guidance to teachers, parents, and the church community at large for creating a meaningful and effective RE program. This category will include items like "Children will attend one or more social action or service project each year while they are in the 3rd-5th grade class," or "Children will be able to explain the distinction between Unitarianism and Universalism by the time they complete the 8th grade."

We are presently wrapping up the second of these three pieces of our work and are really excited about how it's going so far! The task force consists of Chris Pollina, Teresa Bain, Laura Banks, Adam Griffith, Kim Hayes, Kristina Selset, and Rick Wilson. Please feel free to talk to any of the individuals involved and keep an eye out for the full church presentation of the plan in the not-too-distant future!

Worship Service May 3

The sermon on May 3, "Restoring Common Ground," will offer insights on understanding and communicating with people whose belief systems vary greatly from our own; presented by guest speaker Bridget Laflin.

Bridget has been an active Unitarian Universalist for many years. She and her family joined SUUC in October of 2014 when they moved back to the Pacific Northwest after six years in Illinois. She hopes to one day become a UU minister.

Worship Service May 10

Over ten years ago, a few musicians from our church formed the band Spirit Hand as a way to share music on Sunday mornings, which they have done faithfully each month. On May 10, they will offer music one last time. We hope you can come and celebrate this day with them.

Poetry Thoughts with Rev. Kate

Have you ever laid in the grass and looked for shapes in the clouds? A Mickey Mouse head, a truck, an ice cream cone. There are no wrong answers in cloud-naming. Similarly, there are no wrong answers in poetry. A poem I think is about death might be for you about renewal, or autumn, or even ice cream! Let's spend time together this month talking over the poems of Mark Belletini, a writer and Unitarian Universalist minister. We will discuss his book, *Sonata for Voice and Silence*. I will have some copies available for \$8, or get it for your e-reader online. Please read pages 1-20 before our first gathering. Every Tuesday we will talk through a handful of poems, May 5, 12, 19, and 26; 6:30-8 p.m. at church in the Conference Room. I hope to see you there! Email me with questions or to reserve a book.

Minister@shorelineuu.org

—Rev. Kate

Celebrate!

The Women's Circle is hosting a Women's Wedding Shower for Rev. Kate. It is a Potluck Brunch at 10 a.m. on Saturday May 30, in the Sanctuary.

Mark your calendars and let's have a big pre-wedding blast!

Barbara Fisk is collecting money for the Women's Shower gift to Kate. Look for her on Sundays! You can bring cash or write a check to Barbara.

Note: this event is to be distinguished from the post-wedding all church party for Kate and Jay, which is scheduled for July 19 (more info on that to come!).

Families and Friends Support Group

Our support group for Families and Friends of people with a lived experience of mental illness will be meeting on the fourth Monday on May 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Co-Chairs of SUUC's Mental Health and Recovery Ministry Team, Chris Poole, 206-542-9271 or Barbara Cornell, uubcornell@gmail.com.



Our Tree has been Planted!

A couple of weeks ago, several of the Pagan group members took up their shovels to plant the almond tree that was at the center of the Equinox ritual. During the ritual, the congregation focused on the tree as a receptacle for our hopes and commitments regarding our SUUC community. With that much positive energy, the tree is going to thrive. Please come and visit it in its new home on the hill in the orchard. The flowers that were in the container with the tree have been planted with it so it is easy to find.

SUUC Service Project at Food Lifeline



The nation's largest food drive is May 9, 2015. That is when we hope everyone will use the blue plastic bag provided by the United States Postal Service to put non-perishable food items in and leave for your letter carrier



to pick up and drop off at Food Lifeline.

We (and Food Lifeline) would love to have you participate in our monthly food repacking project that is explained below.

May Date: Tuesday May 19, 2015. 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 closed-toe 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 16, 2015. We go every third Tuesday of the month and we would love to have YOU join us. Carpooling can be arranged.

Please sign up in the hall at the Social Action bulletin board or by contacting Laura "FoodBanks" (laurabanks1@comcast.net or 206-235-3611).

Barbara Cornell's Ordination

Please save Sunday, May 17, at 5 p.m. to attend the ordination of SUUC's very own Barbara Cornell (M.Div.) as she joins the distinguished company of ordained Unitarian Universalist ministers everywhere. It's a rare honor when a member of a UU congregation completes the long and demanding preparation for this step and receives enthusiastic approval from the Unitarian Universalist Association. Let's all plan to celebrate with Barbara on May 17! RSVP by May 1 to office@shorelineuu.org.

Do you like to Knit??



Calling all knitters to get together every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. to knit and talk! Looking forward to seeing you in the Church Conference Room

—Rebecca Prosser and Karen Thompson

April Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2015, 7-9 p.m., SUUC Conference Room

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Threadgill

Attending: Karen Thompson, Bill Roach, Paul Borrmann, Laura Morghon, Carolyn Threadgill, Rev. Kate Landis

Absent: Adam Griffith

Call to Order: Karen Thompson

New Business:

March Board Meeting Minutes approved with correction of date to March 11, 2015.

Report by Carolyn Threadgill, BAC Chair, on progress of research regarding replacement of Chrysalis and two portables, with discussion.

Report by Paul Borrmann regarding funding campaign to support construction of a new building, with discussion.

Board moves to approve the Building Assessment Committee going forward as planned, with the new building being an accessory to church use rather than an educational facility, as presented in the April 8, 2015 Board meeting. (Two descriptive terms used by City of Shoreline to designate rules and fees associated with the two different uses.) **Motion passed unanimously.**

Board agreed that a proposed change in names for the Social Action Committee and the Readers Theatre Group does not conflict with the SUUC Bylaws. The two groups may change their names.

The Board agreed that all committees be asked to prepare a half page report on their goals and activities as part of an information packet passed out at the May 17 Congregational Meeting.

Discussion of the need for a Task Force to study the potential over-crowding situation on Sunday mornings and how to soften its negative effects on visitors and newcomers.

Old Business:

Further discussion of Barbara Cornell having a role at SUUC as a community minister and the tasks that need to be done to move it forward.

Discussion about continued effort to engage the church north of SUUC in a discussion about SUUC's Sunday morning use of their parking lot.

Discussion of the UUA's report on Rev. Kate's third-year evaluation by SUUC.

Adjourned

May Women's Circle

The SUUC Women's Circle will gather at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, in Chrysalis. The discussion will be around different emotions and how they affect us and the decisions we make.

All UU women are invited.

Child Dedication Time!

A baby and child dedication ritual will take place on June 14 during the worship service. All young children of the congregation are invited to be dedicated. In the Unitarian Universalist tradition, dedicating a child means that the congregation takes responsibility for their spiritual growth and that we pledge to be positive, thoughtful role models. We will bless the children and formally invite them into our church family. We also will promise to support the parents in the exciting, challenging spiritual practice of raising a young person.

If you would like to participate please let Rev. Kate know, minister@shorelineuu.org. This is a wonderful celebration and one we will share annually.

Pagan Theology Discussion at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 27

Join the SUUC Pagan group for a discussion about the intersection of Paganism and UU! Modern Paganism is one of the most diverse, iconoclastic religious groups in the world. UU churches often provide a safe haven for Pagans to gather, but are there potential conflicts with UU principles, practices or culture? Come and talk about the challenges involved in creating a community in which we truly encourage and celebrate our diversity.

Afternoon Book Group

The next meeting of this group is Tuesday, May 19, 1:30-2:30 p.m. They will be reading *The People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks. All are welcome!

Weekly Game Night, Thursdays 6-8 p.m. in Chrysalis

All ages welcome. We have enjoyed playing Dominion, Magic: The Gathering, Forbidden Island, Forbidden Desert, and Shadows Over Camelot. Feel free to bring other games, too! Snacks are welcome. For more info, please contact Jerome Lutge at irlutge@gmail.com or 206-898-2050.

To subscribe to the twice-a-month emailings of the **SUUC Social Action “e-Blast,”** or just to get information about the Social Action blog and e-Blasts, contact Bob Beekman (rlbeekman@gmail.com).

To receive the weekly email **Carrie’s Commentaries** with insightful reporting on prior Sunday sermons as well as Joys and Sorrows, please email permitted2shine@gmail.com

Spreading the Good Word

How do we share information in this congregation? Here are answers to FAQ’s about communications:

Want an announcement made during the worship service about a congregational gathering or event? Send it to Rev. Kate (minister@shorelineuu.org) by the Friday before you want it announced in the service. Announcements must pertain to more than half of the congregation and a maximum of three announcements will be made per week. Priority will be given to events happening the soonest and to announcements that concern the most congregants. Announcements will not be accepted on Sunday morning. Please respect our covenantal community by not sharing them during Joys and Sorrows.

Want to put a notice in the Order of Service about a congregational event or gathering? Send it to Laurie in the office (office@shorelineuu.org) by the Wednesday before the service.

Want to put a note about a congregational happening in the weekly eBulletin? Send it to our administrator Laurie, by the Wednesday before. Please be brief, Laurie may edit as needed.

Want to put an article in the Soundings newsletter that relates to congregational life? Send to Laurie by the 20th of the month to appear in the following month’s issue.

Want to announce a community event that is not hosted by our congregation? I’m afraid we get a lot of requests for this, too many to possibly accommodate. We’re thrilled that you are so involved in our fair city, but we can not announce these events during the service, in the Order of Service, or in the Soundings. We have a big, well-tended UU Community bulletin board off the main hallway, in front of the kitchen. Please post flyers there.

“But I didn’t make the deadlines, and I have to spread the word!” Email group participants, text them, or start a phone tree. Talk to people one-on-one at coffee hour. Announce it on the Shoreline UU Church Facebook page. Post a note on the bulletin board.

Plate Share



Sunday, May 10, our Plate Share recipient will be Freedom Project. Freedom Project transforms prisoners into peacemakers, through programs teaching mindfulness and the concrete skills of non-violent communication. Freedom Project also provides increased capacity to serve as family members, workers and citizens.

On Plate Share Sundays our collection is split so that 75% goes to the selected organization and 25% to the church general fund.

Sno-King Meaningful Movies Presents “Return of the River— Changing Course Is Possible”

Saturday, May 16, 7 p.m., at Edmonds UU Church.
Free, open to the public. Discussion following the film
with Co-Director John Gussman.

Return of the River is a documentary film about the removal of the dams on the Elwha River on our Olympic Peninsula, in order to return the river to its natural free run, thus restoring river habitat for salmon runs—and also terrestrial vegetation for improved elk habitat.

“With its stunning photography, in-depth historical background, and deeply-imbued tribal perspective, *Return of the River* is the documentary film that lives up to the grandeur of the Elwha, its renewal, and its promise.”

Sno-King Meaningful Movies are presented monthly at the Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church, 8109 224th Street SW, Edmonds, WA 98026, by a partnership of the Shoreline UU Church’s Social Action Ministry, the Edmonds UU Church Peace & Justice Committee, and the Snohomish County Peace Action Committee. See the SUUC Social Action Ministry blog for further information (<http://suucsocialactions.blogspot.com>).



Social Action Ministry

Social Action Ministry Monthly Meeting, Saturday, May 9

Join us at our new day, time, and room for our monthly Social Action Ministry meeting on Saturday morning, May 9, (second Saturday of the month), 9:30 - 11 a.m., in the church Conference Room.

We’ll be talking about climate change and Carbon Tax, Getting Big Money Out of Politics, legislation to address Economic Inequality, standing with the “United We Stand” homeless tent encampment, and a summer social action project with our CRE kids. Check the Social Action blog (<http://suucsocialactions.blogspot.com>) a couple days before the meeting for an updated agenda. Or subscribe to the SUUC Social Action twice-a-month e-Blast emailing by contacting Bob Beekman (rlbeekman@gmail.com).

SUUC Evening Book Group Meeting May 6

“The owl of Minerva flies at dusk.”



At its May 6 meeting, the Evening Book Group (aka “The Owl of Minerva”) will discuss *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World* by Tracy Kidder. The meeting will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the church Conference Room.

At this meeting, we will also decide whether members’ summer vacation plans suggest canceling any of the following dates: June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2. The following books will be scheduled for three of those dates and, if we plan four meetings, we will choose another from a “contingency list” of readings.

Summer date TBD: *The Center Cannot Hold: My Journey Through Madness* by Elyn Saks

Summer date TBD: *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler’s Berlin* by Erik Larson

Summer date TBD: *The Memory Chalet* by Tony Judt

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

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, May 16, 9-11 a.m. The May theme word for discussion is “restoration.” All SUUC men are welcome at our monthly breakfast meetings on the third Saturday of each month in 2015.

CHURCH NEWS & ACTIVITIES



Like making coffee? Good to hear!

We REALLY need baristas through the end of the church year (see all the vacant times below)! Please sign up at www.tinyurl.com/suuc-coffee or visit www.tinyurl.com/coffee-instructions for more information.

—Carrie Cameron

May Schedule of Sunday Volunteers

	Greeters:	Ushers:	Coffee Baristas:
May 3:	Shelley Anderson & Nancy Curtis	Paull Borrmann & Anne Martin	??
May 10:	Megan Watson & Andy Landis	Paul Borrmann & Homer Henderson	Kathy Reid & ??
May 17:	Barbara Thake & Richard Volkman	Homer Henderson & Barbara Stilson	??
May 24:	Sue Leisy, Fran & Bruce Campbell	Christina Horst & Anne Martin	Bev Hesterberg& ??
May 31:	Carolyn Brenner & Laraine Volkman	Donald Patrick & Shirley Beresford	??



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Soundings

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Submission deadline for ***Soundings*** is usually the 20th of the preceding month by 10 a.m. Include your name with submitted materials. Email articles to office@shorelineuu.org.

May 2015

Friday, May 1

12-2 p.m. Appreciating Elderhood, Sanctuary

Saturday, May 2

10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. . Women's Circle, Chrysalis

Sunday, May 3

10:30-11:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary— Celebration Sunday!

Tuesday, May 5

6:30-8 p.m. Poetry Workshop, Conference Room

Wednesday, May 6

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday Potluck, Nursery

7-8:30 p.m. Evening Book Group, Conference Room

Thursday, May 7

9-10:30 a.m. Barbara's Ordination Planning, Nursery

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

6-8 p.m. Weekly Game Night, Chrysalis

7:45-9 p.m. Music Committee, Nursery

Saturday, May 9

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Newcomer Orientation, Sanctuary

9:30-11:30 a.m. Social Action Ministry, Conference Room

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Annual Plant Sale, Parking Lot

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Reader's Theater, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 10

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

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Annual Plant Sale, Parking Lot

Monday, May 11

7-8 p.m. Grounds Meeting, Chrysalis

Tuesday, May 12

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

6:30-8 p.m. Poetry Workshop, Conference Room

7-9 p.m. Tuesday Evening Chalice Circle, East Chrysalis

Wednesday, May 13

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

7-8:30 p.m. Welcome Team Meeting, Sanctuary

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

Thursday, May 14

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

6-8 p.m. Weekly Game Night, Chrysalis

Friday, May 15

10-11:30 a.m. Charites Chalice Circle, Udd Residence

12-2 p.m. Appreciating Elderhood, Sanctuary

Saturday, May 16

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

Sunday, May 17

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

12-1 p.m. Congregational Meeting & Potluck, Sanctuary

5-7 p.m. Barbara Cornell's Ordination, Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 19

1:30-2:30 p.m. Afternoon Book Group, Nursery

6-8 p.m. Food Lifeline Project

6:30-8 p.m. Poetry Workshop, Conference Room

Wednesday, May 20

10 a.m. SOUNDINGS Copy Deadline

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

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

Thursday, May 21

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

6-8 p.m. Weekly Game Night, Chrysalis

Friday, May 22

7-9 p.m. Reader's Theater, tentative, Sanctuary

Saturday, May 23

all day Reader's Theater, tentative, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 24

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

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Pagan Group, Conference Room

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Holiday—Office Closed

6:30-8:30 p.m. Family and Friends Support Group, Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, May 26

6:30-8 p.m. Poetry Workshop, Conference Room

Wednesday, May 27

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

7-9 p.m. Knitting Group, Conference Room

7-9 p.m. Pagan Group, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 28

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

6-8 p.m. Weekly Game Night, Nursery

Saturday, May 30

10 a.m.-noon Women's Wedding Shower for Kate, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 31

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

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