

Soundings



Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church July Newsletter

Director of Religious Exploration



Hello everyone and welcome to summer! First off, thanks to all who could come for the June 12 Teacher Appreciation and Celebration of Transitions service – it was a great day!

Our summer religious exploration program is in session now – the two themes we'll be exploring in the summer's K-8th class will be "Our Seven Principles" and "Helping Hands for the Homeless." After checking out some of the evaluations that

children have done at the end of the year, I'm realizing there's a lot more work to be done in terms of both imparting information about and breathing life into our seven principles. This summer, seven Sundays will be set aside to explore what each of our principles is, why they relate to each other and make a coherent whole, and what they mean in daily life. The first Sunday of our summer program we explored what our first principle (the best known to all the children and youth) means and what the opposite of it looks like in practice. We heard the classic story of The Brenttown Musicians in which animals whose owners found them to be *without inherent worth and dignity* decided to strike out on their own and honor each other's unique gifts. After a very meaningful discussion of ways that people have experienced being treated with worth or a lack of worth, we improvised music as a group on some percussion instruments as a metaphor for each person bringing a unique voice and rhythm to the whole.

Along with members of the Social Action Ministry, we'll have three Sundays in which we'll be learning about homelessness and collecting items for/assembling care packages for adults and kids. The care packages for adults will be given to families to distribute to those who you run into in the course of your lives that could use a new pair of socks, a portable protein filled snack, and a note of kind words. We'll also be collecting items for children that we'll drop off at Mary's Place on July 31 before getting a tour of their facilities. We'll learn more about what we can do to help out those out who are in this extremely tough situation now, as well as reducing the amount of homelessness in the future. More details on that coming soon.

As always, thanks for taking time out of your day to read this and stay up to date with the goings on at our wonderful church community. Hope to see you around church often this summer – see you on Sunday,

Chris Pollina, shorelinedre@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 17 – SUUC's 50th Anniversary Party after church

Sunday, July 31 – Visiting Mary's Place after church

July 2016

Worship Services, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 3:

Bill King and Joe O'Malley,
Pulpit Guests

Sunday, July 10:

"Pain: A Milepost on the Path to
Peace," Lew Witham,
Pulpit Guest

Sunday, July 17:

50th Anniversary Celebration
Special Service with Rev. Kate
Landis and Rev. Thomas
Anastasi!

Sunday, July 24:

"The Importance of Thinking,"
Rev. Barbara Cornell,
Affiliated Minister

Sunday, July 31:

"Checking Our Baggage,"
Susan Storer Clark, Pulpit Guest



Minutes for the June Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees meeting

June 2nd, 2016, 7:00-9:00

Prepared by Adam Griffith

In attendance

Adam Griffith, Rev. Kate Landis, Juel Erikson, Amanda Ray, Judi Kalitzki, Paul Borrmann, Alison Lilly.

Absent

Carolyn Threadgill

Opening

Call to Order – Judi Kalitzki presiding

Approvals

Approval of May minutes: Minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business

Meeting with Nominating Committee: The Board had received a letter from the Nominating Committee expressing concern that the number of people volunteering for second terms for elected positions left little room for leadership development of newer members. The Board invited the Nominating Committee to attend the Board meeting to talk this over.

A number of ideas were discussed for improving our leadership development. Should we keep a database of member interests? Should we have a 'job fair' where people can stop off at a table and learn about the activities of the various committees? Should we start a new committee for leadership development? Should we re-write the bylaws to include term limits? Many promising ideas were explored.

Salary Task Force Report: The Salary Task Force has been assembled and has met. They are making good progress!

Rental Committee: The church needs to add at least one new member to the Rental Committee. So far we have had no volunteers but we have several promising leads.

Office Security: This month a burglar entered the church office and stole Laurie Radin's new printer. The Church seems to be experiencing a rash of crime, and the board discussed options for security. Adam Griffith agreed to look into the various possibilities and report to the board next month, and Judi Kalitzki will speak to Eric Scott about the possible donation of a security camera. In the meantime, brace sticks will be added to the windows so that they cannot be slid open from the outside.

Board Retreat: The board discussed options for the annual Board Retreat. Ideas presented were: Revising the way we do annual Committee reports, discussing the roles of the Board, Board communication with the congregation, goals for the year, leadership development, and potential bylaw changes. This year the retreat will be at Judi Kalitzki's house from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Money Talks—

But sometimes Silence is golden.

Be back next month!

Paul Borrman

VP- Finance

SUUC's 50th Anniversary Notes



50th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday July 17, 10:30 a.m.!

Join us on Sunday July 17th to honor our past and celebrate our future at Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church. Our Sunday morning service led by Rev. Kate Landis and Rev. Thomas Anastasi will bring back many memories, including special music with Spirit Hand, Thomas and others. We have invited past members*, ministers and interns, and children*—now grown—who have been a part of our congregation. We will have a celebratory luncheon following the service. Come see old friends and meet new ones. Look at old pictures and reminisce about the last 50 years while anticipating the years to come.

*In searching for past contacts, we may have missed some, so if you know of past SUUC participants, please invite them to join us. An RSVP to the office is helpful for us to plan the food.

Food Glorious Food!!

Lots of food will be needed for the 50th Anniversary luncheon after church on July 17. Will you bring a dish? Volunteer to bring a salad or a dessert which serves eight (8). Dianne Carreri will take your RSVP at carreri54@gmail.com. Main course dishes will be provided. Dianne wants to hear if you are a salad or a dessert by Monday, July 11. PLEASE and Thank You.

50 Years of Memories!!!

Beginning the first Sunday in July, there will be a banner in the sanctuary that looks something like a timeline. There will be post-its and pens under it for each of you to write of events/happenings that you found was significant to you or for our church community. Write it down, sign your name (so we can talk to each other about it), and post it on the timeline at the approximate year it happened. We are looking for important occurrences that have helped make this YOUR community. We will add to the timeline over the next three weeks and have it filled in time for the 50th Anniversary of SUUC, which will be celebrated on July 17th.

Community Announcements



Two SUUC Garden Parties (Work Groups)

Hey, we know it is summer and we know you all have lots of events planned -- or maybe just relaxation. HOWEVER! Our 50th Anniversary is coming up on July 17 and we will have lots of folks returning for a visit. It would be great if we could look our best! If you've not yet had a chance to 'give back' to our church community (other than your wonderful pledge!) or if your kids are looking for a way to be active members of our community, this is your chance! We will have a garden spiff-up on **two Saturdays, July 2 and 9, from 8 until 11 a.m.** If it is warm, come early and you'll have plenty of time to cool off after. Come for the whole three hours or just for a part of it. We have all sorts of weeds to deal with, so if you just want to yank and pull, come on down! If you prefer careful weeding between flowers, come on down! Feel free to bring treats if you cannot stay for the sprucing! Thanks! Contact Laura Westbrook at wildweeder@gmail.com with "SUUC" in the subject line, if you think you will be able to come.

Celebration Sunday on July 3rd!

This Sunday we will be celebrating all the birthdays, anniversaries, trips, whatever for two months -- June and July! Add your special event to the white board as you come into the church, then after church, as you are enjoying coffee and conversation, also enjoy munching on some special treats!

July Hymn of the Month

Each month the Music Committee chooses a hymn to introduce to the congregation, so that we may explore more of the rich musical heritage available to us. This month's hymn is #94, "What Is This Life." The words were written by Welshman William Henry Davies, who spent his youth as a hobo and a peddler. After losing a foot under a Canadian freight train in 1901, he turned to poetry, publishing three books of poetry and his *Autobiography of a Super-Tramp*. The tune closely resembles British ballads and Celtic melodies, and first appeared in this form in the *Missouri Harmony* hymnal in 1820. It was later attributed to Americk Hall, a Massachusetts farmer who manufactured straw bonnets, kept a hotel, and taught at a singing school.



Life Is Everywhere!

UU's First Principle upholds the inherent worth and dignity of every person, but have you ever wondered... *who counts as a person?* For many Pagans, a belief in **animism** means that the natural world is full of persons: not only human people, but salmon, beetles, birds, trees, rivers, the earth, the wind, bacteria... This month, join the GreenSong CUUPS Pagans after the service at **noon on Sunday, July 3rd, out in the orchard** (weather permitting, or in the Sanctuary if it's rainy) for a simple ritual celebrating the myriad forms of life, followed by a discussion of animism in modern Pagan practice. Please bring an object that is special to you (a stone, a flower, a piece of jewelry, etc.) to connect with during the ritual. (For more info, email alison.leigh.lilly@gmail.com)

Pagan Picnic

GreenSong CUUPS, SUUC's Pagan ministry, will enjoy some social time at our annual summer fellowship. It is a chance to relax, talk, and bond in our UU Pagan context. This year's fellowship will be hosted by the Corvialis family on Saturday, July 9, starting at noon. Please RSVP to greensongcuups@gmail.com for full details.

Sunday Flowers

The newly-forming Aesthetics Committee has been providing a variety of fresh ideas and fresh flowers to our Sunday morning chancel. A big THANK YOU! to all of our volunteers! Here are the monthly leads:

March:	Kristen Hunt and Fran Campbell
April:	Rebecca Prosser and Meg Trahey
May:	Shelley Anderson
June:	Krista Tenney
July:	Kristen Hunt
August:	Karen Thompson
September:	Krista Tenney
October:	Peggy Williams Scott
November:	Peggy Williams Scott
December:	Kristen Hunt



Special thanks to Susan Storer Clark and Ed Clark for donating the beautiful flowers for Father's Day!

If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday morning, and dedicate it to someone or something special, please call Peggy Williams Scott at 206-331-2729, or approach me after church during coffee hour to sign up. Flower donations are a lovely tradition for commemorating many special occasions: birthday, death days, anniversaries, holidays, or a meaningful cause. These flowers then become a part of our communal worship.

If you see any of these volunteers, give them a thank you!

SUUC Evening Book Group Meeting July 6 “The owl of Minerva flies at dusk.”

The book for discussion at the Wednesday, July 6, meeting of the Evening Book Group (aka “The Owls of Minerva”) will be *Neither Wolf nor Dog*, by Kent Nerburn. The meeting will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Church conference room. Patty Zeitlin will facilitate our discussion of this book, one of several this year on racial and ethnic justice. This one is about white America’s treatment of Indians or Native Americans -- specifically, the Sioux or Lakota people now on Dakota reservations.



Looking ahead, the book for our August 3 meeting will be *Mr. Smith goes to Prison*.

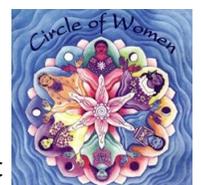
Anyone is welcome to join our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month -- even if you haven’t finished reading the book for the month! If more information is needed, contact Bob Beekman, 206-527-7340, rbeekman@gmail.com.

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, July 16, 9-11 a.m. All SUUC men are welcome at our monthly breakfast meetings on the third Saturday of each month.

Women’s Circle

The Women’s Circle will meet in July on Saturday the 9th, not the 2nd due to the holiday weekend. We’ll have a summer brunch potluck (outdoors if it’s nice, otherwise in Chrysalis). We’ll finally have a chance for more conversation time plus a simple getting-to-know-each-other-better activity. Call Juel at 206-849-5177 or email juelerickson@hotmail.com if questions.



Social Action Ministry Announcements



Social Action Ministry

Social Action Ministry Meets Saturday, July 9

The SUUC Social Action Ministry will meet Saturday, July 9, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., in the Church Conference Room. Attend this meeting to join planning and preparations for our upcoming project opportunities:

- Possible replacement(s) for our monthly volunteer night at Food Lifeline (now moved to Georgetown)
- Summer social action project for our CRE kids: June 26, July 31, Aug. 28.
- Support for our homeless neighbors in the United We Stand tent camp.
- Sponsorship for the Oct. 1 NW UU Justice Summit in Port Townsend.
- Possible Black Lives Matter workshop at SUUC.
- Possible outreach to our Muslim neighbors.
- Sno-King Meaningful Movies.

Check our [Social Action Ministry blog](#) a couple days before the meeting for the detailed agenda. Please contact SAM chairwoman Carolyn Wallace if you have any questions.



Sno-King Meaningful Movies presents the film *Merchants of Doubt* Saturday, July 9

Inspired by the 2010 book of the same name by Naomi Orestes and Erik K. Conway, *Merchants of Doubt* is a powerful, disturbing documentary film of how the tobacco industry, the fire retardant industry, and the fossil fuel industry, backed up by big money, found a few scientists, media people and pseudo experts to create doubt in the public's mind about the dangers of, and the scientific findings about smoking, the ineffectiveness of fire retardants, and the scientific findings about global warming.

This screening is free to the public at the home of the Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Congregation located at 8109 224th St. SW, Edmonds, WA.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for social time and refreshments, film at 7 p.m. Our special guest is Dr. John Crusius, from the UW Department of Oceanography. We will have a discussion following the film.

For more information talk to Bill King or go to www.meaningfulmovies.org.

July Calendar of Events

Friday, July 1

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

Sunday, July 3

10:30-11:45 a.m. Worship Service and Children's Activities, Sanctuary and Chrysalis

12-2 p.m. GreenSong Pagan Group Celebration, Sanctuary or Orchard

Wednesday, July 6

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

6:30-10 p.m. Spirit Hand Rehearsal, Nursery

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

Thursday, July 7

6-8:30 p.m. Weekly Game Night, Chrysalis

7:45-9 p.m. Music Committee, Conference Room

Saturday, July 9

8-11 a.m. Garden Work Party, Outdoors

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

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

Sunday, July 10

10:30-11:45 a.m. Worship Service and Children's Activities, Sanctuary and Chrysalis

Tuesday, July 12

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

Wednesday, July 13

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

6:30-9 p.m. Spirit Hand Rehearsal, Nursery

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

Thursday, July 14

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

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

Friday, July 15

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

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

Saturday, July 16

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

Sunday, July 17

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Special 50th Anniversary Service followed by Luncheon Celebration

Wednesday, July 20

10 a.m. AUGUST SOUNDINGS Copy Deadline

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

Thursday, July 21

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

Sunday, July 24

10:30-11:45 a.m. Worship Service and Children's Activities, Sanctuary and Chrysalis

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. GreenSong CUUPS Pagan Group Check-in, Conference Room

Monday, July 25

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

Wednesday, July 27

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

Thursday, July 28

4-8 p.m. Music Filing and Potluck, Sanctuary

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

Sunday, July 31

10:30-11:45 a.m. Worship Service and Children's Activities, Sanctuary and Chrysalis

July Sunday Volunteers

July 3:

Nancy Curtis and Marguerite Chin, Greeters
Alison & Jeff Lilly, Ushers

July 10:

Andy Landis and Megan Watson, Greeters
Ryan Dunn & Zoey Phillips, Ushers
Tom & Evelyn Bookout, Baristas

July 17:

Sue Leisy and Valerie Sammons, Greeters
Homer Henderson & Paul Borrmann, Ushers
Kristen and Bruce Hunt, Baristas
Bob Beekman, Welcome Corner Host

July 24:

Earl Davis & Richard Volkman, Greeters
Shirley Beresford & Donald Patrick, Ushers
Rick Wilson & Juel Erickson, Baristas

July 31:

TBD, Greeters
Anne Martin & Barbara Stilson, Ushers
Earl Davis & John Stott, Barista
Bob Beekman, Welcome Corner Host

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