

Soundings



Newsletter of Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church



Minister's Message for February

Dear Spiritual Companions,

Happy February! It is wet, dark, and cold, but my daffodils are four inches high, so I know spring will be here soon. For the rest of this winter and through Easter our theme is Under Pressure. So many of us are stressed out, overwhelmed, and in despair- and it's not just Seasonal Affective Disorder this year. Our rights are being eroded, families are being destroyed by deportations, and the already-distressed environment is set to suffer even more as regulations are taken away. As we live through this difficult time we need each other more than ever. Together we find hope. On Sunday mornings we gather and experience joy. We remember that we will find a way through this mess.

As we live under all of this pressure, we have to take good care of each other. What does it mean to take good care of your fellow congregants? How do we care for our those in our church family? I have a few easy suggestions.

1. Check in. Maybe you haven't seen someone at church for a few weeks. Why not give them a call? Forget the Seattle Freeze and reach out. They will be touched that you are thinking of them.
2. Say hi to a kid in the congregation. Learn their name. Meet their family. Make a point to say hi to them every week. That child will feel the warmth of having a non-related adult caring about them, and you will gain the hopefulness that comes from spending time with young people.
3. Listen without giving advice. It is so hard! We give advice because we genuinely want to help! But what our friends, old and new, really need is to be heard. Respond to the emotions you are hearing them express, not the facts of the story. Affirm their feelings.
4. Hold a baby. They smell great and it gives their adult a break.
5. Express gratitude for every tiny thing. Affirm the sentiment behind the gesture. Instead of saying "thank you for holding the door open for me," say "You are so thoughtful- thank you." People feel great having their best characteristics affirmed. Instead of "your scarf is so nice" try "you are so good at choosing good color combinations." We are all too hard on ourselves and can use the compliment.
6. Choose curiosity. If someone seems upset with you resist the habit of becoming defensive. Ask them what is going on with curiosity, not fear or anger, in your heart. Express to them how important the relationship is to you, that you have no anger toward them, and that you want to repair things.
7. Ask an elder. They have been through all of this before. If you feel overwhelmed with politics, love, parenting, health troubles, or career choices, ask a church elder if they have had a similar experience (I guarantee they have). Sure, it might feel awkward at first, but it's cheaper than therapy and you will have a new confidant. There is so much wisdom inside the people of this congregation. Ask!

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8. Invite church friends over for a low-key hang out. A gathering doesn't require fancy food or even a clean house. Ask a few nice people to come over for tea and a board game, or a movie night. Stress causes us to isolate ourselves, which leads to more stress! Beat the cycle by connecting with a nice person or two.

We will survive not just this dark, soggy winter but also this time of political chaos. I promise. We just have to stick together and be good to each other. And if it all feels hopeless give me a call, let's figure it out together. You are not alone.

With hope for a bright spring and more just summer,

Rev. Kate



President's Update

Dear Friends,

Everyone has been watching the progress on the new building closely this past month. It's beginning to look quite habitable, so why can't we use it yet?

To be in the building legally, SUUC must finish certain things remaining that require City inspections and approval. Also, Modern Building Systems must finish its work to SUUC's satisfaction so that we can pay the final two installments on the contract and receive full ownership of the building. While MBS workers are still in the building, we need to stay out of their way as much as possible.

Some of the big things we must have done to pass City inspections are the sidewalks, the parking lot, and the front-age sidewalk near our driveway (it must become ADA-compliant with two new slabs of concrete). The rain has really been hampering this outdoor work. We're looking for a predictable couple of days' break in the monsoon so that concrete can set. (Maybe we will have been blessed with same by the time you read this.)

I'm anticipating that we will receive a Certificate of Occupancy from the City in February. The longer it rains daily, the further into the month we will go, however, before we can have the final inspections. So, alas, I have no firm date for you.

The first thing we'll do when we have occupancy is that all of you who are storing furniture and supplies will liberate your homes and garages. Just think how much fun we'll have setting up our bright, clean new "home." For a beautiful preview, stand in the dome sanctuary and look across into the social hall of the new building. You will see the stained-glass windows from Chrysalis flanking the orchard doors. Cal Spangler, Bill Hayes, and Juel Erickson have worked on this project, and Cal has done a wonderful job of installing the windows in their new place of honor.

We're almost there, folks. Keep the faith.

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On another front, the church is very busy with preparations for Rev. Kate's upcoming six-month sabbatical in June. This is going to be an exciting time of tradition and innovation, with many of our own talented members contributing to the overall well-being of the congregation. The planners look forward to your thoughts, concerns, ideas, and can-do energy for making Rev. Kate's sabbatical a memorable, growing, wonderful experience for her and for us who stay home.

Carolyn Threadgill
President, Board of Trustees
Chair, New Building Committee

Director of Religious Exploration

Greetings and a happy February to you all. January was a great month that has me really looking forward to a lot around our church community - and not just the imminent arrival of a new building. (By the way, thanks to everyone who has offered me and the kids their sympathy for needing to fit classes into the random corners of the church since last September. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much!)



One of the most invigorating parts of my January took place the first Sunday of the month. On January 7, there was a meeting of the Committee on Ministry with myself and about 16 parents, teachers, one youth, and interested congregants to discuss the "state of the union" of our church's Religious Exploration (RE) program. During the meeting I got lots of great feedback about various aspects of our RE program that gave me a lot to chew over. Some of the details were small, such as a new member, Jennifer, letting me know that the goals / mission of our RE program are kind of opaque and aren't up on our website. We had a lot of great general discussion about what our RE programs teach, what they don't teach, the experiences of being a parent of a child in RE that's new to the church and also parents that have been coming for years. While most of the feedback was positive, I definitely left the meeting with a fire lit under me to return to the broader more "big picture" side of my work which has been difficult to give my full attention to recently; much of my time has been spent adjusting to the new space and thus things like our bi-annual new parent orientation to RE event have been put on hold. I'm also inspired to hold regular meetings like the one we had in which anyone that would like can come to discuss matters related to RE or Unitarian Universalism in general. I'm going to schedule this upon completion of the new building, hopefully before the end of this month! Be on the watch for it.

Also, hearing from Jade, the sole youth in the room, was very valuable and she came up with the stellar idea of having a kids' lounge in the new building with things like beanbags, foosball, ping pong, etc. to hang out in after church services! I realized that I could do more to create opportunities for the kids and youth in our program to contribute on this level as our fifth principle in kids' language is essentially "people should have a say in things that concern them," and the RE program certainly concerns kids! Whether it's occasional meetings or a regular group of kids and youth that meet to discuss their ideas for the church, I think more involvement would be welcomed and really vital to our church staying engaging and relevant to them.

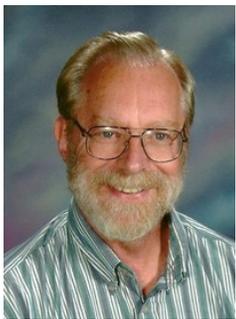
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If you are not a parent of a 4th or 5th grade kid you may not have heard, but we are offering the 4th-5th grade Our Whole Lives sexuality education program this year for the first time! This level of the OWL program helps children learn about and discuss the physical, emotional, and social changes of puberty, as well as exploring values, communication and decision making. Our Whole Lives covers topics and skills that both parents and students want to have available but schools are less likely to cover and, in my opinion, is one of the most valuable and cutting edge programs our church offers. If you know parents of children in 4th-5th grade that might be interested in the program from outside the church, please feel free to pass my contact information on to them and I'll give them the details.

That's all for now--see you on Sunday,

Chris Pollina

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Money Talks

A Few Tidbits

All of you who made identifiable contributions to SUUC recently received a statement. This statement has two purposes. One is to provide you a record you can use in filing your 2017 income tax return.

But most important, it is the way for you to make sure that your contributions all got recorded accurately and for the purposes you intended: fulfilling your annual pledge, paying on a new building pledge, Plate Share, or whatever. Laurie does a great job in recording these, but there are times when you may have intended a check to go toward the building fund, but you forgot to note that in the memo space, and it may have been credited to your regular pledge.

Now that you have checked your statement, how about taking the time to sign up to provide an event, service or item for the annual auction. This year there will be a Gala dinner/auction on Saturday, March 3. At SUUC we raise most of the money through your annual pledges. We deliberately DON'T hold a lot of fundraisers--and when we do have one, it is designed primarily to build community and relationships among congregants. Elsewhere in this newsletter and in the weekly eBulletin there is information on how to sign up. Check it out, and plan to come on March 3 for a great time.

Finally, we still could use a few more of the member loans I talked about last month. Let me know if this may be of interest to you.

Paul Borrman

VP-Finance

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



This month's column will continue our introduction to the 12 Steps. Step Two states: **Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.** This step represents a very important moment in the life of a human being who is in pain. It says there is a way to return to sanity. There is hope! But it isn't through you and your best thinking. Your best thinking got you into this mess. Each one of us ultimately learns we need something that isn't us, something beyond us that can help us to be restored to sanity. Recovery calls that something else a Higher Power. It is powerful the way the Step says we "came to believe" as in, over time our understanding grew. One day at a time, we can learn and try new ways of seeing and being. This is a very important characteristic of a spiritual journey: that over time we can grow and learn. Twelve Step recovery makes it very clear that religion and spirituality are two different things. Recovery is not a religious program; it is, however, spiritual one. It is also made clear that each one of us is responsible for figuring out what our Higher Power is. What freedom! It is completely up to you. I often think of the people who come to my meetings as my Higher Power. I've learned so much from what they share. I'm grateful that they are there, and I have a meeting to attend.

Remember what the word *restore* means? To bring back, to return to original state, repair or renovate. We weren't always this sick or irresponsible or manipulating. Our lives weren't always this chaotic. Sanity is possible for us. Another interesting aspect of this step is that it refers to "ourselves" and "us." It assumes there is a group of us who are all in this recovery, together. Humans are relational. We need each other. Community is a very important part of recovery. I go to meetings where I hear others in recovery talking about their challenges and how they responded. We call it sharing our experience, strength and hope.

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 the fourth Monday, February 26, 2017 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There is a place for you to join us!

Rev. Barbara Cornell, Affiliated Community Minister

February Worship Services

Sunday, Feb. 4, 10:30 a.m.: "Action is Our Middle Name," Guest Rev. Paul Benz, co-director of Faith Action Network-Washington

Sunday, Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m.: "God Within, God Without," Rev. Kate Landis; Choir

Sunday, Feb. 18, 10:30 a.m.: "Resist: Together We Win," Rev. Kate Landis

Sunday, Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m.: "The World of the Prophet," Rev. Kate Landis; Choir



Introduction to Wil Sederholm, Choir Director

It is a great privilege and pleasure to share Music Ministry with members of SUUC. I have been inspired by music my entire life, singing in my first performance ensemble (the Four Young Men from Montana) when I was 12 years old. In my high school years, I was unique in that I played sports AND participated in choir and drama, but my most fond memories are how my spirit was raised at the conclusion of choir rehearsals.

I have also always been drawn to musical instruments in conjunction with singing and I have learned to play guitar, Native American flute, hand drumming and percussion.

In my early 20s I spent three adventurous years in Los Angeles trying to make the “big time” in a fusion rock/jazz band that played original music.

The conclusion of that experience brought me to Seattle and the study of classical vocal music including opera, oratorio, art songs and musical theater. As an extension of my music studies I also participated as a soloist and in choral music for a variety of religious denominations.

My first experience as a UU musician began with the position of Choral Director at EUUC in Edmonds in 2000 where I am currently Music Director overseeing two choirs, a concert series, a monthly vespers service, and a Drum Circle. Since 2000 I have also served Woodinville UU and Northlake UU in Kirkland.

Wil Sederholm

Minutes for the January 2, 2018 SUUC Board of Trustees Meeting

Attending: Carolyn Threadgill, Judi Kalitzki, Paul Borrmann, Catherine Crain, Juel Erickson, and Bill Hayes

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

New Business

1. Nick Aldrich visited the Board to discuss donating his collection of stamps featuring UUs. He has been collecting them over the years and now wants to donate them to the church.
2. The Board welcomed our interim Choir Director, Wil Sederholm. He outlined his background both at Edmonds UU and East Shore UU. He's excited about learning about our church, including the acoustics in the dome. He's currently a .62 FTE at Edmonds which is 26 hours a week and is working at SUUC for 9 hours a week. He's been the music director at Edmonds 18 years and leads an adult choir, a youth choir and a

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drumming circle. He also does composing and arranging. He is available every other Sunday and can rehearse with our choir every Thursday. He is impressed with our choir and would like to welcome everyone who wants to come and sing. He's looking forward to working with Kate and the music committee in selecting music, teaching and arranging. He creates MP3 rehearsal tracks to help learn the music.

We discussed a contract for the next three months and what his expectations are. Any recommendation on a permanent contract will need to come back to the Board for approval. A specific issue that needs to be settled, and that the Personnel Committee needs to be involved is, is whether we want a choir director, a music director or something in-between those positions as described in the UUA guidelines.

3. Carolyn presented an update on the new building. Modern Building Systems is putting in sheet rock and checking both inside and underneath the building for moisture. If they focus on us in January, we should be in by February. They are working on the electrical and heating systems and switches. They will be putting carpet down. We need gutters on and sidewalks complete in order to occupy the building, but that is dependent on the availability of concrete. Bill Hayes has ordered glass to install the stained glass windows, which will be done next week. Carolyn will be meeting with Modern Building Systems next week and will have more information then. But it looks like at least another month to complete the building.
4. The Board discussed the advisability of an assessment of Rev. Kate before her sabbatical. We agreed that now would be a good time to do one. The Committee on Ministry is working on a format. Last time an assessment was done, each of the Board, Committee on Ministry and Kate did one. We agreed that Judi would contact the Committee on Ministry to see where they are on this and initiate the process. She would also contact Ryan to see if he wanted to assist.
5. The Board discussed needing a mechanism to keep track of and ensure momentum of the Sabbatical task force's plan. We need to know well before May what the plan is and how to proceed. Catherine will take a request to the task force to provide regular status reports covering the specific areas of responsibility: worship planning, pastoral care and staff supervision, how they will be covered and the steps needed to be taken before Kate leaves. She will also request the task force provide at least a draft proposal to the board for the Feb. meeting. Carmen Ten Eyck-McDowell and Barbara Cornell might be resources. What would their roles be? Both Carolyn and Paul are coming off the board in May and could also be resources. The Bainbridge Church just had a sabbatical and might have helpful insights for us as well.

Meeting adjourned shortly after 9 p.m.

Submitted by Juel Erickson, Board Secretary

An Update from the Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry, a standing committee of Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church, exists to monitor SUUC's areas of ministry to help ensure that our ministries are serving our mission and values. This includes the work of our minister, our major committees and key activities.

"Committees on Ministry are designed to track the heartbeat of ministry within a congregation; how the members...take care of themselves and each other, how the lay ministerial leadership serves a congregation; and how the called minister serves the congregation. It seeks to understand, assess, support, and advocate for robust ministry throughout the context of congregational life."--Rev. Anne Heller, *Churchworks: A Well-Body Book for Congregations*

A key charge of the COM is to support on-going reflection and continuous improvement. Over the course of the next three years the COM will assess the major areas of ministry for the church (e.g., Religious Exploration, Welcome Team, Social Action, Worship, Music, etc.). The COM works in collaboration with committee chairs and those involved in the areas of ministry. We seek to help the participants assess how they are meeting their goals and how they are working with other ministries of the church to fulfill the church's mission. Our role is to facilitate a reflective process of assessment. The word "assessment" derives from the Latin "assidere" which means "to sit beside," and in this spirit, we intend our work to be a collaborative, supportive, non-judgmental process. Final reports are provided to those involved in the ministry, the Board of Trustees, and are made available to the congregation.

If you have ideas or concerns about the church, please contact the members of the COM. The COM is there to problem-solve and to help uphold our [Congregational Covenant of Good Relations](#).

Over the next six months, the COM will conduct an assessment of our minister, work closely with the Sabbatical Task Force, communicate with committee chairs about ministry during the sabbatical, and prepare a report on our religious exploration ministry (preK-12) for the staff, board, and congregation.

Current members of the Committee on Ministry are: Bruce Campbell, Jeremy Corvialis, Homer Henderson, Roseann London (chair), and Megan Watson. Rev. Kate serves as an ex-officio member. You can reach Roseann London at londonroseann@gmail.com.

Community Announcements

Mardi Gras Auction on March 3!!!!

Join us for the dinner, entertainment, and lots of auction opportunities on March 3rd, from 6 until 9 p.m.! We will have a catered dinner and music and auction for adults, with pizza and movies for the kids. A good time to meet and greet your SUUC community in a new setting of fun and festivities - even prizes for costumes!

On Sunday, February 4, we will continue selling tickets at \$25 per adult and \$10 per child at church--cash, card, or check! (Pre-sales are important, because we are catering the dinner and need to know how many will be showing up!) Tickets may also be purchased on line at <https://tinyurl.com/TicketsSUUC>.

We are collecting donations at church for the next two weeks as well, or, again, you can donate on line at <http://tinyurl.com/suuc2018>. We will have some great selection offerings already ranging from timeshares to baskets of goodies to dinners to tours to massages to personal guidance. What will you offer??!! If you are not sure what you can do for the auction, feel free to contact Kate Beck katejeck@gmail.com, Juel Erickson juelerickson@hotmail.com, or Rick Wilson rickwilson7863@msn.com.

Masks! Mardi Gras is famous for its masks, so we are having a mask-making afternoon on Saturday, February 24 from 1 until 3 at church! Bring whatever materials you have around the house - feathers, colored paper, rigid straws, glue, etc. We will have lots of extras as well! Come have a fun time and make a mask or two for the event!

Remember, March 3! Mardi Gras Auction at church! Bring your friends!



Spring Retreat at Seabeck--May 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2018

Our theme, *Gathering in Mindfulness*, will be presented by Charles Morris, a practitioner of Tibetan Buddhism in the Gelugpa tradition for over 14 years. He is a student at Kadampa Meditation Center Washington in Ballard, where he has also taught Dharma and meditation to kids and adults for 10 years. He is currently enrolled in a Master's of Mindfulness studies program at Lesley University and is working on expanding an employee mindfulness program at Microsoft, where he has worked for 17 years.

Charles will introduce and lead mindfulness during our adult morning program. He will also offer a mediation session in the afternoon. Don't miss it!



Plate Shares for 2018

Another round of annual congregational Plate Share voting is in the books! From it, nine nonprofits have emerged ahead of the field. From there, I submit my proposed schedule (below) for honoring each of our worthy recipients over the coming year. As usual, we will hold the plate shares on the second Tuesday of the month, with the exception of May and its Mother's Day conflict:

- **February 18: New Beginnings**--Provides shelter, advocacy and support for battered women and their children.
- **March 11: Casa Latina**--Advances the power and well-being of Latino immigrants through employment, education and community organizing.

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- **April 8: Chief Seattle Club**--Provides a safe and sacred place to rest, revive and nurture the spirit of urban Native peoples in need.
- **May 6th: Recovery Café**--Supports women and men in recovery, who are seeking a life of transformation, free from drugs, alcohol and other destructive behaviors.
- **June 10: Kids4Peace**--Aims to bring together kids of Israeli, Palestinian and American descent to help bridge animosity and be agents/leaders for change.
- **August 12: Downtown Emergency Service Center**--Provides effective and affordable solutions to homelessness for our community's most vulnerable men and women.
- **September 9: Water First International**--Serves families in the world's poorest communities through community-managed projects that integrate water supply, sanitation and health education.
- **October 14: North Helpline**--Dedicated to combating hunger and homelessness in Greater North Seattle.
- **November 11: Real Change (2015)**--Provides opportunity and a voice for low-income and homeless people, while taking action for economic justice.

February Women's Circle

The next gathering of the SUUC Women's Circle will take place on February 3 at Fran Campbell's home in Noble Firs Condos on NE 143rd Ave ([click here for directions and parking info](#)). Our focus for the morning will be discussion and planning a church service to present during Rev. Kate's sabbatical. Dianne Carreri from the Worship Planning Committee will frame the discussion and guide us in coordinating the various components of a service (e.g. music, story, readings). The gathering will take place from 10 a.m. to noon. All ideas are welcome.

Note that parking may have to be found outside condos as suggested in the linked document. Also, we will need to do a little furniture moving in Fran's living room.



Cakes for the Dessert Dash at the Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction, March 3

Do you have a knack for baking? If so, we need your help! We will be having a Dessert Dash at the Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction and we would love to have some cakes made to raise additional funds for the church. These "cakes" could be things like a pie, a loaf, a cheesecake, or a large tart. Any single dessert that folks in our community would love to win will do! It would need to be completed and brought to the church by the day of the event, March 3. Please contact Dana Doerksen at gasbarri@comcast.net if you are interested.

Girl Scout Craft Table to Support Ronald Commons Cafe, February 11, 2018

You may have seen Jade and her group selling crafts, including scarves, and other art, last month. They will be back on February 11th after service, one last time, to support the purchase of materials for an herb garden at Ronald Commons Cafe. This is the free weekly community meal that our church helps to support and where many of our members volunteer on the third Thursdays of the month. The chef told them he would be very happy to have fresh herbs right outside the door. This project is for the group's Girl Scout Silver Award for community service. Cash or checks only. Please contact Jade Doerksen if you have any questions at jade-doerksen@comcast.net.

<https://www.facebook.com/RonaldCommonsCafe/>

<https://www.girlscoutsw.org/en/events/highest-awards/silver-award.html>

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SUUC Evening Book Group Meeting February 7 "The owl of Minerva flies at dusk."

The Evening Book Group (aka "The Owls of Minerva") will meet on Wednesday, February 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Church Conference Room. We will be discussing *My Sister, Guard Your Veil; My Brother, Guard Your Eyes* edited by Lila Azam Zanganeh. Sarah Dilling will facilitate our conversation.



Here is the entire schedule for the Book Group's discussions in 2018:

- **Feb. 7: *My Sister, Guard Your Veil; My Brother, Guard Your Eyes***, by Nafisi and Satrapi, edited by Lila Azam Zanganeh; Sarah Dilling, leader
- **Mar. 7: *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography***, by John Dominic Crossan; Darrell Udd, leader
- **Apr. 4: *Hope in the Dark***, by Rebecca Solnit; Karen Thompson, leader
- **May 2: *Lab Girl***, by Hope Jahren; Nancy York-Erwin, leader
- **June 6: *Madame President***, by Helene Cooper; Judi Kalitzki, leader
- **July 2 or 11 (TBD): *Born a Crime***, by Trevor Noah; Barbara King, leader
- **Aug. 1: *The Undoing Project***, by Michael Lewis; Paul Borrmann, leader
- **Sept. 5: *The Stranger in the Woods***, by Michael Finkel; Karen Thompson, leader
- **Oct. 3: *The Once and Future Liberal***, by Mark Lilla; Bob Beekman, leader
- **Nov. 7: *The Underground Railroad***, by Colson Whitehead; Judi Kalitzki, leader
- **Dec. 5: *We Were Eight Years in Power***, by Ta-Nehisi Coates; Bill King, leader

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, rbeekman@gmail.com.

Ingathering of New Members!

Please join us to welcome new members of our SUUC community on Sunday, February 11 during the worship service. This is an important step in the life of our church family and we are all more richly served by new people and their ideas and enthusiasm. Welcome new members!

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 17, 9-11 a.m. All SUUC men are welcome at our monthly breakfast meetings on the third Saturday of each month. For information contact Dick Volkman richard.volkman@att.net, 206-281-7944.

Do you want to offer deep listening and support to fellow congregants?

Apply to be a Pastoral Care Associate! PCAs will receive comprehensive training and monthly support from a minister throughout their two years of service. It's a great way to serve the congregation and develop deep friendships. Applications are available in the church office. Ask Rev. Kate or Rev. Carmen for more information!

Do you take pictures at church or church-related events?

Do you take photos at church events, or other activities with SUUC friends, like the Women's March? We use photos on our website, Facebook page, eBulletin and Soundings. Please consider sharing your SUUC-related pictures, past or present. Email your pictures to Laurie at office@shorelineuu.org.

Social Action Ministry

Call for nominees for recipients of Global SRE Fund Leveraged Donations

The Social Responsibility Endowment (SRE) Fund was established over a decade ago by a generous founding donation from SUUC members Nick and Jeanne Aldrich. The annual income from this endowment is designated for distribution to one or more of the following: 1) environmental nonprofits inside or outside the U.S. or 2) nonprofit charities outside the U.S. that are not aimed at environmental missions--or both.

As we do each February, we are now asking our members for suggested recipients. These are vetted by a task group and then 3-4 finalists are selected by the church's Social Action Ministry in March. Then, each Sunday in April, we ask for congregants individual donations to one or more of these finalists. These member donations are augmented by prorated additions from the SRE Fund's income from the previous year. In the past four years, this has resulted in total annual donations ranging from \$3000 to \$11,000 for some very worthy nonprofits.

To give you an idea of the kinds of organizations selected--and to avoid nominating organizations that are ineligible because of selection in recent years, we will post a list in the Sanctuary entry hall. Please start this year's SRE Fund Leveraged Donation campaign by suggesting possible recipients on the suggestion sheet in the Sanctuary entry hall before and after February Worship Services--or by contacting Bob Beekman, 206-527-7340, rlbeekman@gmail.com.



Social Action Ministry

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SUUC's Social Action Ministry is suspending regular monthly meetings for the time being, pending new leadership and interest from the congregation. We will enthusiastically participate in a Social Action Fair in conjunction with the Congregational Life Committee's Welcome Fair when the new building opens. Krista Tenney has volunteered to lead the planning for SAM and will host a meeting for anyone who wants to join in creating a fun and inspiring introduction to Social Action! The planning team will meet Saturday, February 10, 9:30-11 a.m. in the Conference Room. All are welcome!



Save the Date for Interfaith Advocacy Day at the Washington State Capitol in Olympia

Tuesday, February 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at The United Churches of Olympia and the Capitol Campus

FAITH ACTION NETWORK's Interfaith Advocacy Day in Olympia brings to our elected leaders the voice of compassion and justice. We partner for the common good with people of all faiths who stand up boldly for our shared values. Your meeting with legislators and/or their staffs on this day is the most important thing our social and economic justice advocates can do.

On Interfaith Advocacy Day, you will be able to:

- Join workshops that will break down the issues on FAN's 2018 Legislative Agenda
- Learn current best practices on how to advocate in today's 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

Online (fanwa.org) registration coming soon, but save the date now!

February Calendar of Church Events

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

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

Saturday, February 3

9:30-11:30 a.m. Women's Group, Fran's Condo
12-2 p.m. 4th-5th OWL Orientation

Sunday, February 4

10:30-11:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
12-1:30 p.m. Atheists, Conference Room
6-8 p.m. Youth Group, Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 6

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

Wednesday, February 7

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

Thursday February 8

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

Saturday, February 10

9-11 a.m. Social Action Ministry, Conference Room
2 p.m. — Youth Group Overnighter, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 11

10:30-11:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
12-1:30 p.m. Reader's Theater, Conf. Room

Monday, February 12

7-8:30 p.m. Reader's Theater, Conf. Room

Tuesday, February 13

1:30-3 p.m. Chalice Circle, Nursery
6-9 p.m. Sermon Writing Wkshp., Conf. Room

Wednesday, February 14

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

Thursday, February 15

6-7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6-8 p.m. Rev. Barbara's COM Meeting, Nursery
6-8:30 p.m. Weekly Game Night, Conference Room

Friday, February 16

10-11:30 a.m. Charites Chalice Circle, Udd Residence
12-1:30 p.m. Appreciating Elderhood, Sanctuary
7-10 p.m. Pub Theology, Ridgecrest Public House

Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

10:30-11:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
6-8 p.m. Youth Group, Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 20

10 a.m. Soundings Copy Deadline

Wednesday, February 21

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

Thursday, February 22

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

Saturday, February 24

1-3 p.m. Mask Making for Auction Dinner!, Conf. Room

Sunday, February 25

10:30-11:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 4th-5th OWL, New Chrysalis
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. GreenSong Lunch Circle, Conf. Room
12-1 p.m. Youth Group, Sanctuary

Monday, February 26

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

Tuesday, February 27

6-9 p.m. Sermon Writing Wkshp., Conf. Room
7-9 p.m. Evening Chalice Circle, Chin Residence

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