

## Fran's Notes for TUUC, September 2010

Returning to Victoria for summer vacation, I was intrigued to learn there was a new name for home: the Salish Sea. This new name would encompass but not replace the map names for the straits of Georgia and Juan de Fuca, as well as Puget Sound. When I saw that the northern boundary was at Campbell River, where the tides divide, I suddenly understood how it all made sense— that the term Salish Sea described that one great tidal surge flooding from Cape Flattery to Boundary Pass, from Olympia to Desolation Sound, then ebbing back in one great pulse, and with it all the fjords and streams and mighty rivers that return their waters to the ocean by this path. A tidal eco-system, in fact.

New names overlay older names that lie over names older still. Generalities blanket a forest of specific trees. We think in patterns, but live in moment after moment. Ministers come and go, but congregations go on and on. Individuals come and go, but religious communities endure.

I was pleased and honoured to accept your invitation to serve as Consulting Minister to the Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation. I am delighted that you have called me to walk this path with you in Tacoma. Together we shall work with these general terms of ministry and community, and together we shall create some new specific thing, some unique series of moments, during the year or two that I shall be with you.

I was especially impressed by the Tahoma congregation's intentional commitment to work with the Healthy Congregations team, address outstanding structural issues, and reinforce a culture of mutual respect. Your history is complex, as are all histories. And your future will emerge all the better for this time of deliberate, intentional commitment.

I am glad you have asked me to be part of that.

Best wishes,

Rev. Fran Dearman, Consulting Minister to the  
Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation,  
September 2010 through August 2011

See TUUC's Welcoming Picnic  
info on Page 5 !

*TUUC is moving back to  
two Sunday morning services  
beginning **September 12th.***

On that morning, we will conduct  
our traditional Water Communion  
service and celebrate the  
beginning of our  
new church year.

Come join us at either  
9:30 or 11:15 for our annual  
in-gathering on Sunday,  
September 12th !

-- more info, Page 6 --

### OUR CONSULTING MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Fran's week generally follows this pattern:

**Tuesday:** Fran plans to keep office hours at the church Tuesday mornings and afternoons.

**Wednesday:** a walkabout day. Fran generally keeps Wednesday morning for a long walk or working out at the gym, then afternoon for hospital visits or parish calls. This is a good day to arrange a meeting over coffee downtown or elsewhere.

**Thursday:** Fran keeps office hours at the church on Thursday mornings, then works on her sermon in the afternoon, or goes for coffee.

**Friday:** Fran generally works at home on sermon preparation or research all day Friday.

**Saturday:** a day off, unless you had a wedding or workshop in mind, or a picnic, then an early night.

**Sunday:** a day on.

**Monday:** a day off, Fran's sabbath rest.

This is what has worked for me elsewhere, and will be the approximate shape of my week, with adjustments as necessary. And of course I am very much open to making an appointment for a mutually agreeable time if folks aren't able to meet me during office hours.

-- Regards, Rev. Fran

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*The Dialog* is published once a month (except for the June/July double issue) and is sent to all TUUC contributors. Visitors who sign our TUUC guest book will receive six complimentary issues. The next due date for articles is **3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 20** for the **OCTOBER** issue.

To receive the following two \* *weekly email messages*, please sign up at [http://tuuc-wa.org/mailman/listinfo/announce\\_tuuc-wa.org](http://tuuc-wa.org/mailman/listinfo/announce_tuuc-wa.org) (underscore symbol before 2nd tuuc)

\* *Caring Community* is an un-archived, subscribed Tuesday email notice for members and friends to share joys, sorrows, concerns, and personal announcements. Submissions are due by **noon on Mondays**.

\* *Weekly Announcements* is an online & emailed Thursday message of church business and news. Submissions are due by **noon on Wednesdays**, the same as for the **Sunday Order of Service**.

Send articles and announcements to Laura Karlin via email: [editor@tuuc-wa.org](mailto:editor@tuuc-wa.org); and please ALSO send your event DATES & TIMES to Mike Field at [admin@tuuc-wa.org](mailto:admin@tuuc-wa.org) for the online calendar. Thank you!

### OUR VISION

The Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation is an enduring community in which we promote the values of liberal religion through our actions both individually and as a community.

### OUR MISSION

The mission of the Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation is to sustain a community in which we:

- Welcome all with love and compassion,
- Celebrate the diversity in our common humanity,
- Inspire the spirit, heart, and mind,
- Engage with the wider community in working for justice,
- Live and promote Unitarian Universalist principles.

### TUUC COVENANT

We the members of the Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation, do hereby commit ourselves to strive to live by the following words:

- 1) I will connect with people in a respectful and loving way by listening carefully, by welcoming newcomers and members alike with kindness and encouragement, and by promoting diversity.
- 2) I will offer my stewardship to enable the church and its programs to flourish; and to provide fair compensation, a proper working environment and continuing professional development of the minister and church staff.
- 3) I will make commitments thoughtfully, keep them faithfully, and support the work done by others.
- 4) I will pay faithful attention to my relationship to the church, and balance my commitment to the nurturing of myself and others.
- 5) I will support the Board of Trustees, its committees, and the staff in the governance of the congregation, and will express my opinions through these channels, especially if I disagree with a decision.
- 6) Recognizing that conflict can be an opportunity, I will engage with others in responsible problem solving by speaking respectfully and directly to the person involved first; and by listening carefully, respecting confidences, and being willing to participate in mediation.
- 7) I will participate in a process that examines the church's relationship to the wider community and strives to be a responsible, vital, and inspirational part of that community in a way that is consistent with our Unitarian Universalist principles and values.

# SEPTEMBER 2010 at TUUC

## EVERY WEEK ( \* denotes RENTERS )

**MONDAY** by Noon - Caring Community notes DUE  
7:00 pm - Meditation (*not Sept. 6*) ---p.6

**TUESDAY** \* 6:30 pm - AA Group

**WEDNESDAY** by Noon - Weekly Announcements DUE  
by Noon - Order of Service notes DUE  
6:30 pm - Adult Spiritual Develop. ---p.12

**THURSDAY** 6:00 pm - Yoga (*beginning Sept. 9*)  
7:00 pm - TUUGG Guitar Group ---p. 6

**SATURDAY** \* 1- 4 pm - Spiritualist Church of Divine Light

**SUNDAY** 9:30 am AND 11:15 Services ---back cover

## TWICE or MORE

**Coffee Sales as TUUC Fundraiser** ---p. 7 and p. 8  
Sunday, September 5 and  
Sunday, September 26

**Women in Black / Just Peacemaking** ---p. 11  
Wednesday, September 8 and  
Wednesday, September 22

**Youth Group - Thomas Jefferson Room**  
Sunday, September 12, 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday, September 26, 11:15 a.m.

## ONCE each MONTH

### September:

**SUN 5 - Prepare meal for Tacoma Avenue Shelter** ---p. 9

WED 8 - Lay Pastoral Care Team, 4:30 p.m.

SAT 11 - Program Council, 9:00 a.m.

**SUN 12 - Membership Committee, 9:30 a.m.** (*usually first Sun.*)

**SUN 12 - RE Committee, 12:30 p.m.**

WED 15 - Worship Committee, 5:30 p.m.

THU 16 - Prepare breakfast & lunch at Hospitality Kitchen ---p.9, 11

FRI 17 - Third Friday Potluck, 12:30 p.m. ---p. 7

**SUN 19 - Social Action Committee, 9:15 a.m.** ---p. 10

**SUN 19 - Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.** ---p. 13

**SUN 19 - Yes, We CAN! Third Sunday food drive** ---p. 9

**SUN 19 - Computer Club, noon**

MON 20 - Dialog articles for October DUE, 3:00 p.m.

TUE 21 - Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m. (*open to members*)

FRI 24 - Last Friday Sandwich Making, 5:30 p.m. ---p. 9

MON 27 - Dialog Mailing Party, 12:00 noon

## TUUC Online Calendar

<http://www.my.calendars.net/tuucadmin>

## UNIQUE in SEPTEMBER 2010 !

During the month - Social Action supports high school students' right to Opt Out ---p. 10

**SUNDAY 5 - Last summer Sunday with ONE service at 10:30 a.m.** ---back cover

**SUNDAY 5 - Religious Exploration's All Ages Game Day, 10:45 a.m.**

WEDNESDAY 8 - Potluck dinner in the Social Hall to meet Rev. Fran Dearman, 5:30 p.m. ---p. 12

WEDNESDAY series 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>: Rise Up and Call Her Name, 6:30 p.m. ---p. 12

SATURDAY 11 - TUUC Potluck Picnic to welcome Rev. Fran at Sunnyside Beach, noon ---p. 5

**SUNDAY 12 - Water Communion, congregation in-gathering at both services** ---p. 6, 15, and back cover

SATURDAY 18 - Intrepids hike Naches Peak Loop ---p. 7

SATURDAY 18 - Fall Equinox celebration at Orchard Street site, 5:00 p.m. ---p. 12

**SUNDAY 19 - Sally Craig's 100th Birthday celebration between services** (*contact: Elizabeth Solomon*)

**SUNDAY 19 - RE Kickoff Luncheon after each service** ---p. 15

**SUNDAY 19 - Youth Group BBQ at Anne-Marie Davidson's, 3:00 p.m.**

MONDAY 20 - Wisdom of the Sangha, meditation led by James Mitchell, 7:00 p.m. ---p. 6

FRI. through **SUN.** 24 - **26:** Middle School Con ---p. 15

WEDNESDAY 29 - Dreamwork Toolkit with Heather Kindem ---p. 12

## TUUC Healthy Congregations Implementation Team (HCIT)

August 2010 ~ Summary of Healthy Congregations  
Report Recommendations

The HCIT which is charged with providing oversight to support the BOT and congregation in implementing the recommendations from the PNWD Healthy Congregations Team Congregational Assessment (March and April, 2010) has set as its goal:

*Promote the good health of the congregation by moving from a culture of contentiousness to a culture of affirmation in order to live out TUUC's mission as a liberal religious community, working together for the good of the whole.*

### Near Term Actions:

- \* Bylaws – Upon receipt of a clear charter from the Board of Trustees, identify congregants who will work with ideas generated by two prior committees and outside sources over the past two years to simplify and clarify our governing documents. Guide a process of education and discussion within the church leading to a congregational meeting to review and vote upon a new set of bylaws.
- \* Leadership Development – Conduct needs assessment and plan for leadership development for 2010 and 2011. Define and include the role of Process Observer as an act of leadership.
- \* Norms - Establish ground rules for BOT meetings and other ongoing committee and group meetings which include a process for when ground rules are not followed.
- \* Conflict Resolution Team – Identify and publicize a short term approach for congregants to use to resolve conflict. See Longer Term Actions also.
- \* Communication Policy – Work with committee to define TUUC's communication policy including management of electronic media and distribution lists and standards on who may contribute articles to TUUC's newsletter and web-sites.

### Longer Term Actions:

- \* Covenant of Right Relations – Involve congregation in process to revise and renew TUUC's covenant
- \* TUUC's Vision and Mission – Work with incoming Consulting Minister to engage congregation in dialogue to set TUUC's vision and mission going forward.
- \* Establish Conflict Management Policy and Team – Develop a process for conflict resolution within TUUC which provides support for healthy resolution of differences of opinion and approach.

-- *Committee Members: Chris Martin (chair), Scott Redman, Porter Kelley, Chris George*

## If you are interested in becoming a member

of TUUC or learning more about UUism...

Please join us at our fall

### ***PATHWAYS to Membership***

classes, which will be held two Saturday mornings, **October 9th and 16th** from 8:30 until noon. Breakfast goodies will be provided at 8:15 a.m., and childcare will be available upon request.

Attending these classes is not a commitment to membership but we hope that all potential members will make every effort to attend both sessions. This is a great way to learn more about us and to meet and become well-acquainted with a core group of people within our church community.

If it is not possible for you to attend these session but would like to become a member of TUUC, please make an appointment to speak with Fran Dearman, our consulting minister.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Barbara Tripp at [barbaratripp@centurytel.net](mailto:barbaratripp@centurytel.net) or call the church office. It is not necessary to let Barbara know in advance that you are coming unless you need childcare.



## TUUC Pictorial Directory

This is to remind you that there are two ways of viewing the pictorial directory.

All members have been given passcodes to access the on-line directory. If you have lost your passcode or want help, please e-mail Barbara Tripp at [barbaratripp@centurytel.net](mailto:barbaratripp@centurytel.net) for help.

We also have a very handy and beautiful hard copy directory, which may be obtained by contacting Felice Davis at [felicedav@mindspring.com](mailto:felicedav@mindspring.com). For this there is a onetime cost of \$10.

# TUUC Potluck Picnic

to

## Welcome Reverend Fran Dearman

When: **Saturday, September 11**, 2010, from noon to 3

Where: Sunnyside Beach in Steilacoom

We've rented a large shelter, so rain won't be an issue.

Parking: Parking costs \$5 at the park, but there's free parking along the road if you don't mind walking a bit.

What to bring: Bring a potluck dish of your choice as well as your own beverages. A celebratory dessert cake and ice will be provided.

Amenities: There's a large shelter, children's play area, volleyball court (bring a ball if you wish), picnic tables, barbecue stations (you must provide your own charcoal), and lots of beach access.

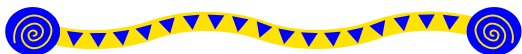
### Directions from TUUC:

1115 S 56th St,  
Tacoma, WA 98408 (TUUC)

1. Head **west** on **S 56th St** toward I-5 -- 3.1 mi
2. At the **traffic circle**, take the **2nd exit onto Cirque Dr W** -- 1.2 mi
3. Turn **left** at **Bridgeport Way W** -- 0.8 mi
4. Turn **right** at **Chambers Ln W** -- 0.2 mi
5. **Continue** straight onto **Chambers Creek Rd W** -- 1.2 mi
6. Turn **left** just past the mortuary to stay on **Chambers Creek Rd W**  
**Destination will be on the right** -- 2.3 mi

Sunnyside Beach Park  
Steilacoom, Washington 98388

Contact Bruce Rowan (230-9264) or Elizabeth Solomon (566-6474)  
for additional information.



## Water Communion:

*Ingathering of Waters is Sunday, Sept. 12, at both services.*

Again this year we encourage everyone to express their water source and its significance in 8 words--sort of like a haiku. No fancy sentences; just the essence. Examples:

*"Snoqualmie Pass, dancing waterfall, camping with grandson; gratifying"*

or

*"Salt spray over kayaks; Vancouver Island sunsets; Awesome!"*

or

*"Laughing kids in backyard sprinkler; home all summer."*

Try it out. Even kids as young as seven can manage this, and it makes our water gathering both fun and a little faster.

For those who didn't bring water, there will be a pitcher for your contribution. For those who want to tell a longer tale, there will be paper "drops" for you to add details and post to the bulletin board for others to see.

-- Lori Fernholz-Hartman...



# TUUGG

## Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Guitar Group

Meets every Thursday, from 7 to 9 PM, in TUUC Sanctuary.

Guitarists and ALL MUSICIANS are WELCOME to our TUUGG jam session! Feel free to bring song(s) you would like to share with us, either solo or with us playing along (bring 4 copies of chords of a song you like). Contact Teri at [wolfvail@poetworld.net](mailto:wolfvail@poetworld.net) or 253-225-9954. Please RSVP just in case we cancel the meet one particular week (We can't tell you that it's cancelled if we don't know you're coming!). As we progress, we hope to play our guitars and other instruments in some church services and, perhaps, public gatherings. A strong, vital TUUGG Guitar Group can help TUUC!

## MARY BOZE GALLERY

In September the gallery will continue the series of artists who concentrate on process rather than place. Local artist *Claudia Riedener's* work is featured with a collection of her ceramic botanicals. These sculptural botanicals from the natural world are influenced by her horticultural background. Her plants are often presented with an Art Nouveau twist. Many of the plants show elongated stems and organic lines similar to the Art Nouveau work of Louis Comfort Tiffany and Aubrey Beardsley. In some of her work she produces multiple panels featuring different segments of the plant that assemble into the complete image. Other images exist independently as hand-sculpted and glazed botanicals on a flat tile base. Come out, you plant lovers, and enjoy this unique artwork related to plants.



## Vipassana

If you care to, join us on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m. in the TUUC Sanctuary for meditation in the vipassana tradition. We typically sit or walk in meditation for 30 minutes, listen to a recorded dharma talk, and then have a short discussion in the spirit of awareness. No previous experience or preparation is necessary. All are welcome. -- Mark Backus.

The group will not meet Labor Day, September 6. The September 13 session will feature Seattle Insight Meditation Society teacher Rodney Smith on the Satipatthana Sutta, led by Heather Kindem. A special participatory evening is slated for Monday, **September 20**, 7:00 p.m., when James Mitchell will lead "The Wisdom of the Sangha" -- please bring one or two quotations or readings to share.

**Third Friday Potlucks** will begin on Friday, September 17. We will have a guest from a Tacoma Buddhist Temple to talk about Buddhist beliefs and customs. Lunch time will be at 12:30 p.m. Bring a good meal contribution. No reservations necessary. -- Helen Sohlberg

## TUUC Intrepids

(adult recreational group) is an active, vital group of TUUC members going on frequent hikes, snowshoes, and the occasional game night. We share reverence for the wonders of nature and the outdoor cathedral.

### Saturday, September 18, 2010

Intrepids' September hike is back to Naches Peak Loop trail: 3.5 miles with 600 feet elevation gain. Trailhead at Chinook Pass / Tipsoo Lake. Magnificent views of mountains and lakes, perhaps some early fall color - last year numerous elk tracks. All day outing with a restaurant stop on the way home. Carpooling from TUUC at 8:30 a.m. and from Puyallup River Road Fred Meyer 9:00 a.m.

Sign up is a must.

Contact Fran Pieterman [tatooshie@yahoo.com](mailto:tatooshie@yahoo.com) or Felice Davis [felicedav@mindspring.com](mailto:felicedav@mindspring.com) or (253) 756-4977.



## Intrepids

August 14, 2010 on the Fremont Lookout Trail on Mount Rainier, above Sunrise.

photo by Bob Lane

## CIRCLE DINNERS

in 2010-2011

TUUC Circle Dinners are small group potlucks in different people's homes. **You do not have to be a member.** It is a wonderful way to get to know people in the church on a more social basis.

If you would like to be a host and have a small group come to your home, just write in to Janee Cox at [allisonisland@hotmail.com](mailto:allisonisland@hotmail.com) and let her know how many people you can accommodate. The host only provides the atmosphere, one main dish, and refreshments.

If you prefer to be a guest, email Janee to sign up. If you have allergies or dietary requirements, we take that into consideration if you let us know about them.

If you do not have access to email, call Janee's only line -- her cell phone -- at (253) 572-9463. Evenings are best. She and other helpers will canvass people on two Sundays before the dinners as well.

Here are the Saturday evening dates for the next season of TUUC Circle Dinners:

October 9  
November 13  
January 22  
February 19  
March 19

**Fair trade, organic coffee** will be sold before and after services on **Sundays, September 5 and September 26.** A 12 ounce bag presently costs \$7, but the price will increase for the next coffee shipment. Call Joan Benderson at 253-566-4334 with questions or to arrange a coffee purchase at other times or locations.

**Coffee prices will increase with the next order.** If a couple of volunteers come forward to package coffee from 5 pound bags to 12 ounce bags, the price will increase \$1 (from \$7 to \$8 for 12 ounces). If we continue to order the coffee already packaged in 12 ounce bags, the price will increase to \$10 for 12 ounces. Please call Joan Benderson at 253-566-4334 to volunteer to package the coffee into smaller quantities.

## Volunteer Positions Filled

**Janee Cox** has volunteered to coordinate **Circle Dinners**; five dates are already scheduled! Circle dinners are a great way to get to know others in the TUUC community. Thank you, Janee! (*Please see Page 7.*)

## Volunteer Positions to Fill

When TUUC resumes two services on Sunday, September 12, additional volunteers will be needed to serve as **ushers** and **sextons**. Also, the time that volunteers are needed will change for **coffee service** and the **library** (both will be available **between** services). Here's your opportunity to make sure these things happen.

– Get involved and make a difference!

### **Art Gallery:**

Betty Ragan will be resigning from her position in January 2011 to take a break from organizing the exhibitions and receptions for the Mary Boze Gallery. Please contact Betty [esappragan@yahoo.com](mailto:esappragan@yahoo.com) or 253-759-5706 or Virginia Lane or 253-752-4339 or [handelfest@yahoo.com](mailto:handelfest@yahoo.com) if you would like to help with this job beginning in January. Betty will have the exhibitions scheduled for the spring and will help the new person with the January exhibition so the new person will not have to come in running!

### **Library:**

The library will be open between services (rather than before and after) once two services resume. A volunteer is needed to staff the library on the fourth Sunday of each month. If you can volunteer then or any other time, please contact Beverly Wilson at [bbwilson46@gmail.com](mailto:bbwilson46@gmail.com) or 253-732-5327.

### **Coffee Fundraiser:**

Help TUUC earn \$ while keeping a good price by volunteering to repackage fair trade coffee. Please call Joan Benderson at 253-566-4334. (*See more details on Page 7.*)

### **Social Justice Program Area:**

Social Action Committee members: Meets 3rd Sunday of the month 9:00 - 10:15 am. Develop, organize, and support social action activities within TUUC and the greater Tahoma community. Determine/coordinate "Change for Change." Contact Jan Karroll at 253-752-9119 or [karrollart@aol.com](mailto:karrollart@aol.com).

### **Membership & Ministry Program Area:**

\* Coffee Service: Starting in September, coffee will be offered between the two services. We need a series of volunteer teams to do one weekend per month. Once a month (first, second third or fourth Sunday) a two or three person team will prepare, serve, & clean up (load dishwasher) the usual coffee display. NO food or buying expense required! (If others choose to bring food, then they do so). Thanks; please contact Tim Battin at [spatialresearch@yahoo.com](mailto:spatialresearch@yahoo.com).

\* Greeters and Welcome Circle Helpers: Additional volunteers are needed; this is a great way to get to know members better and put names with faces. Contact Barbara Tripp at [barbaratripp@centurytel.net](mailto:barbaratripp@centurytel.net) or 253-265-0871.

\* "Buddies" for visitors: keep in touch with someone new to TUUC until they are integrated into our fellowship. Contact Barbara Tripp at 253-265-0871 or [barbaratripp@centurytel.net](mailto:barbaratripp@centurytel.net).

### **Worship & Celebration Program Area:**

Many hands make light work, and there are different tasks to do on a weekly, monthly or rotating basis. If you're interested in ushering, call Darel Jenkins at 253-312-2653. To learn about running the soundboard, contact John Hargis at [flamhappy@gmail.com](mailto:flamhappy@gmail.com). This program area also includes sextons, celebrants and the Worship Committee, which all welcome additional participants. Contact Scott Redman at 253-884-9888 or [sredman@centurytel.net](mailto:sredman@centurytel.net).

**Facilities & Use Program Area:** Design & Décor Committee Chair, Orchard Property Steward - contact Bob Hays at 206-919-4936 or [Captn.Bob.Hays@gmail.com](mailto:Captn.Bob.Hays@gmail.com).

**Business & Communications Program Area:** Dialog Mailing Volunteers - contact Bruce Rowan at 253-230-9264.

*Do you know of a volunteer position that needs to be filled?*

*Do you know of a volunteer position that has been filled?*

*If so, please contact Laura Gardner at [imgardner@comcast.net](mailto:imgardner@comcast.net) for inclusion in this list.*

## Feeding our community

Hunger is real in Pierce County. Annually, more than 140,000 children, seniors and adults seek help finding food. Of these individuals:

- 52% are children and seniors (38% children under 19, 14% individuals over 55)
- 98% fall below the national poverty line
- Almost half are families with at least one adult working

During 2008 there were a total of 844,551 visits to Food banks and 833,230 visits to Hot Meal Sites.

(Source: Pierce County Community Indicators Website)

Each month, TUUC members volunteer time and donate food to address hunger and food insecurity in Pierce County through four volunteer programs:

Sunday Supper at the Tacoma Avenue Shelter (1142 Court E): TUUC groups (such as covenant groups or chalice circles) are encouraged to prepare an evening meal of sandwiches, cookies, and fruit/vegetable for up to 140 individuals on the first Sunday of the month. For more information, contact Diane Harney ([harneydm@gmail.com](mailto:harneydm@gmail.com)).



Serving at Hospitality Kitchen: The Hospitality Kitchen provides breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday. Breakfast is served from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Lunch is served from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Hospitality Kitchen serves an average of 1,200 meals a day to more than 4,000 people a year. On the third Thursday of the month, TUUC members volunteer to serve breakfast and lunch. Interested volunteers should contact Joan Benderson (253) 566-4334. [Please see Page 11 for more information.]



Yes We CAN! Food Drive: On the third Sunday of the month the youth group conducts a food drive. Food and/or cash donations are collected for distribution by the FISH Food Bank. For additional information, contact Youth Director, Anne-Marie Davidson ([amkdavidson@gmail.com](mailto:amkdavidson@gmail.com)).



Friday night sandwich making: on the last Friday of the month, volunteers gather at the church to prepare sandwiches for distribution at a variety of locations. For more information or to volunteer, contact Connie Andersen (253) 770-6662 or Betsy Maier (253) 564-8487.



In addition to these programs, our October Change for Change collection will go to the Associated Ministries Hunger Walk. For every dollar donated, Emergency Food Network is able to distribute approximately \$12 worth of food. The 30th Annual Associated Ministries Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, October 3, 2010 at Fort Steilacoom Park. Both 5K and 10K walk/running paths will be offered. For more information, go to <http://www.pchungerwalk.org/index.html>. Consider organizing a TUUC team! [Please see additional information about the walk on Page 10.]



## from Social Action Committee:

New members are ALWAYS welcome to come to the Social Action Committee, which meets downstairs in the Thomas Jefferson Room at 9:15 a.m. every third Sunday of the month. If you care about social/economic/justice issues, please visit us. You are ALWAYS welcome. September's meeting will be at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 19.

One of this year's actions will be learning about how we can help with the **Northwest Detention Center**

in the Tacoma tideflats. This 1500-bed prison, run by the for-profit corporation GEO, holds immigrants and asylum-seekers from all over the world, most of them held for problems of documentation. There is help needed in teaching English as a second language, teaching citizenship classes, donating books in many languages, pro-bono legal assistance, observing trial procedures, and supporting families of prisoners. One easy way to start involving yourself in these issues is to go to the prison to vigil for the families who travel from long distances to see their prisoners, and they need food and drinks. Vigils are on the second Saturdays and Sundays of the month, and we will send times through future Weekly Announcement messages and Dialog issues. [See this location map online at <http://tinyurl.com/NWDetention>. To subscribe to TUUC's announcement messages, please see Page 2.]



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Brochures for the annual Associated Ministries Pierce County

**Hunger Walk** on Sunday, October 3 at Fort Steilacoom Park in Lakewood WILL BE ON THE TABLE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY. Committees, covenant groups, all age kids from downstairs - please join in this 5K or 10K walk! Get some pledges and plan for some fun. Even small amounts of money make a difference! (Look what happens when we combine our change from our pockets or purses in Change for Change!) And even though walking is fun to do together, you don't even have to do that. Donations are so important to our food banks, who need money MORE THAN EVER. Everyone can be involved!

[[http://www.amhungerwalk.org/PDF/HW\\_pledge\\_form.pdf](http://www.amhungerwalk.org/PDF/HW_pledge_form.pdf)]

Federal funding for high schools depends on the school's cooperation with all military operations having access to student records after September 30 of every academic year. Young people have the option of NOT being contacted by the military, but only if they sign a special form every year.

If any of you feel that students need to

## be informed of this legal right

they have (most students don't know about it) to sign this vital form, and if you have three or so hours to give to this effort, please contact Nancy Farrell [nfarrellvt@yahoo.com](mailto:nfarrellvt@yahoo.com) and thanks for that!

[Two samples of the forms a student may turn in:

Nation-wide, [http://www.leavemychildalone.org/lmca\\_forms/Opt\\_Out\\_Form\\_Schools.pdf](http://www.leavemychildalone.org/lmca_forms/Opt_Out_Form_Schools.pdf)

and for Tacoma School District, <http://www.tacoma.k12.wa.us/SiteCollectionDocuments/Release%20Form.pdf>]

Dear Superintendent and Board,

Section 9528 of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires schools to release our family's private information to military recruiters unless we "opt out" in writing.

As a parent, I am exercising the right to request that you do not turn over the name, address, telephone listing and school records to the Armed Services, Military Recruiters, or Military Schools of the following student.

As a student, I request my own name, address, telephone number and school records not be released to the Armed Forces, Military Recruiters, or Military Schools.

# Thursday, September 16

is the next date for TUUC members and friends to help prepare and serve breakfast and lunch at **Hospitality Kitchen**, (1323 South Yakima Avenue) from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. New volunteers are always welcome. Please call Joan Benderson (253-566-4334) with questions.

## Change for Change

The Change for Change agency this month is SISTERS OF HOPE / BROTHERS OF FAITH CANCER SUPPORT GROUP. Their mission is to



*"...provide a safe, comforting environment for spiritual, emotional, sisterly and brotherly support for people diagnosed with cancer..."*



They will use any funds collected for helping patients with diagnostic tests, gas money to get to treatments, anything the patient needs but doesn't have money for, even educational material.

This organization was founded by Betty Mewborn, who is currently the Executive Director and is a survivor of breast cancer herself.

See more information about this local organization at <http://sistersofhopecancersupportgroup.org/>

# Women in Black

## September Vigils

The Women in Black vigils for September will be from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays, **September 8 and September 22**. Vigils are held in front of the US Courthouse at 1717 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma. Please join the TUUC members who have been participating in the Women in Black vigils. Thank you.

Joan Bregger,  
Just Peacemaking

WE STAND IN SILENCE because words cannot express the tragedy that war and hatred bring.

WE STAND IN BLACK in mourning for lies broken or lost through violent acts in wars across the world.

WE STAND IN WITNESS to the suffering of victims of violence and war.

WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY with people all over the world who struggle for justice and peace.

WE STAND CONVINCED that the world's citizens can learn the difference between justice and vengeance and that we will together insist that our leaders employ nonviolent means to resolve conflict.

WE STAND FOR JUSTICE

WE STAND FOR PEACE

### Sunday Attendance

June 6	9:30 - 122
	11:15 - 144
June 13	- 245
June 20	- 129
June 27	- 117
July 4	- 56
July 11	- 70
July 18	- 111
July 25	- 132

### TUUC Charitable Collections – June and July 2010

TUUC Operations	June 2010	\$ 1,014	
	July 2010	\$ 435	
Change For Change	June 2010	\$ 223. <sup>26</sup>	(Healthy Congregations Process at TUUC)
	July 2010	\$ 317. <sup>12</sup>	(YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter)
Yes, We CAN! (3rd Sunday Food Drive)	June 2010	\$ 165	
	July 2010	\$ 0	

# Wednesday Night Adult Spiritual Development –

Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. Childcare provided upon request.

*(please note, there will be not be an ASD session on September 1)*

**Potluck Dinner** to meet **Rev. Fran Dearman**, Consulting Minister on Wednesday *September 8th* from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Wednesdays, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

## Rise Up and Call Her Name:

### A Woman-honoring Journey into Global Earth-based Spiritualities

This curriculum, facilitated by Mary Rhine, is structured as a journey touching on various cultural traditions around the world. There are 13 sessions in total; three will be presented in this series: India, China, and Japan. There are many approaches to learning about other cultures. Many of these approaches help us to learn about our own feelings and thoughts as well. In this series, we will watch videos, listen to (and sing, if you like) songs, dialog, meditate, and participate in ritual. Originally designed to be two and a half hours in length, the sessions will be shortened to fit the ASD format.

#### Asia – India

Sept. 8th

We arrive on the Asian sub-continent where we will experience feminine power, or Shakti. We will see an array of images of female deities, many who continue to be honored throughout much of Asia today. We will hear what some Hindus feel about the great Mother Goddess of India, Kali, who is loved by many. We will have an opportunity to reflect on our own feelings about darkness, fear and fearlessness, and take time to transform our fears and express our hopes.

#### Asia – China

Sept. 15th

As we continue our journey through Asia, we meet Tara, or “She who liberates.” A variety of visual images continues to reveal the wide range of female-honoring imagery emanating from this area of the globe. Intuitive insight, so important to Taoism, becomes the focus of our exploration of this classic religious system. The quality of compassion, which is embodied in the Goddesses Tara and Kuan Yin, is given expression.

#### Asia – Japan

Sept 22nd

Our journey continues with a stop in Japan, where we will become acquainted with Shinto, a natural and spontaneous expression of Japanese spirituality. We will hear the story of the Shinto Goddess of the Sun, Amaterasu, that reveals the power of her mirror. We will also take a look at ourselves, reflecting on our strengths and what sources of empowerment we see deep within ourselves.

## The DreamWork Toolkit and Beyond.

Wednesday, Sept 29th, 6:30 p.m.

Facilitated by Heather Kindem. We will explore the dream work process of Jeremy Taylor (a UU minister!) If you are interested in doing some reading beforehand, read his strangely, wonderfully titled book, *If Pigs Could Fly*. We will also explore some tools for creative dream work based upon a book, *The Art of Dreaming* by Jill Mellick.

## Fall Equinox Celebration

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** 5-7 p.m.

We will meet at the Orchard Street Site. There will be a campfire, calling in the directions, a reading, a spiral dance, burning of the Straw Man, campfire songs, s'mores and more! Contact Susie Maharry at [smaharry@hotmail.com](mailto:smaharry@hotmail.com) for more info.

## Chalice Circles Forming

Now is a very good time to register for Chalice Circles. The Groups will meet once per month and will begin late September - early October and run through June, 2011. Many of the topics which will be discussed will be topics that were suggested from Chalice Circle Members from last year. Members are asked a series of questions to stimulate the conversation to a heartfelt level that allows us to go deeper and become more connected. At the facilitator training we worked on constructing these questions so that your time in the Chalice Circles will be more meaningful. The tentative choice of meeting times include:

Fourth Monday at 7 p.m.

First Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Second Thursday evening time TBD

Friday evening 6:30 p.m.

First Sunday 3-5 p.m.

Register now to make the first meeting.

Email Susie Maharry at

[smaharry@hotmail.com](mailto:smaharry@hotmail.com)

or register in person after Sunday Service.



## A new Parenting Covenant Group is forming at TUUC.

This is a Covenant Group with an emphasis on parenting. This group will meet once per month (date and time TBD) and will be open to Moms and Dads as well as anyone who is currently parenting. We have a trained facilitator lined up and we will be setting up an introductory meeting soon.

Please email Susie at

[smaharry@hotmail.com](mailto:smaharry@hotmail.com) if you are interested in joining this Covenant Group or if you would like more information.

## Bible Study: Seeking wisdom in scripture from a liberal religious perspective

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, 9:30 a.m.

(Sept. through May) ~ Facilitated by Mary Rhine

The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) is a three-year cycle of readings from the Bible used by many Protestant churches. The RCL identifies Old Testament and New Testament readings for each week. We will use this as a starting point, but we can decide as a group how we would like to proceed – either by following the RCL schedule, or focusing on one book at a time.

Either way, we should have fertile ground for an hour of discussion. What did the ancients really mean? What was the historical perspective? Do different translations give a different impression? How does this speak to us in our modern, UU world? Bring a Bible, if you can (any translation). A few extras will be provided.

Suggested reading (not required): ***Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals*** by John A. Beuhrens (past UUA president).

WHY STUDY THE BIBLE? Quoting from Beuhrens' book listed above: *"The first motivation could be called political: If you can't or won't understand the Bible, others surely will interpret it for you. The second could be called cultural or literary: Within this culture you can't be fully literate or creative, artistically or rhetorically, without an acquaintance with the Bible. But now we come to the third and most personal reason: You also can't be spiritually mature or wise by simply rejecting the Bible as oppressive. The oppressive uses of the Bible are real, but unless you learn to understand that there are other readings possible, the Bible will, indeed, simply continue to be a source of oppression for you, and not a source of inspiration, liberation, creation, and even exultation as you understand it anew for yourself, at a deeper and less literal level."*

<b>Third Sunday 9:30 AM</b>	
<b>Sept. 19</b>	~ Jeremiah 8:18-9:1. Psalm 79:1-9. 1 Timothy 2:1-7. Luke 16:1-13.
<b>Oct. 17</b>	~ Jeremiah 31:27-34. Psalm 119:97-104. 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5. Luke 18:1-8.
<b>Nov. 21</b>	~ Jeremiah 23:1-6. Luke 1:68-79 Colossians 1:11-20. Luke 23:33-43
<b>Dec. 19</b>	~ Isaiah 7:10-16. Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19. Romans 1:1-7. Matthew 1:18-25
<b>Jan. 16</b>	~ Isaiah 49:1-7. Psalm 40:1-11. 1 Corinthians 1:1-9. John 1:29-42
<b>Feb. 20</b>	~ Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18. Psalm 119:33-40. 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23. Matthew 5:38-48
<b>Mar. 20</b>	~ Genesis 12:1-4a. Psalm 121. Romans 4:1-5, 13-17. John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
<b>Apr. 17</b>	~ Isaiah 50:4-9a. Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11. Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
<b>May 15</b>	~ Acts 2:42-47. Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25. John 10:1-10

## Laura Foltz Memorial Library

Susie Maharry suggested the topic for this month's column – a bibliography of books from the TUUC Library that might be helpful for those participating in the workshop for small group facilitators. (In an effort to keep this column at a reasonable length, only a few are annotated.)

Serving with Grace: Lay Leadership as a Spiritual Practice (c2010) by Erik Walker Wikstrom “combines the idea that service is spirituality with practical ways of living it out. It shows leaders how to be mindful in ways that bring out the spiritual in ordinary forms of service”.

The Art of Facilitation: How to Create Group Synergy (c1995) by Dale Hunter, Anne Bailey, and Bill Taylor

The Complete Guide to Small Group Ministry: Saving the World Ten at a Time (c2003) by Robert L. Hill

Conversations with Children (c1961) by Edith F. Hunter

The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life (c2003) by Parker J. Palmer, a new title to the collection, “builds on the simple premise that good teaching cannot be reduced to technique, but is rooted in the identity and integrity of the teacher”.

Antagonists in the Church: How to Identify and Deal with Destructive Conflict (1988) by Kenneth C. Haugk

Full Circle: Fifteen Ways to Grow Lifelong UUs (c2004) by Kate Tweedie Erslev

Called to Serve: Creating and Nurturing the Effective Volunteer Board (c2001) by Max De Pree

All Are Chosen: Stories of Lay Ministry and Leadership (c1998) edited by Margaret L Beard and Roger W. Comstock

Engaging Our Theological Diversity (c2005) published by The Commission on Appraisal of the Unitarian Universalist Association discusses UU history, culture, values, theology, justice making, and community.

Belonging: The Meaning of Membership (c2001) also published by The Commission on Appraisal of the Unitarian Universalist Association, discusses the process of commitment, theologies and measures of membership, creating thriving congregations, the challenge of incarnation (transforming ideas into action), pathways to growth, and investing in youth and young adults.

Handbook for Congregational Studies (c1986) edited by Jackson W. Carroll, Carl S. Dudley, and William McKinney discusses identity, context, process, program, and methods.

The Shared Ministry Sourcebook: Resources for Clergy and Laity Ministering Together in Unitarian Universalist Congregations (c1996) edited by Barbara Child

The Congregational Handbook: How to Develop and Sustain Your Unitarian Universalist Congregation (c1995) edited by Lawrence X. Peers states “orienting and developing the skills of lay leaders within the congregation” as one of its uses.

*When we go back to holding two services on Sunday mornings (beginning September 12), the Laura Foltz Memorial Library will be open between the services.*

*Please let library volunteers know if you need help finding books or have suggestions for additions to the collection.*

*Beverly Wilson*

## Fall Religious Education Class Schedule

RE classes will be as follows:

### **9:30 Service**

- Nursery for ages 3 and under w/ Heidi & Lilly
- Preschool for 3 & 4 year olds, teacher Robin
- K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Group, teacher Debbie
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Group, teacher Yoshiko
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older attend service or help in a classroom, see Lori for assistance

### **11:15 Service**

- Nursery for ages 4 and under w/ Lilly & Heidi
- KG-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders, teachers Dawn, Kathleen, Lori
- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Group, teacher Melanie
- Jr. High OWL, teachers Scott, Louise, Phil, +
- High School Youth Group, Leader Anne-Marie

Birthday celebrations will be after both services.



### Happy Birthday to UU!

- Milo Bingham, 4
- Logan Judish, 4
- Sophia Judish, 7
- Dylan Fernholz-Hartman, 11
- Liam Johnston, 12
- Hannah James, 13

## Middle School Conference

September 24-26, 2010 at Camp Sealth.

Join 80 other UU 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from around the Sound as they enjoy a weekend of fun living our UU Principles. Cost includes meals all day Saturday, breakfast & lunch Sunday, lodging, and activities.

**Early Bird Registration Deadline: 9/1 for \$110,**  
**Later registration fee: \$125.**

**Final Deadline: Wednesday, 9/8.**

Register online at [PNWD.org](http://PNWD.org) or ask Lori for form.

## Children Live in the Moment

Gifted three-year-old Gareth startled his mother Diana when he asked, "Mama, how do people die?" Trying to find the simplest way to tell her son without upsetting him, Diana replied, "Well, sometimes they get very sick and their bodies break and stop working."

Diana was worried that the subject of death was not appropriate for a three-year-old so when he said, "I have another question," she held her breath. Then he asked her, "Can I have fries with dinner?"

**Mark your calendars for the RE Kick-off Luncheon:** September 19 after both services in the Social Hall. You are invited to one or both gatherings. Come share a free brunch (at 10:30) or lunch (at 12:15) in exchange for your completed (or updated \* ) registration form. Find forms in the church lobby. Meet your child's teachers, hear about all the fun things coming this year and how you can participate. This is a great way to reconnect with other UU families and to meet new-comers.

\* *If you are already registered and the information is all correct you can just initial the 2009 form, rather than filling out a new one.*

## Upcoming Events

**9/5** -All-ages Game Day in the Social Hall with Lori,  
10:45-11:45 a.m.

**9/12** -**Two services begin**  
-Water Communion All-Family service \*(see box below)  
-RE Committee meets, 12:30 p.m.

**9/18** -Fall Equinox Celebration at the Orchard Street Property,  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

**9/19** -Fall RE classes begin  
-Teacher Dedication  
-Teachers Light the Chalice  
-RE Luncheon (see info above)  
-Youth Group Kick-off BBQ at Anne-Marie's, 3:00 p.m.

**9/24** -Middle School Conference starts 6:00 p.m. -*details at left.*

\* for Water Communion on Sunday 9/12, we are asking everyone to share the significance of their water and their summer with just 8 words. Something like a haiku. An example would be:

*Lake Michigan crashing, Ocean Shores blowing, Family surrounding.*

Our hope is that this will preserve our lovely tradition in a creative way that leaves room for other important elements of our worship service.

## What Do Our Children Need on Sunday Morning?

- ~ They need to light a candle, and have a quiet moment to enjoy the mystery.
- ~ They need to sing a song, to hear their own voice and other voices joined together, and to feel the feelings that are stirred by music.
- ~ They need to hear a story and have a chance to share their own, remembering that we are each different and also very alike.
- ~ They need to create something. Expressing themselves, whether using words or materials, helps to bind the different parts of ourselves and life together. That's what religion is.
- ~ They need to be with an adult who is interested in the world and who feels the privilege and responsibility of their trust-one who is glad to be with them, and regards them positively.

**Director of Religious Exploration ~ Lori Fernholz-Hartman**

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## Returning to two Sunday Services ~ starting Sept. 12, 2010

SEPT. 5 -- 10:30 a.m. (ONE SERVICE)

***"What I Read this Summer"*** -- Rev. Frances Dearman & TUUC members. Returning to a TUUC tradition, we will hear about some of the inspiring, interesting, and fun reading that we have packed into our Puget Sound summer. Scheduled presenters: Mary Watson, Kris Kauffman, Diane Harney, and Rev. Dearman.

SEPT. 12 -- 9:30 a.m. AND 11:15 a.m.

***"Water Communion: Merging and Flowing"***  
-- In this annual tradition we gather together the water meaningful to us and share bits of our summer with our spiritual community. Bring an ounce or so of water collected from some location that was meaningful to you this summer. Think about an 8-word description to capture the essence of its meaning. (*see more about the Ceremony on Pages 6 and 15*)

SEPT. 19 -- 9:30 a.m. AND 11:15 a.m.

***"Our Lives Flow on in Endless Song: Folk Music Changing Our Lives, Changing Our Church"***  
--Andy Bartels. According to Pete Seeger, folk music has the power of "undiluted life" and moves us through its music and poetic ways. Andy will share a few songs, tying them to paths of belief, and following each with a quiet period for reflecting on where the song is taking us.

SEPT. 26 -- 9:30 a.m. AND 11:15 a.m.

***"Bedrock Unitarian Universalism"*** -- Rev. Frances Dearman. What does it mean to name oneself as a UU? Unitarianism resists creeds and statements of belief. And yet we are inheritors of four hundred years and more of distinct history: in traditional language, that the holy is one and all shall be saved. Where do we come from? Who are we? Where are we going?"

TUUC has an archive of Sunday services on CDs. You can check out these CDs during the week by contacting the administrator's office at (253) 474-4646. These CDs will also be available Sundays in the TUUC library.