

Soundings



Newsletter of Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church



Minister's Message for March

Dear Spiritual Companions,

It is the bleak midwinter, but all around, signs point to spring. My daffodils are nearly in bloom, and crocus are sharing their bright colors. It is a welcome change from the mud and even the surprising bit of snow. What hopes are blooming in you this season?

The best part of spring, better even than the purple tulips I'm coveting in my neighbor's yard, is our annual Seabeck retreat. May 4- 6 we will Gather in Mindfulness (this year's theme) with seven other UU congregations on the stunning Hood River, to explore Buddhist practice, play by the water and in the forest and relax with new and old friends. There is a rocking chair facing the water, waiting for you! Big, big thanks to our own Renee Palermo for chairing the Seabeck planning team.

Spring will quickly lead to summer, and summer brings Eliot Institute! Eliot Institute is a terrifically fun series of UU summer camps for families, individuals, couples, and people 0-99 years of age. This summer will be my fifth time at Eliot Institute, gathering with people from many congregations in the US and Canada to learn, walk in the woods and explore by the water, deeply relax, and enjoy worship services and sing by the campfire (smores included). Eliot camps take place at Seabeck, the site for our fantastic yearly spring retreat, on the Hood Canal. People travel hours and hours to get to Eliot, but we are lucky to be close by.

There are three Eliot camps, one in July and two in August. July's camp theme is "Buddhist Practices for Resilience and Renewal" with Rev. Florence Caplow, a swell UU minister. It begins from July 14. August 4 camp is themed "Learning the Language of Dragons" with the well-known Rev. James Ishmael Ford. Creative Arts Eliot is my favorite, it is the smallest camp and it begins on August 11. Creative Arts camp offers a diversity of workshops- painting, quilting, photography, etc., and I will be there leading Theatre Games!

Join me at Eliot Institute this summer to relax, explore, and meet kind, interesting people. Or join me because it is a week in a beautiful place and you don't have to cook or clean! Check out the Eliot website <https://www.eliotinstitute.org/> or ask me for information. Lots of scholarships are available.

Happy spring, my friends! Keep blooming.

Kate

Worship Services

Sunday, March 4, 10:30 a.m.: "Democracy: What Are We Myth-ing?" Paul Borrmann, Pulpit Guest

Sunday, March 11 10:30 a.m.: "Jesus and the Occupation," Rev. Kate Landis; Choir

Sunday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.: "The Audacity of Death," Rev. Kate Landis

Sunday, March 25, 10:30 a.m.: "Spring Equinox Celebration," Rev. Kate Landis and the SUUC Pagan Group; Choir

President's Update



Dear Friends,

March will see us using our new space at last! I enjoy the warm, inviting feel of the new building every time I go into it. I hope all of you will have a similar visceral response.

As I write this message toward the end of February, I note that there are still a few things to complete. The big job is the outside work on the parking lot--it's just been too cold to lay hot asphalt. On a bright, cost-saving note, I persuaded the City to cancel the requirement to upgrade part of the frontage sidewalk. That upgrade would have necessitated concrete pouring, and, again, the weather is not suited to that, so I'm really glad not to be worrying about it.

You may have noticed that the green paint on the new building does not match the green on the dome building. While the paper paint swatch seemed to match well, the liquid form of the paint does not. I suggest the church live with this discrepancy for a while until a solution that works for both the new building and the old building presents itself. Changing the color of either building would be a large expense and should therefore receive careful consideration of the best solution, visually and economically.

As we begin to use our new building, it is good to remember the wishes we had as a congregation and the constraints under which we worked. The primary constraint has always been financial, and that has had an impact on the kind of building we have now. It is basic, not fancy and not of the very highest quality of workmanship and materials available with a larger budget. Nevertheless, we have a clean, dry, fresh-smelling, well lit, and warm space. It has six large classroom/meeting rooms to meet our RE and community building needs. It has a small, serviceable kitchen, fully equipped. The bathrooms are adequate and can be backed up with use of the dome bathrooms as needed. The social hall is smaller and more intimate than the dome sanctuary, with exit to a small patio and the orchard and large windows that will eventually look out onto a well landscaped south exposure. Coffee hour will be delightful in this space. And our children can play in one of the RE rooms while their elders indulge in boring, never-ending conversations.

Work continues on the preparations for a terrific sabbatical for Rev. Kate and the congregation. More information will be reported as plans are finalized in the next two to three months. Look for it in the eBulletins as well as *Soundings*.

Wishing you all warmth in the winter and anticipation of a bright spring.

Carolyn Threadgill

President, Board of Trustees

Chair, New Building Committee

Director of Religious Exploration

Greetings and a happy March to you all. This month will mark the beginning of our occupancy of our new building and I for one am so excited! After beginning the process of tearing the Chrysalis down in July of last year, we spent Sundays in the summer at Twin Ponds Park doing activities to bring us closer to the natural world, which was a great time. Come September, however, the children had to occupy a series of makeshift “classrooms,” living in a weird limbo where no place was really theirs. The middle school group sat around a big table trying to talk candidly about matters of the heart and soul while people freely came and went through the conference room. The 3rd-5th grade group met at the Aegis retirement home just down the block, first occupying the library followed by a room full of hard linoleum floors, computers, and creepy CPR dummies. The K-2nd class crammed up to 14 kids and two adults into Rev. Kate’s office to learn about our seven principles through stories. While it hasn’t been ideal, seeing our new building has made me sure it was all worth it.



While many people have thanked me for my flexibility, I think that most other people in the RE program had a tougher time with this than I ever did so I’d like to thank everyone who has been involved in this process: the teachers for the classes that have been relocated for the past six months, the kids of those classes for dealing with the cramped non-ideal spaces, Mary Lou for housing much of the stuff that was in the Chrysalis and letting me pop in to get various items, all the ushers who counted money in the kitchen or in other cramped corners of the church, and of course, Carolyn Threadgill, the person who has put in far more hours and sweat than anyone else on seeing this project through to completion. I am so grateful to all of you and so glad we don’t have to do this again for at least a few decades!

In other news, the 4th-5th grade OWL program has started. For the first time we’re holding this program, we’ll have 13 kids in the program! Roseann London and Laura Westbrook are our intrepid leaders and will be leading the kids through activities and discussions around the topics of puberty, gender roles, media literacy, feelings and attractions, and other areas of sexuality, all under the umbrella of our UU values of openness, curiosity, and acceptance. Thanks to everyone who is a part of this program or who invited folks from outside the church to consider joining us for these seven Sunday morning sessions.

Lastly, we’ll be having another family event like the pool party we had in January coming up in April. I’m currently looking at April 15, the last day before kids come back from spring break. If you’ve told me in your registration form that you might be interested in planning a family event, I’ll be writing to you soon. If you haven’t told me this but have an idea for a good family friendly event or energy to help put on such an event (or both ideas and energy!) please do get in touch soon.

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

Chris Pollina

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Money Talks

Finance Policies

The Board in February approved some updates and revisions to the congregation's financial policies. These policies provide for the safe handling of all funds we receive, procedures for paying for and accounting for all financial transactions and clarifying the specific roles of the congregation and church leadership regarding finances. Copies of the policies are available from the office, one is posted on the bulletin board, and I will be glad to email you an electronic copy.

Financial matters in this congregation are completely transparent. It is vital that you be assured that your contributions are doing what they are supposed to be doing. I have found that nothing poisons a community faster than mistrust about how money is handled and how money decisions are made. I strongly urge you to contact me or another Board member with any questions or comments on any financial topic.

The policies include the philosophy behind SUUC's fundraising activities. We strive to get most of our money from the annual pledge campaign, so that we limit dependence on fundraisers and the number of fundraisers. We know that members don't want to be constantly badgered with more fundraising requests. And fundraisers have to be about more than raising money: they must help build our community and relationships among congregants.

The upcoming Auction gala on March 3 is our one big fundraiser of the year, and it promises to be a great community-building event. I hope you are planning to attend.

Paul Borrman
VP-Finance

Update from the Sabbatical Task Force

Greetings from Roseann London, Catherine Crain, Barbara Cornell, Chris Polina, Dianne Carreri and Rev. Kate, a.k.a., the Sabbatical Task Force.

We have been busy as beavers since the fall. We've chewed around Rev. Kate's Letter of Agreement to determine the elements of her job. We've broken that into a subset of tasks for a trained sabbatical minister. We've gnawed around the number of hours needed. We are "dam" pleased with our efforts.

We presented our findings to the Board of Trustees at their February meeting. They approved our recommendation to hire a .38 FTE, or about 15 hrs./wk., sabbatical minister who will be with us from June 17 through December 9, 2018.

A search process has been started through our PNW UU District. We know there are some spectacular candidates.

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WE are the remaining .62 FTE. We will maintain the health and resources of our congregation. SUUC is responding with enthusiasm! Individuals and groups are sharing their gifts, talents and time. Be open and look for your spot to engage.
We are counting on each other.

Stay tuned for future Updates during this dynamic time in the life of SUUC.

Warm Regards,
Sabbatical Task Force

For further info contact Roseann at londonroseann@gmail.com

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

This month's column will continue our introduction to the 12 Steps. Step Three states: ***Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.***



My name is Lauren H. and I am a grateful member of Overeaters Anonymous. This is my favorite step! For those of you who are “God” averse, this step may not seem like something you would care to learn about. However, please have an open mind and read further....

The primary purpose of the 12 Step program is to find a Higher Power that can do for you what you cannot do for yourself. For those of you with addiction (alcohol, drugs, food, exercise, TV, internet, politics, gambling, sex), if you have been unable to quit on your own, it might be because you have not been willing to “surrender” to something greater than yourself.

But I believe that the 12 Steps are for everyone! (After all, don't we all have some habits that we are not able to stop?) The 12 Step program is a spiritual program, not a religious one. Whatever you believe in: The Great Mystery, Love, SUUC, Spirit of Life; basically, this step says that “I” am not that Higher Power. There is something greater than me in this world and if I align my will, my actions, my life with this Power, I will be in harmony with the world.

I think of Higher Power as that “Still Small Voice” deep in my gut that knows what's right for me. And if I am willing to listen and follow that Inner Wisdom, it will be the right thing for me. What interferes with my ability to follow that deep Intuition is my desire to have things the way I want them to be. When I surrender what I think I want or need to the Higher Wisdom within, the results are often “beyond my wildest dreams” (from OA).

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

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The support group for Family and Friends of those with a lived experience of mental illness for March will be held in the conference room at church on the fourth Monday, March 26, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There is a place for you to join us!

Rev. Barbara Cornell, Affiliated Community Minister

So, what's a **CLC** anyway?

You may recall that last May we elected members to a new committee, the Congregational Life Committee. It replaced the Nominating Committee which met only when nominations were needed for one of the elected positions. Noel Bain carried over from that committee. The newly elected members are Deneen Bowen, Bill King (chair), Jeff Lilly, and Karen Thompson.

Since August we have met monthly to develop ways that we can promote the life of the congregation as we make the transition from a pastoral church to a program church. A program church has over 150 members, a line we crossed over a year ago; we are at 178 members today. As a program church we need to develop new ways of making connections, new ways of communication, new ways of getting to know one another, new ways of coming to decisions.

We have adopted a model from the UU Church of Delaware County in Pennsylvania (www.UUCDC.org). Alison Lilly, while on the Board, did extensive research and developed a presentation for the Board retreat. The Board, after that retreat, took two actions: 1) the creating of the CLC, and 2) the adoption of term limits for elected positions. The newly formed CLC began by reviewing her presentation which led us to the UUCDC church website.

In our report to the Board in February, the CLC shared the concept of Growth Through Service (GTS) which is at the heart of the UUCDC process. GTS clearly emphasizes that a cornerstone of the UU faith is service. The GTS program was designed to help each congregant learn about and participate in service opportunities while also thinking about how service assists the congregant in spiritual development. Each of us is on a spiritual journey, and the CLC's purpose is the to find ways to encourage and promote spiritual growth through service to the church, to the community, and to society as whole.

We have proposed two means toward that goal, a short-term and a long-term one. The first is to hold a kind of "Service Opportunities Fair" (we are looking for a better name) when the new building is fully in use. This would probably take place at noon some Sunday in April or May. A potluck meal would be spread out throughout the Chrysalis. We will have display tables for each of the ministries (Social Action Ministry, Worship Planning, etc.) as well as those groups which organize various services (Baristas, Greeters, Chancel Musicians, Ushers, etc.) and also various affinity groups (Men's Group, Women's Group, Book Group, GreenSong, etc.). At each table there would also be one or more of the potluck items, so that folks have incentive to visit each room and each table.

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The long-term goal is more complex: to match every member of our congregation with opportunities to serve that meet their needs/skills/interests. The GTS project is founded on the believe that service must be fulfilling, must feed one's passion, and must grow the soul. To make this a reality, there must be a process of gathering information about the members, creating a list of service opportunities (with specifics about what that means), and matching the two.

To help with that matching of member and opportunity, Jeff Lilly is developing a database. This database will grow more valuable as we begin holding interviews with each member and friend of our congregation, a major undertaking. Doing this for every member of the congregation will be a labor-intensive process. The plan is to train interviewers who can then enter results into a confidential data base only accessible by our minister and someone trained to use it.

While the database is being developed, the CLC will begin doing interviews. We hope that when you get a call or email request for 45 minutes of your time, you will understand what it's all about. It's about GROWTH THROUGH SERVICE!

If you have suggestions or questions for us, please feel free to contact any member of the CLC or you can email Bill at bking@western.edu.

Minutes for the February 6 SUUC Board of Trustees Meeting

Attending: Carolyn Threadgill, Judi Kalitzki, Paul Borrmann, Ryan Dunne, Catherine Crain, Juel Erickson, Rev. Kate and Bill Hayes

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.

The minutes of the January 2, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

New Business

Bill King and Karen Thompson presented a report from the Congregational Life Committee (CLC). The Committee is composed of: Noel Bain (who continues from the Nominating Committee), Deneen Bowen, Bill King (chair), Jeff Lilly, and Karen Thompson. They began meeting last August, using material available on the UUA website and especially focusing on the Growth thru Service project from the UUC of Delaware County, PA. Growth thru Service (GTS) emphasizes that a cornerstone of the UU faith is service. GTS was designed to help each congregant learn about and participate in service opportunities while also thinking about how service assists the congregant in spiritual development. The Committee is developing an interview process to understand each person's needs/skills/interests. And then ideally matching them to service opportunities at SUUC, which will be developed through a knowledge of the structure of our church as it is and as we would like it to become. This matching process would also include differentiating between activities and service. The

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CLC is developing a database to help match church volunteers with opportunities for service. Steps will be taken to ensure privacy for personal information and to carefully protect the access to this information, while hopefully, allowing general access by the congregation to service opportunities and general information about the church.

Roseann London (chair of the Sabbatical Task Force) and Dianne Carreri (Chair of Worship Planning) presented a progress report on the plan for coverage of ministerial duties during Rev Kate's sabbatical. The task force has spoken with 11 congregations who have recently or are currently in the sabbatical process, as well as members of UUA Western Region Staff. The committee is putting concrete plans in place for pastoral care, staff supervision and worship planning. There will be a workshop held to train interested congregants in pastoral care and active listening. Rev. Kate will hold another sermon writing class whose participants may want to preach on a sabbatical Sunday. The Task Force has developed a detailed chart listing ministerial responsibilities including a breakdown of estimated hours. The task force recommended that we hire an interim minister as a .38 FTE for the duration of the Sabbatical. The Board voted to approve this recommendation. Rev. Kate and the sabbatical task force will initiate the hiring process and submit 3 good candidates to the board at our next meeting in March.

Paul submitted updated financial policies to better reflect our current processes as well as to clarify them for the general congregation and encourage that they be followed by everyone. In particular, the verbiage concerning handling of money from fund-raisers, including supplies donated and funds raised was updated and expanded. The Board moved and approved acceptance of these updated policies.

Additional items:

Choir Director Wil Sederholm's contract is for 3 months, ending in March. We will need to decide whether to renew and at what rate, plus Wil would like more hours. We should also evaluate the entire music program. This topic will be added to the next Board meeting agenda.

Bob Beekman requested the use of our travelling SUUC banner. He will be participating in the Faith Action Network Interfaith Advocacy Day at the State Capitol in Olympia on Feb 20, 2018. The Board approved the loan.

Meeting adjourned shortly after 9 p.m.

Submitted by Juel Erickson, Board Secretary



Spring Seabeck Retreat



Friday, May 4th through Sunday, May 6th, 2018
Seabeck Conference Center on beautiful Hood Canal

Gathering in Mindfulness

Presented by Charles Morris

Your Spring Seabeck Retreat Planning Team is busy preparing for this year's weekend get-away. Relax and enjoy some time away from the hustle and bustle of the city while making new connections with other UUs in your community. There is absolutely something for everyone during this family-friendly, intergenerational, community-building event. This year we are proud to introduce our theme, Gathering in Mindfulness, to be presented by Charles Morris.

Charles Morris has been 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.

The many benefits of mindfulness and meditation are available to us all. Imagine yourself being able to relax your mind and body, being more present in each moment throughout the day, and connecting more deeply with others in your life. Don't spend time worrying! Turn off the negative self-talk, and instead bring compassion for self and others to the forefront.

Join us in exploring the inner workings of how we can influence our thoughts and wellbeing through the spiritual practice of mindfulness and meditation. Whether you're a seasoned practitioner or someone who wants to explore new areas for growth, this will be time well spent. We can come together to bring our community one step closer to peace and loving kindness.

Charles will cover key mindfulness concepts and lead meditations during our adult morning program at Seabeck. He will also offer an additional focused meditation session in the afternoon. Childcare will be provided during the morning program.

We also offer a collaborative program of workshops and activities, organized by our Seabeck Planning Team. As always, you are free to engage in your own pursuits of rowing, hiking, reading, visiting, playing ping pong, volleyball, tennis, or basketball; rocking on the porches, making music, or planning the worship service.

Register during the month of March at: www.shorelineuu.org/seabeck-retreat.html

“Jesus for Everyone! (Including Atheists and Nones)” *An Intergenerational Service*

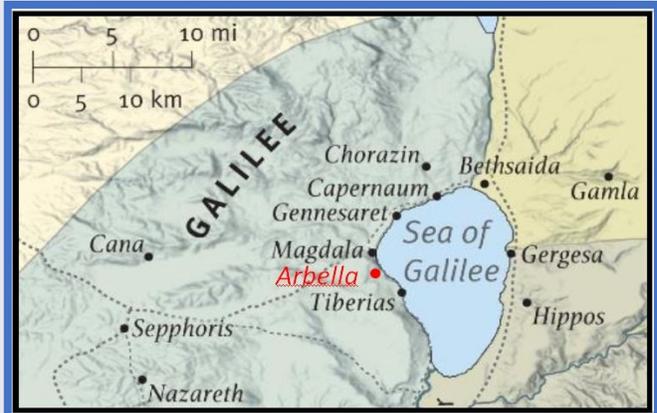
Easter Service, April 1, 2018

This year, Shoreline Unitarian Universalist is preparing a special Easter service for all ages, focused on the idea that Jesus is for everyone, including atheists and “nones” – those who identify as having no religious or spiritual beliefs.

Rev. Darrell Udd, New Testament scholar, educator and former pastor, will be our special pulpit guest. Our Readers Theater will be presenting an original script by Homer Henderson. Chancel musicians will be leading and presenting music.



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Please join us as we gather to hear a message about the person of Jesus, a peasant from Galilee, and his ministry around first-century Israel; enjoy some original dramatic storytelling and music; and sing some Eastertime UU hymns!

Community Announcements

SUUC EVENING BOOK GROUP MEETING MARCH 7: “THE OWL OF MINERVA FLIES AT DUSK.”

The Evening Book Group (aka “The Owls of Minerva”) will meet on Wednesday, March 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. We will be discussing *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography* by John Dominic Crossan. Darrell Udd will facilitate the participants’ discussion.

Looking ahead, the book for our April 4 meeting will be *Hope in the Dark* by Rebecca Solnit. Karen Thompson will lead that conversation. We will also discuss to what date we may move our July meeting. (The first Wednesday in July is the Fourth.)

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



HEY -- INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT OUR SUUC COMMUNITY?

On Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. until noon, the Welcome Team is sponsoring an orientation gathering, led by Rev. Kate. We will go through some UU history, turn to a focus on what happens here at SUUC, and have a good time meeting other new seekers. We’ll share stories about how we arrived here and about what kind of relationships we would like out of our community. Come join this lively discussion! We’ll have treats and child care is available, if requested. Curious? Contact Rick Wilson at 206 799 3054 or rickwilson7863@msn.com.



SUUC WOMEN’S GROUP WILL MEET AT 10 A.M. TO NOON ON SATURDAY, MARCH 3.

The program will be *Sharing Our Stories*. You can come to just listen, or to tell. Although you might not think you have a story, each person has an interesting tale to share. In a small, supportive group of women, given a little guidance, you might discover you do, after all.

We’ll take turns to tell a 3 to 5-minute personal story without reading it, and with no pressure to perform. The themes will be “Standing Up or Letting Go” (of Clutter). Recall a time when you stood up for yourself, for someone else, or for a cause you believed in. Or remember a time when you had to “De-clutter” or let go of a particular precious item. Through storytelling like this we can get to know one another better and share our challenges and successes.

We will meet at Sunset West: 6535 Seaview Ave. NW, 206-367-0295. Drive west on 85th to 32nd Ave NW; turn R on Golden Gardens Drive and drive down the 2-lane road to Seaview. L on Seaview; drive past Shilshole Bay Marina, where you’ll soon see two large 7-story condo buildings on R. Turn R at guard house, where guard will tell everyone where to park.

Please bring a finger food snack to share.

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, March 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 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.

OUR PLATE SHARE RECIPIENT ON MARCH 11 WILL BE CASA LATINA, A LOCAL NONPROFIT

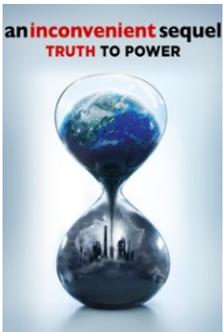
Casa Latina advances the power and well-being of Latino immigrants through employment, education and community organizing.

Social Action Ministry



SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY MEETING MARCH 10

There are so many ways for each of us to be involved in Social Justice Actions outside our church building, and it can be challenging to find ways to "connect all the dots." Krista Tenney has volunteered to lead the planning for the future of SAM. The meeting on February 10 was energizing and very productive and there will be another one on Saturday, March 10, 9:30-11 a.m. in the Conference Room. SAM plans to participate in the upcoming Congregation Life Committee's Welcome Fair and Potluck when our new building opens, and we look forward to making our voices heard about issues we care deeply about. All are welcome!



MARCH MEANINGFUL MOVIE: *AN INCONVENIENT SEQUEL*

Sno-King Meaningful Movies is celebrating its third anniversary on March 10. Join us the second Saturday of March in watching and discussing Al Gore's sequel which provides a compelling look at how we can create a clean energy revolution. Al Gore travels the world educating climate activists and updating us on ongoing climate change (floods, rising tides, super storms, melting glaciers, and other extreme weather events). The seriousness and urgency of the climate change problem is balanced by optimism that by taking action now we can create a better future.

Where? Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 8109 224 Street SW Edmonds, WA.

When? Saturday, March 10. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments are provided, so come and socialize before the show. The movie starts at 7.

After the movie stay for a community discussion on climate change action after we cut our anniversary cake!

Special Guests: Dean Smith of 350Everett, Jackie Minchen, one the of the Delta Five who blocked an oil train in Everett, and Carmen Rumbuat of the Climate Reality Project.



GET FILLED UP WITH HOPE! JOIN THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN!

Hello, my beloved spiritual companions,

I am thrilled to be an area organizer for the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. The PPC is an interfaith movement grounded in joy and hope for the future of our nation. We are organizing because we believe:

- That no one should live in poverty in the richest nation in history.
- That racism and white supremacy are intertwined in causing systemic poverty and funding the prison industry.
- That our war economy, in which an absurd amount of our tax dollars go to the military, takes vital funds from education, housing, addiction treatment, and other programs that uplift people who are suffering.
- That environmental destruction is causing greater poverty and continues to have the biggest impact on those with the least power.

Religious extremists have focused on issues such as restricting reproductive freedom and taking rights from GLBTQI people. Their faith is not our faith, they do not represent all religious people. We demand that there be a moral revival in our country, with liberal, religious people (hey, that's us!) demanding equal rights for queer people, women, and people of color alongside the end of poverty.

The Poor People's Campaign is a marathon, not a sprint. It is sustained, nonviolent, direct action. Whoever you are, however busy, there is a role that fits you. This is the end of hopelessness. The end of feeling powerless. Together we will see real transformations in our community.

Join in our first teach-in and celebration on March 5th at 7 p.m., at SUUC. Bring friends! Come learn and get filled up with hope for the future! Questions? Talk to me or Judi Kalitzki. This is going to be a lot of fun.

Hugs, Rev Kate

PS--our PPC area is North Seattle, Shoreline, Edmonds, Lynwood, Lake Forest Park, and Mountlake Terrace. Want to hang up flyers in your neighborhood? Let me know, I would love that.

March Calendar of Church Events

Thursday, March 1

6-7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:45-9 p.m. Music Committee, Sanctuary

Friday, March 2

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

Saturday, March 3

9:30-11:30 a.m. Women's Group, call for directions
5:30-8:30 p.m. Mardi Gras Auction, Sanctuary

Sunday, March 4

10:30-11:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
12-1:30 p.m. Atheists, Conference Room
12-5 p.m. Worship Planning, New Chrysalis
6-8 p.m. Youth Group, Sanctuary

Monday, March 5

7-9 p.m. Poor People's Campaign Teach-In, Sanctuary
7-9 p.m. Reader's Theater, Conference Room

Tuesday, March 6

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

Wednesday, March 7

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

Thursday, March 8

6-7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7-9 p.m. Sabbatical Task Force, Conference Room

Saturday, March 10

9:30-11 a.m. Social Action Ministry, Conference Room
2-4 p.m. Kay Chelemedos Memorial, Sanctuary and
New Chrysalis
5-7 p.m. Game Night, Conference Room

Sunday, March 11

10:30-11:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
12-1 p.m. Women's Group meeting, Conf. Room
6-8 p.m. Youth Group, Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 13

1:30-3 p.m. Chalice Circle, New Classroom
6-9 p.m. Sermon Writing Class, Conference Room

Wednesday, March 14

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

Thursday, March 15

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

Friday, March 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, call for location

Saturday, March 17

9-11 a.m. SUUC Men's Group, Wedgwood Broiler
5-7 p.m. Weekly Game Night, Conference Room

Sunday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 20

10 a.m. Soundings Copy Deadline

Wednesday, March 21

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

Thursday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 24

5-7 p.m. Weekly Game Night, Conf. Room

Sunday, March 25

10:30-11:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 4th-5th OWL, classroom 2
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. GreenSong Lunch Circle, Conf. Room
12:30-2 p.m. Rhythm Workshop, Sanctuary

Monday, March 26

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

Tuesday, March 27

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

Thursday, March 29

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

Saturday, March 31

10 a.m.-noon Voice with Joyce, Sanctuary
1-4 p.m. Reader's Theater, Sanctuary
5-7 p.m. Weekly Game Night, Conference Room
6-9 p.m. Youth Group, Sanctuary

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