

Soundings



Newsletter of Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church

From Our Minister



Dear SUUC family,

Happy May! We made it through the mud to Spring. I am enjoying the birds tweeting in the rose-colored, blooming Camelia outside my window.

Many exciting things are in bloom in our congregation. In late April we had Mission and Vision workshop with our Unitarian Universalist Association Regional Leader, Tandi Rodgers. We talked about what we were seeking when we were searching for a congregational home. Popular answers were compassion, community, and purpose. Then we considered what kept us at SUUC- things like a sense of justice-building, opportunities to give of ourselves, and spirituality. Then we thought about where we wanted the congregation to go in the future, in the next ten to twenty years. Participants wanted to be a major social justice force in our neighborhood in Shoreline, perhaps addressing the homeless crisis. We talked about having deep, spiritually- inspiring worship services with well-funded music programs and up-to-date technology. We talked about spreading Unitarian Universalism, perhaps even starting new congregations. Then we wondered: what attributes would we need to get there? Bravery, visionary leaders, trust, and joy were frequent responses.

It was an exciting and inspiring day! And it was just the first step in our Mission and Vision process. This summer small group conversations will take place to consider these questions:

- Why do you come to SUUC?
- What brought you initially, what makes you keep coming?
- Where and when do you feel the most UU at SUUC?
- Where is the buzz/joy for our community? When are we happiest? Where do we like to put our energy?
- What are the 3 most exciting places (physical locations) on our campus?
- What 3 locations (on our campus) break your heart?
- What are our 3 biggest assets?
- What are 3 things we need to improve on?
- What 3 things do we need to STOP doing in order to be what we want to be?
- Who could we partner with to reach our goals?
- What are you grateful for (related to SUUC)?

Please take some time to reflect on these questions- pull out a journal and write or sketch. Invite a SUUC friend to coffee and consider them together. Maybe your chalice circle, circle supper group, or neighborhood group would like to get together and talk through them. Perhaps you would like to meditate on each one. However you best reflect, the board and I want to hear your thoughts. How can we be the best SUUC that we can be? Stay tuned for a schedule of those small group conversations. And please celebrate my birthday with me on May 11th, with a Dance Party for Immigration Justice at SUUC! From 7-10:30 PM we will dance (dome), eat and drink,

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play board games (Threadgil Hall), and share birthday cake. Entrance is \$20, no one turned away for lack of funds, and you will have the chance to buy specialty cocktails and raffle tickets. Or maybe you would like to give \$41, since it is my 41st birthday!

All money raised goes to Fair Fight, a nonprofit that provides bail bonds to immigrants, so that they can seek legal counsel and stay with their family while they await trial. Without bail bond, immigrants are incarcerated in the Immigrant Detention Center. Many volunteers from SUUC are working to make this a terrifically fun, family-friendly event- so grab friends that you want to introduce to SUUC, and let's dance!

I hope you are enjoying a marvelous May, and I look forward to seeing you Sunday morning.

Love,
Rev. Kate

Director of Religious Exploration



Greetings and a happy May to all of you. This month we'll be starting something brand new in the church's Religious Exploration program which I'm calling "**The Big Wrap-Up!**" In years past, our RE classes would end with one or two Sundays in which kids in all the classes would try to put a bow on the year and close up shop. Unfortunately, May is a time of year when RE attendance drops off significantly, meaning that there were less children present than usual for some very important Sunday sessions! Rather than have just a quarter of the kids in our church get to close out the year together, I've decided to spread out some important end-of-school-year activities over the ENTIRE month of May. Each Sunday, the children will come together to hear a short story as a group before breaking out into smaller groups to do projects, such as crafting a small piece of our teacher appreciation service on June 9 or making a gift for them, completing a collective class art project, going through to one of the prayer / spiritual practice stations, and completing an "end of year check-in," the method by which we attempt to evaluate what the kids are learning and retaining from these classes. There will be a lot of flexibility so that any kids who come every Sunday will have something to do and they will get to have time in their cohort – I know most 6th graders would prefer to be with the "big kids" on Sunday mornings and will make sure that this can happen for part of every Sunday. While I've invited the regular class teachers for the year to help out with these sessions, it's on an optional basis – they've already done more Sundays in the classes this year than in the past due to smaller size teaching teams – so any Sunday you can come in to join the fun would be highly appreciated!

I also wanted to briefly highlight the joy that was participating in the event to begin to create a church mission and vision statement. I was inspired to hear what values other people held in the highest regard, to begin to compare notes on these and discuss why we chose what we chose, to whittle down to the core of our deepest shared values, and to finally talk about *what our church would look like if these values were at the center of everything we did*. I especially liked discussing with my small group what a courageous and outward expression of our values in our community might look like, one that would take us outside the walls of our church more often or bring in those who are not already part of our church. I thought of the words of Unitarian minister Theodore Parker: "I do not pretend to understand the moral universe, the arc is a long one, my eye reaches but little ways...but from what I see, I am sure it bends towards justice." Looking around the world today, seeing many people trying to *un-* bend the arc,

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as well as some pretty dire climate events coming within many of our lifetimes, I'm worried that if we aren't all getting on that arc, and seriously bending it the crap out of it, there may not be much to support it on the other end, if I can really stretch this metaphor to the breaking point. Anyways, what I am trying to say is that I was very heartened to hear many others at this workshop sharing this sentiment and a sense of urgency and I look forward to more discussions happening on this front in the coming months.

I'm sure it will be written about elsewhere in this month's Soundings, but I hope you'll consider coming to the Fundraiser and Dance Party on May 11 – I've helped out with the event and think that it will be a great expression of our community's collective power...not to mention a lot of fun!

Finally, I'd like to bring your attention to a few important upcoming dates next month:

- **June 2 – Youth-led Sunday Service!** The high school youth of our church will be sharing their experiences as young UUs, telling us about their statement of beliefs, and presenting their vision of UU worship. Recommended highly for everyone, but ESPECIALLY for middle school youth who often get a big boost out of seeing youth leaders and a preview of where they will be going in the near future within our church!
- **June 9 – Teacher Appreciation / Flower Communion Sunday Service!** Two beloved annual traditions – first, appreciating those who have made spending time with the children and youth of our church part of their spiritual life, and second, and a ritual which began almost 100 years ago in Prague in which each congregant brings a flower and then leaves with a different one to symbolize the many gifts we share with each other.

OK, that's all for now. I hope you are all doing well and look forward to seeing you on a Sunday soon,

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

Our theme this year is books that will enhance our recovery. As a Unitarian Universalist who attended a Jesuit university (Seattle U), I've learned how to do simultaneous translation when I read books written in the Christian tradition. I'm a fan of Franciscan priest and writer, Fr. Richard Rohr. He says things I don't expect a priest to say with a tone of, "Isn't this obvious?!" Something that helps me as I read through his ideas about spirituality in a Christian context is my curiosity. His daily emails (from the Center for Action and Contemplation) and his many, many books are full of openness and loving messages of acceptance and encouragement. When I found his book, **Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps**, I was very grateful. When writing about powerlessness, the core concept of Step One, he says that all mature spirituality is about letting go and unlearning. It's the first step because it is foundational to all that follows. Learning about powerlessness often waits until we are totally undone and brokenhearted by having to face something we cannot control. Throughout the book, Fr. Rohr unpacks his ideas by quoting the Bible (a lot) and sharing amazing stories.

There is a particularly beautiful section when he is talking about Step Two when he says that the work of spirituality is to surrender ourselves to healing by opening three spaces within: our opinionated head, our closed-down heart and our defensive and defended body. Wow! I've got my work cut out for me. This is indeed the work of a lifetime. People in recovery know we cannot do this work alone. No one recovers alone and in isolation. We all (continued)

need each other. While this book isn't for everyone, it has a lot to offer and I recommend it to you. 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 will not be meeting in May, as the fourth Monday is Memorial Day. We'll next meet in June on the fourth Monday, June, 24, 2019 in the conference room at church from 6:30 to 8 PM. There will always be a place for you to join us!

Rev. Barbara Cornell, Affiliated Community Minister

From Rev. Amanda Aikman



A spiritual companion

"We are all spiritually hungry. We all need someone to walk with us. To journey with us. To give us the courage, to give us the inspiration. And that's what a spiritual companion is. That's what we do." -- Rev. Dr. Carol Vaccariello

If you sometimes yearn for someone to share your deep questions with -- someone who will listen compassionately and non-judgmentally to your quest for meaning -- spiritual companioning (also known as spiritual direction) might be a good fit.

I know I couldn't manage without my monthly visits to my own spiritual director. Jeanie has seen me through so many changes and challenges. I can bring absolutely anything to her, from the most mundane decisions to the most profound existential questions, and know that she will welcome me in and sit with me while I explore. We laugh and sometimes cry together. My loneliness and doubt dissolve, and I find new life and energy.

There's really nothing like it.

I am so delighted to be able to offer spiritual direction at SUUC. The first session is free; and if you'd like to continue, there is a sliding-fee scale. You can learn more and make an appointment via my website:

www.revamanda.com



Blessings on your day!

Rev. Amanda Aikman, Affiliated Community Minister

Minutes of the April 2, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting

Attending: Catherine Crain, Dana Doerksen, Ryan Dunne, Bill Hayes, Homer Henderson and Rev. Kate Landis.. Absent Juel Erickson. Board President Judi Kalitzki, presiding.

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting were approved.

New Business



1. **Offer for a Security Audit.** SUUC member Chris Prosser, an Adobe employee involved with data stewardship and security, has offered to perform a security and privacy audit for SUUC, looking at how we share documents, secure member lists, schedule meetings, etc., as well as PCI (Data Card Industry) compliance and computer and network security. The general consensus was that we should accept this proposal.
2. **Proposal to Update Bylaws on the Committee on Ministry.** Based on a meeting with current Committee chair Roseann London, Judi offered a proposal to amend the bylaws, reducing the membership from six to three and significantly reducing the COM's responsibilities. Rev. Kate pointed out that the original COM had three main areas of responsibility: to assist the Minister in learning to know and understand the congregation, to assess the Minister and lay ministries of the church periodically, and to aid in conflict resolution within the church. Recently, it has become difficult to maintain full membership on the COM, and it seems that church leadership is rather stretched at this time. However, it was suggested that the assessment part of the CO M's charge has been quite useful, albeit perhaps done more frequently than necessary. Upon Rev. Kate's recommendation that we should wait until after the Mission and Vision study to revisit this, the Board agreed to table the subject.
3. **Proposal to Change the Personnel Policies.** Upon examining SUUC Personnel Policies recently, Judi discovered that they are outdated and vague, especially as related to involuntary termination of an employee. Accordingly, she presented several proposed revisions of the policies. Most involved either cutting redundant items, or adding "the minister," or "supervisor" where currently only contact with the Personnel Committee or the Board is stipulated. The greatest change involves the addition of a section on involuntary termination. Among suggested amendments to the revision were to add language in the section on termination due to gross negligence or unlawful or unethical behavior to require "immediate suspension during investigation" of the behavior in question, as well as language to indicate that the main duty of the board in all cases of involuntary termination should be to determine that the outlined procedures have been followed. Judi reported she would consult with Robin Bruins and Stephanie Metting about the proposed changes, and then submit them to Karen Thompson for legal advice before proceeding further.
4. **V-P Finance Report.** Ryan presented his First Quarter Finance Update to the Board. Highlights included the fact that we have spent 20.6% of our budget while realizing 27/3% of our projected income, although he noted that spending seems to increase faster than income as the year progresses. Ryan also pointed out that our un-designated reserves (i.e. rollover) from 2018, previously estimated at ca. eighteen thousand dollars, appear to be coming in in the low to mid twenties. He will be meeting shortly with Larissa Scheffler to discuss the treasurer position. Ryan also reported on a change to our accounting procedures, so that unanticipated expense will henceforward be charged to the most appropriate category rather than be taken from reserves. Although this may make some committee chairs unhappy, seeing their line going over budget, and check writers will need clarity in order to enter the correct budget line, it will nevertheless make our accounting easier to understand and provide us with clearer information on expenses at the end of the year. Concerning our transfer of funds from our equity accounts and reserves from checking to a high yield, Ryan reports his preference for one of several online banks, which offer slightly higher interest rates, and as FDIC insurance offers much higher coverage than the amounts we are dealing with, represent no more risk than standard brick and mortar institutions. He also mentioned that Kim Hayes has made a formal request that SUUC conduct an audit of its accounts. He presented several options, including hiring it done or finding an accountant who would trade audits with another congregation (perhaps Ed-

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monds). He did note that Larissa Scheffler had reviewed SUUC policies and practices in early 2014 and found no major problems. He thought we should perhaps set a goal for having another audit/review by 2021. Finally, Ryan mentioned that Bob Beekman has suggested reviewing our equity accounts to make sure money isn't sitting idle, which may be less of an issue with the planned transfer of these funds to a high yield savings account.

5. Streamlining of Communication Channels. Rev. Kate reported some concern about the effectiveness of the church's current main channels of communication with the congregation, specifically the weekly eBulletin and our monthly newsletter "Soundings." However, she noted that we show an "open" rate of 42% for the eBulletin and 30% for "Soundings," which may seem low until you realize that our mailing list has reached 427 addresses, while actual membership is about 182, and since many households list only one email address even when two adults are members, so actual member addresses are even lower. In any case, this means our message is reaching a wider audience than just our members. Rev. Kate plans to create a survey to ask recipients of our mailings whether they find them useful.

6. Agenda for May 19 Congregational Meeting. The agenda for the next congregation meeting will include: 1) Elections, 2) Report from the Congregational Life Committee, 3) Finance Report, and 4) Update on the new Mission and Vision process. Ryan will contact Monica and Carly concerning childcare and Catherine will send an announcement of the meeting and agenda to Brandon for inclusion in the next Soundings.

Thank you notes were written or planned to the following:

For painting and installing acoustic panels on the ceiling of Threadgill Hall,
Carolyn Threadgill, Ed Buzell, Ben Tompkins, Kjell Anderson, Ken Ritland, and Bruce Hunt.

For helping work on the new landscaping,

Bruce and Kristin Hunt, Kim and Bill Hayes, David Duke, Laura Westbrook, Justin Martin (and others, to be determined later).

For helping with April Frazier's ordination:

Peggy Williams-Scott, Eric Scott, Cheryl Udd, Rick Wilson

The meeting adjourned approximately 9:15 pm.

Submitted by Homer Henderson, Board Member

Community Announcements

May 19 Congregational Meeting

The Board of Trustees invites all members and friends to our congregational meeting at noon after our Sunday service on May 19.

Agenda: Board Elections; Report from the Congregational Life Committee; Finance Report; Report on our Mission & Vision workshop.

Childcare and light snacks will be provided. Please plan to come!



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Sunday Chancel Decorators sought!

If you have flowers or beautiful shrubbery begging to be admired, now is your chance! Every Sunday, your SUUC Aesthetics committee arranges Chancel decorations and we want to invite everyone to have a chance to share their favorites. So, do you like arranging flowers? Have flowers but are shy about arranging them and want us to help? Have a picture or meaningful item that would tie in with the Sunday sermon? Want to have a loved one remembered? ? All are ways to help make our Sunday mornings together more meaningful and we hope to hear from you.

May Coordinator: Kristin Hunt 1-503-559-8369

June Coordinator: Krista Tenney 206-372-7585

July Coordinator: Shelley Anderson- 206-495-8846

"The owl of Minerva flies at dusk."

The Evening Book Group (aka "The Owls of Minerva") will meet on Wednesday, May 1, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Brown Room, in the Davis Building. The book for this meeting will be *The Nordic Theory of Everything: In Search of a Better Life* by Anu Partanen. It's a bigger book than our average. If you're just getting started, we recommend concentrating on the brief prologue, on Chapter One (comparing Nordic and American societies), Chapter Two ("The Nordic Theory of Love"), at least one of Chapters three through Eight (on families, on education, on health care, on citizens' relation to their government, on social mobility, and on business firms, before ending with Chapter Nine ("The Pursuit of Happiness: It's Time to Rethink Success") and the Epilogue.



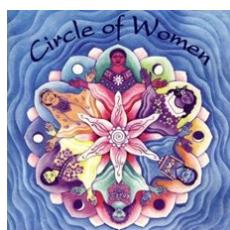
The following month's meeting, on Wednesday, June 5, will be a discussion of *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover.

Anyone is welcome to join our monthly book group discussions. You don't have to have finished reading the book to come to the discussion. Need more information? Contact Bob, (206) 527-7340 , rlbeekman@gmail.com

The Music Committee at SUUC seeks members.

The only qualification is this one: you'd like to support music at SUUC. If you happen to be a musician, or know about music, that's positive, but not a requirement. If you're interested or just want more information, contact Carolyn Wallace at c.maurinewallace@Comcast.net or 206-782-6898.

The SUUC Women's Group will meet in the Brown Room on Sat., May 4 2019 at 10am.



The program will be presented by Cheryl and Julie Udd. The topic is "Travel Activites Near and Far on a Budget"

CLC Nominations for Board and Other Committee Vacancies

The Congregational Life Committee, after considerable deliberation and discussion and after meeting with the candidates to discuss the matter, wishes to announce the nominees for the vacancies on the Board and the CLC. (We are still working on finalizing the nominations for the Endowment Committee.) These positions need to be filled by election of the congregation at the May 19 Congregational Meeting. Nominees for the Board of Trustees are Susan Storer Clark, Earl Davis, and Marley Banker. We are very grateful for their willingness to serve, and are looking forward to the new energy and perspectives they will bring to the work. For the CLC, we are delighted to nominate Carolyn Threadgill and Eliza Sutton. We're confident that their wisdom and insight will be a great contribution to our committee.

Many thanks to all!

Weekly Game Night!

Every Thursday, bring your own games or play some of our favorites like Kingdomino, Sushi Go and Splendor. Come join the fun, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Emerson Room. Contact Jerome Lutge for more info: 206-898-2050.

Shoreline UU Men's Group

The men's group will meet for **breakfast at the Wedgwood Broiler**, 8230 35th Ave NE, on **Saturday, May 18, 9-11 a.m.** At this meeting we will discuss the word "parents". All SUUC men are welcome at our monthly breakfast meetings on the third Saturday of each month. For information contact Dick Volkman richard.volkmann@att.net, 206 281 7944.

Getting Connected



Sometime within the next year you will likely be contacted by a member of the new SUUC Connections Project Team asking for an opportunity to sit down with you and have a conversation. This Project is sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee and is based on the assumption that all of us joined (and stay) with SUUC because we wanted to make connections with people who could help us achieve some personal objectives. The Project aims to assure that all members of SUUC are making the connections within the congregation that will help them do this.

So, when a Team member contacts you to set up a time to sit down together, say "YES!" If nothing else, it will be a chance to get to know--or know better-- another wonderful fellow-member!

Questions? Contact Paul Borrmann, kdonn55@comcast.net.

The next gathering of Appreciating Elderhood will begin at noon on Friday, May 3, 2019, in Threadgill Hall at SUUC. It ends around 1:30 pm. Sharing Topic-

"During your five minutes of sharing, try to articulate one purpose in life that is very important to you. It will probably be difficult to find the right words for this. Try to articulate your motivation for doing what you do, first for your daily, weekly, and monthly activities, and then look for themes that capture most of the things you do."

Pub Theology for Younger Adults

Looking for a place to enjoy libations while talking liberation? Talk politics with pilsner? Discuss the sacred over stout? Come to Pub Theology, a gathering for people 50ish and younger. All are welcome, no RSVP necessary.

Questions? Contact Rev Kate: office@shorelineuu.org.

5/17, 7 p.m.: Hellbent Brewery, <http://www.hellbentbrewingcompany.com/>

6/14, 7 p.m.: Potluck at Kate's house

Celebrate Beltane with GreenSong!

Beltane is a festival of fertility and passion as the veil thins and the mundane world enjoys proximity with the more spiritual plane. April's showers yield rich and fertile earth, and as the land turns green, Beltane celebrates the coming new life and growth . Join us as we express our passion, plant seeds, and "jump the fire" to celebrate the midpoint between spring and summer. Our GreenSong ritual, on Sunday, May 5, begins at 5:30 p.m. and is open to all, including children. Weather permitting, we will celebrate outdoors, otherwise, we will be in Threadgill Hall. Feel free to bring an altar item that represents your passion, and please bring light refreshments to share after the ritual. Contact greensongcuups@gmail.com if you have any questions. Blessed Be!

WANTED: person to share a rental home in Spokane for GA.

\$110 covers four nights, June 19-22. You will be our third person, own room with queen bed.

CONTACT Dianne Carreri, carreri54@gmail.com.

GA in Spokane this June!

General Assembly is the annual, international meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. There is fantastic programming for kids and youth!

This year's theme is "The Power of We." In a time of great challenge and heartbreak in our world, what does our faith demand from us? At this year's General Assembly, we will explore the power, possibility, purpose, struggle and joy of finding the path forward together as Unitarian Universalists. Attendees will leave inspired, with the tools needed to carry on the work into their own congregations and communities. Join us as we work for collective liberation inside and outside our faith. To read more, see <https://www.uua.org/ga>.

Blocks of hotel rooms will be reserved near the convention, but you can also stay with UU families who live nearby. Check out <https://www.homestayspokane.com/> for inexpensive options.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Social Action Ministry

Shoreline Social Action Ministry Meeting

Join us on **Saturday, May 11, 2019** for our monthly Social Action Ministry (SAM) Committee meeting. We will gather in **Threadgill Hall from 9:30 to 11 a.m.** We will be reviewing past Social Justice activities, as well as some new ones! If you are interested and want more information, please contact Krista Tenney, tenney@earthlink.net or Bob Beekman, home 206-527-7340; cell 206-437-1298.



Social Action Ministry Announces SRE-Leveraged Donations Thanks for Almost \$3000 Sent to Four Global Non-Profits



Preliminary results of April's collections for the Social Action Ministry's annual SRE-Leveraged Donations Campaign indicate \$1,205.00 in contributions from 19 individual congregants. This year we had "a bumper crop" in 2018 Social Responsibility Endowment income -- \$1,725.36 -- to add to these congregant donations, resulting in the following projected distributions to this year's four selected non-profits.

- \$845.06 goes to Baitulmaal (humanitarian aid to non-combatant victims of conflict in Yemen, Syria, Gaza, Myanmaar)
- \$893.70 goes to the Center for Reproductive Rights for global advocacy and legal defense of women's reproductive rights
- \$628.20 goes to Good Earth Global for disaster recovery through construction of buildings using "earth bag" technology
- \$565.40 goes to Pure Earth for clean-up of toxic pollution sites around the world

(The SRE Fund was established by a founding gift from Nick and Jeanne Aldrich over a decade ago to encourage SUUC members to think globally -- and not just locally -- about our social and green justice responsibilities.)

Thanks to all donors and also to those who nominated non-profits for this year's campaign by the Social Action Ministry! And thanks to the Aldriche's for the Social Responsibility Endowment.

May's Plate Share recipient will be Northwest Abortion Access Fund

On the 19th (pushed back a Sunday due to Mother's Day). Serving Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska, NAAF helps people pay for their abortion care by sending funding directly to the clinic, and helping people get to and from the clinic.

May Worship Services

Sunday, May 5, 10:30 a.m.: "Change, Challenge, Choice"
Pulpit Guest Brontë Anderson

Sunday, May 12, 10:30 a.m.: "Not in Vain"
Rev. Kate Landis

Sunday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.: "First, Do No Harm"
Rev. Kate Landis

Sunday, May 26, 10:30 a.m.: "Rewilding Spirituality"
Rev. Kate Landis



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Calendar available online at <http://www.shorelineuu.org/calendar.html>



*"Except within poetic pale
I have not found a nightingale,
Nor hearkened in a dusky vale
To song and silence blending;
No stock-dove have I ever heard,
Nor listened to a cuckoo-bird,
Nor seen a lark ascending.
But I have felt a pulse-beat start
Because a robin, spending
The utmost of his simple art
Some of his pleasure to impart
While twilight came descending,
Has found an answer in my heart,
A sudden comprehending."*

-The Robin-
Witter Bynner, 1881 - 1968