

Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Winter / Spring 2009 Program Guide

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Sunday Services

Sunday service is from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Our Interim Minister is Heather Lynn Hanson.

Check Dialog, Sunday Order of Service, weekly email announcements, or website for service information.

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Mission

The purpose of TUUC's Spiritual Development Program is to provide a program of spiritual growth and learning that meets the needs of adult members, families, and friends. We have attempted to offer a variety of experiences. This brochure lists the classes between January and June, 2009.

Registration

Most programs are free and available on a drop in basis; however, we would like to know if you plan to participate to ensure we have adequate space and program materials. It's easy to register! Simply e-mail or phone our Program Coordinator Susie Maharry at smaharry@hotmail.com, or 253- 222-9933. Course fees and registration requirements will be listed under each class listing. Pay course fee directly to facilitator at the first class. If you have questions about a specific program in this guide, you can e-mail the program facilitator (about program content) at the addresses provided in each program listing. Please do not delay signing up for a class. Register soon before a class fills up. Classes may be cancelled if sufficient registration is not received two weeks in advance of the scheduled class start. We've made every effort to be accurate, but please subscribe to the announcements e-mail list, check our monthly newsletter, the *Dialog*, and the weekly order of service for updates.

Child Care

We want everyone - including parents of young children - to be able to attend these programs, so we are committed to providing child care when needed. Please request child care in your registration e-mail or phone call. We must receive your request at least 10 days before the first scheduled meeting date of the class for which you are registering. If you have pre-registered for child care and find you don't need it, please let us know.

Covenant Group Ministry

Covenant Group Ministry (CGM) is an intentional small group program at TUUC. Our vision is a congregation of life-serving, transformational small groups. Our mission is to connect people in small groups for worship, support, study, and service, with guidance from the TUUC and the UUA principles. To learn more about Covenant Group Ministry, please contact Susie Maharry, our Program Coordinator, at smaharry@hotmail.com. She can also help you if you would like to join a covenant group, or if you are interested in starting your own. Your life will never be the same.

Facilitator Covenant Group *1st Sunday, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. / TUUC*

Contact: Susie Maharry at smaharry@hotmail.com

Group Status: always open to new members, but please contact Susie before attending. We encourage members to attend as faithfully as possible, and to start a covenant group when ready to do so. We also welcome members who aren't ready to start a group, but want to support the work of the Facilitator Group. Our purpose is to promote and support covenant groups and facilitators at TUUC.

All Ages Women's Group *4th Monday, 6:45-8:00 p.m. / Homes*

Contact Libby Colasurdo at lcola123@aol.com.

Group status: currently full. This group has special interests in poetry, cooking, and discussion of social and political ideas.

Moondancers *2nd Sunday, 6-8 p.m. / TUUC*

Contact: Laura Gardner 460-9678 or lmgardner@comcast.net

Della Donna *2nd Sunday, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. / Rotating locations*

Contact: Margot Marsh 565-5035 or mqmarsh@msn.com.

The Fourth Women's Group *4th Monday, / Homes*

Contact: Susan Kunkel 566-3242 or skswim@qwest.net.

UU Mothering Covenant Group *2nd Monday, 6-8:00 pm / Homes*

Contact: Heather Urschel-Speir at hurschel@hotmail.com or 879-1117 Mothers discussing parenting issues and offering support. The group is currently full but considers new membership in January and September.

Covenant Group Ministry

Nonviolent Communication Group *1st Saturday, 9:30-11am / Homes*

Contact: Mark Backus at backusm@harbornet.com or 759-5978.

This group is for people of all ages and backgrounds who are looking for connection and meaning. We will learn and practice NVC, and promote the use of NVC at TUUC and in the wider community.

Rationality Covenant Group *2nd and 4th Sunday, 12:30pm / Sanctuary*

Contact: Rich Horn at 565-0772 or richhorn@harbornet.com

In our Rationality Covenant Group we would like to explore the relationship between the rational, the mystical and the spiritual.

TUUC Computer Club *3rd Sunday, after the service / TUUC*

Contact: Seth Pennington at sethfp@hotmail.com or 383-084.

Discussions usually revolve around solving computer problems.

Military Covenant Group *3rd Thursday, 7-8 pm / TUUC*

Contact: Jennifer Marsellis at dire-su@gmail.com. Join us if you are an active duty, veteran, spouse, child, parent, partner or friend with military connections. Childcare provided

Depression Support Group *Every Wednesday, 1-2:30 p.m. / TUUC*

Contact: An Alburger, at rayanentinc@comcast.net.

This group is reading from *Feeling Good* by David D. Burns, MD and will dismantle when the sun comes back at Spring Equinox. The last session will be on March 18, 2009.

Young Adults Covenant Group *Time and Place TBD*

Contact: Phil Paulson at ppaulson59316@tacomacc.edu.

This group is designed for ages ranging from 18-35.

Men's Reading Group *2nd Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 pm / TUUC*

Contact: Tony Paulson at Anthony.paulson@nventure.com or (253) 566-4334. Through discussions with a cross-section of the male membership, the focus of the group is intended to enhance our spiritual journey by reading and discussing great works of classical philosophy and literature.

Spirituality Covenant Group *1st and 3rd Sunday, 9 am / Crying Room*

Contact: Darel Jenkins at 312-2653 or graybird@nventure.com.

or Loretta Skochenko-Dhaese at 863-0595 or loretta@worldstar.com.

Sustainable Food Covenant Group *Time and Place TBD*

Contact: Steven Garrett at geografood@yahoo.com.

Sustainable Food Small Group Ministry will focus on issues of building a sustainable future and what we can do NOW in action towards that end. We will focus on local food production, study ways we can grow food in our own yards and even on an apartment balcony. One focus will be to study the Northwest Earth Institute course on sustainability including "Menu for the Future" on food and "Choices for Sustainable Living" on what sustainability really means in terms of our actions and lifestyles.

Social Action Support Group *4th Thurs, 6:30 - 9:00 pm / Homes*

Contact: Bruce Rowan 253-230-9264 or brucero@hotmail.com.

Assigned Potluck Dinner is included as part of the meetings. Group is closed to new members but eager to have guests who are interested in starting a similar group and would like to see how the Social Action Support Group functions.

Facilitator Training Workshop

Facilitators: Heather Kindem, Mark Backus, Karin Van Vlack and Susie Maharry

Dates: Saturday, April, 18th

Time / Location: 9:00 a.m. - noon / TUUC Sanctuary

Do you want the gatherings you attend to enrich and transform your life? If you frequently find yourself in one group or another at home, at school, at work, or at church, this workshop is for you. Whether you are a participant, a facilitator, or thinking of becoming a group leader, come and find ways to make life wonderful when working with others. Participants in Covenant Group Ministry and Adult Spiritual Development are particularly encouraged to attend.

Social Action

TUUC Letter Writing Program

With a vision towards universal well-being and the affirmation of life, our mission is to connect people through a letter writing list-serve; to influence legislative policy by sending letters to elected representatives on a regular basis; and to support and encourage each other to participate. If you would like to be included, please contact Mark Backus at backusm@harbournet.com

Conscientious Objectors Counseling

UUs have a strong history of being conscientious objectors. This group helps young people in our community follow the steps necessary to become accepted as a conscientious objector. It meets at our church the first Saturday of each month.

Making Sandwiches for the Homeless

Join folks who are making sandwiches for the homeless on the last Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Donations of bread, meat, cheese, peanut butter, jelly, condiments, fruit, cookies, and sandwich bags are welcomed. Immediately after, some helpers deliver and hand out food at the Friday Night Feed near downtown Tacoma.

Social Justice Committee

Would you like to work on the “Green Team” or the “Peace Project”? Do you have any other ideas? Contact our Social Justice Committee Chairperson Jan Karroll at karrollart@aol.com to get active this year!

TUUC Annual MLK Day Service Project

Come help assemble gift-packs of necessities for women and children in domestic violence shelters. If you can, bring small soaps, shampoos, lotions, toothbrushes, feminine items, diapers, etc. We will write cards to the families as well. Monday, January 19, 10 a.m. in the social hall.

Fellowship

Weekly Wednesday Potluck

Join us each Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. These potlucks have been conveniently scheduled before Adult Spiritual Development (ASD) for those of you who want to go to both; however you may come to the potluck even if you don't stay for ASD, and you can attend ASD even if you don't come to the potluck. If you are unable to bring a dish, you may donate a few dollars instead; a donation basket will be provided.

Circle Dinners

Community Building, One Meal at a Time.

We have a tradition of having potlucks in our homes so we can meet each other in small groups and have community building conversations that bring us together as family. You may sign up to be a guest and simply bring a dish to share with the others or you can sign up to be a Host. The Hosts designate how many people they can accommodate (2 to 8), tells each guest what type of dish to bring, and provide the main dish. The evening can be spent in lively conversation or playing games, etc. We hope you will join us at least once. It truly is a special way to get to know others in the church. We are publishing the dates far in advance this time so you can mark your calendars: January 10, February 28, April 18, and May 23. Contact Glenda Hammond at 253-531-7742 to sign up.

Third Friday Potluck

This gathering is a casual potluck lunch with an accompanying program. Look for announcements in the *Dialog* and the Orders of Service. Members help set up, make coffee, and clean up. All ages are welcome. To receive a reminder call and to offer program suggestions, contact Helen Sohlberg at 253-759-9393. We usually meet downstairs in the Social Hall on the third Friday of each month from September through May.

Membership

Spring Pathways to Membership

The next Pathways to Membership classes will be held in late March/early April. These 2-hour classes are held one night a week for three consecutive weeks. Our Interim Minister and our Membership chair will co-lead each class, and key members of the congregation will also be on hand to discuss various aspects of TUUC church life. Attendance at the classes is not necessarily a commitment to membership, but provides an opportunity to get to know more about UUism in general and TUUC in particular. Become well acquainted with a small group of potential church members! Tuesdays, March 24th, 31st, and April 7th in the church sanctuary from 7-9 p.m.

Interim Journey

A Promise of Mighty Ministries

Facilitator: Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson at hlhuumin@sprynet.com

Date: Sunday, February 1, 2009 / Light lunch provided

Time /Location: after the service / TUUC Sanctuary

The question is not "what does a minister do?" but what might a minister do in the context of this congregation's strengths and vision? -- And what might the congregation see and engage in, as ministries by members and small groups to the TUUC community and beyond?

(Repeat) "**What Size is TUUC**" workshop will be presented on Saturday Jan. 24th from 9:30-11:30 a.m.. "Size" is more than numbers of members; it is a whole way of seeing and functioning as a congregation. How is TUUC evolving?

(Repeated from October) See *Dialog* for more details.

Beyond Categorical Thinking

Rev Keith Kron from the UUA Office of Identity- Ministries.

Dates: Sunday, March 29, 2009 / Light lunch provided

Time /Location: after the service / TUUC Sanctuary. This congregation wide workshop is part of the Ministerial Search process. All members are encouraged to attend. 9

Religious Exploration (RE)

Children and Youth Programming-RE

At TUUC, we offer an open atmosphere to begin, continue, and deepen your religious journey. Our hope is that we can connect with you and your family through our Sunday services, and other activities for children, youth, and families. Our purpose is to nurture children's spiritual growth, and to teach and model the values which hold us together as Unitarian Universalists. For more information on children and youth programming please see our Director of Religious Exploration, Lori Fernholz-Hartman, uatdre@yahoo.com. New family welcome packets are also available from our greeters in the lobby

Experience Spring at the Nisqually Refuge

Celebrate "the interdependent web of life" in April! Join RE families and others for a spring stroll at the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, April 18, from 1-4 PM. Trails offer a range of flat hiking. Pack a camera, binoculars, field guide, snacks, water, and appropriate clothing. The refuge is located south of Tacoma on I-5 at exit 114. Go right at the light, then take a second right into the Refuge. We'll meet at the Visitor's Center. Admission is \$3/family. Refuge rules prohibit pets. Contact Lori at 476-2799 if you are interested in carpooling.

RE Workday

RE Workday is June 13, 9:00 a.m. to noon with a pizza party to celebrate all the good work we've done! This is a fun way to participate at TUUC and a great way to support the children and youth. We will be cleaning rooms, organizing closets, and enjoying each other's company. Join us!

Activities and Celebrations

TUUC Annual Swim Party

On Saturday, January 24, we'll be a-splishin' and a splashin' at the Eastside Pool, 3524 East L Street, Tacoma, 98404 from 3 pm-4:30 pm. Bring your family and your beach ball and then come to TUUC after for a pizza-making party. Pool cost is \$3 for children and \$6 for adults. Pool phone: 467-2799.

Valentine's Dance

The date for the 3rd Annual Valentine's Dance is - amazingly enough - February 14, Saturday, from 5:30-9:30pm in the TUUC Sanctuary. This is great fun for all ages. We dance to everything from the Beatles to the B-52s. Dance like no one is watching!

Women's Retreat – Tacoma UU women join the women from the Olympia UU churches for a weekend of connection, crafts, spiritual programming. We also get to participate in the camp activities like archery, boating and rock climbing. Bring your own bedding, all meals included. First weekend in March at Camp Seymour.

Spring Equinox

Saturday, March 21, 5-7 p.m.
Location: Orchard Street Property

Flower Communion All-Family Service

“What Shall We Do to Celebrate?” Please bring flowers to celebrate spring the UU way! Sunday April 12.

Summer Solstice

Saturday, June 20, 5-7 p.m.
Location: Orchard Street Property

Music

TUUC Choir

Participants will learn choral singing skills, rehearse, and perform choral repertoire that augments the Sunday experience for themselves and the congregation as well as being an avenue for church service. Voice technique is also taught for the experienced and beginning singer as part of the rehearsal process. Choir season runs September through mid June. The Choir performs most every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Choir Rehearsal meets every Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and 2nd and 4th Performance Sunday rehearsals from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Open to all adults and older teens. Childcare provided. Contact Deanna Reitan, deanna.reitan@mac.com, for more information.

ART

TUUC Art Gallery

Gallery Opening – January 11 – Exhibit ends February 11
Elise Richmond – TOPOGRAPHIES (pigment build-up on canvas)

Gallery Opening – February 15 – Exhibit ends March 31
Julie Scandora – Landscape in Watercolor

Gallery Opening – April 5 – Exhibit ends May 13
Pat Tolle – Landscape in Pattern (viewed from the air)

Gallery Opening – May 17 – Exhibit ends June 30
Landscapes of the Old Lyme Marshes and other artwork from Tim Stefan Battin's collection

Gallery openings are open to the public and include refreshments and an Artist talk. For more information about the TUUC Art Gallery contact Elizabeth Ragan (esappragan@yahoo.com)

Adult Spiritual Development (ASD)

A Chosen Faith

Facilitator: Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson, hlhuumin@sprynet.com
Dates: Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13
Time / Location: 1:00 – 2:45 p.m. / TUUC Social Hall

Based on the book, *A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism* by contemporary theologians John Buehrens and Forrest Church, this small group program explores the premise that many faith seekers have chosen to become Unitarian Universalists because of common attitudes rather than following the faith of their forbears.

Participants will read two short essays from the book each week before the group meeting. Books may be ordered online at the UUA bookstore or other online source. If you wish to purchase a book through Susie Maharry, you must register with her at smaharry@hotmail.com in advance by Feb. 8th and provide a check for \$15, payable to TUUC. In addition, our library has a few copies available on a first come first serve basis.

This course, designed for newcomers, searchers, and lifelong learners, explores in eight weekly sessions, such topics as "Deeds, not Creeds," "Beyond Idolatry," and "Mind and Spirit." Revelations of insight will be explored in a safe setting where listening is valued as highly as speaking.

Vipassana Meditation

A meditation group is meeting regularly in the sanctuary, every Monday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. We begin with a silent sitting meditation for a half hour, then we listen to a talk by contemporary teachers from the Buddhist tradition, followed by a period of discussion and reflection. So far the teachers have been Rodney Smith, Thich Nhat Han, Pema Chodron, and Jack Kornfield. Please come join us. Please contact Rob Gramenz, rgramenz@harbornet.com.

Menu for the Future

Facilitator: Steven Garrett at geografood@yahoo.com.
Dates: Wednesdays, February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18
Time / Location: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. / TUUC Sanctuary

Menu for the Future, is a six-session course exploring the connection between food and sustainability. In this course we will explore food systems and their impacts on culture, society and ecological systems; gain insight into agricultural and individual practices that promote personal and ecological well-being; and consider our roles in creating or supporting sustainable food systems.

Registration is required by Jan. 15th to Susie Maharry at smaharry@hotmail.com in order to purchase books. The cost of the book is \$20 for the book only, or \$35 for a book and a one year membership to NWEI.

Session Topics:

1. **What's Eating America:** Given the array of food choices and advice, eating in modern industrial society can be wrought with confusion, contradictions and anxiety. Session One considers the effects of modern industrial eating habits on culture, society and ecological systems.
2. **Anonymous Food:** Session Two traces the historical shift from family farms to industrial agriculture to present day questions surrounding genetically modified organisms (GMO) and industrial organics. The session examines the ecological and economic impacts that have accompanied the changes in how we grow and prepare food.
3. **Farming for the Future:** Session Three explores emerging food system alternatives, highlighting sustainable growing practices and the benefits of small farms and urban food production. The session considers how individuals can make choices that lead to a more sustainable food supply.

4. **You Are What You Eat:** Session Four explores food systems from a human health perspective. The session considers the influences that shape our choices and food policies from the fields to Capitol Hill, and the implications for our health and well-being.

5. **Toward a Just Food System:** The readings in Session Five examine issues of hunger, equity, and Fair Trade. The session considers the role that governments, communities and individuals can play in addressing these issues to create a more just food system.

6. **Choices for Change:** Individuals and communities are discovering the benefits of choosing local, seasonal and sustainably grown and produced foods. Session Six offers inspiration and practical advice in taking steps to create more sustainable food systems.

Bill Moyers - Faith and Reason

Series from PBS

Facilitator: Lori Fernholz- Hartman at uuatdre@yahoo.com

Dates: Sunday, Feb. 15, Mar 1, 15, April 5, 19, May 3, 17

Time /Location: 12:00 - 1:45 p.m. / Thomas Jefferson Room

We will watch each 60-minute episode of Faith and Reason followed by discussion and journaling. These are thoughtful, moving interviews that will inspire you and support your spiritual growth. Please register for this class with Lori soon because we only have 15 spots available.

First Friday Film Forum

Facilitators: Jennifer Marsellis at diresu@gmail.com

Dates: First Friday of the Month, (excluding Jan.)

Time /Location: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. / TUUC Sanctuary

We will watch a film with a social justice or spiritual theme and have a guided discussion afterward. Check our newsletter, the *Dialog*, for monthly details.

The Enlightenment Series

Facilitator: Mark Backus backusm@harbornet.com, 759-5978.

Dates: Wednesdays, March 25, April 1, 8, 15

Time /Location: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. / TUUC Sanctuary

Session 1: The Perennial Philosophy

The ultimate purpose of human life according to the world's religions is enlightenment. Do we Unitarian Universalists share that belief? We will seek to answer that question using The Perennial Philosophy by Aldous Huxley in the first of 4 sessions on enlightenment. Here is a sample from the text: "There is a way to Reality in and through the soul, and there is a way to Reality in and through the world. Whether the ultimate goal can be reached by following either of these ways to the exclusion of the other is to be doubted. The third, best and hardest way is that which leads to the divine Ground simultaneously in the perceiver and in that which is perceived."

Session 2: The World of Zen

Beat your neighbors to nirvana! To help you get there ahead of Bob and Sally, we will read and discuss short selections from The World of Zen, a Zen anthology by Nancy Wilson Ross, who was born in Olympia, Washington, in 1901. Here are two sample readings:

I do not need to burn the Gospels in order to read Hui-Neng.
-Hubert Benoit

A man must become truly poor and as free from his own creaturely will as he was when he was born. And I tell you, by the eternal truth, that so long as you desire to fulfill the will of God and have any hankering after eternity and God, for just so long you are not truly poor. He alone has true spiritual poverty who wills nothing, desires nothing.

-Meister Eckhart

Session 3: Practical Mysticism

Some are convinced that the female mind is severely constrained in many spheres of human endeavor, including the understanding of enlightenment. Is that true? We will test the hypothesis by checking Evelyn Underhill's Practical Mysticism for evidence. On the one side: the traditionalists, the modernists, the post-modernists, tractates, dogma, and armies of millions. On the other: a single, bespectacled woman devoted to spiritual adventure. Come and root for your side.

Session 4: The Good Samaritan

Repent! Become enlightened today! Using the parable of the Good Samaritan as an example, we will see how stories can be read from multiple planes of spiritual development, and may even help us imagine new ones. This final session of The Enlightenment Series will consist of theater, a brief lecture, and a discussion. Come and be saved.

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven Part 2: On the Threshold

Facilitator: Mary Rhine at marymeg32000@yahoo.com and Darla Brunquell at darlab13@comcast.net.
Dates: Tuesdays, April 7, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 26
Time /Location: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. / TUUC Sanctuary

This six-session continuation of the Cakes for the Queen of Heaven course continues our journey into the past to reclaim the stories of powerful women to be found in ancient Judaism and in early Christianity. We will also look at the global silencing and brutalization of women that accompanied the rise of patriarchal religion and society. Finally we will celebrate the exciting new world-view and theology that has emerged in our time, and explore the personal and social changes that may be suggested by that new world-view and theology. We will continue the complex process of telling a new story. Sessions are titled, "The Hebrew Goddess," "Sarah the Priestess," "The Apostle Mary," "The Virgin Mary," "Witchcraft," and "Future Fantasies." You can register even if you didn't take part one.

Mosaic Art Series

Facilitator: Mauricio Forster at artpeople@q.com
Dates: Wednesdays, April 22, 29, May 6
Time /Location: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. / TUUC Social Hall
We are fortunate to have a professional mosaic artist, Mauricio Forster, help us each create our own large flower pot. All supplies will be provided for a fee of \$30. You must pre-register for this class by March 1, 2009.

Welcoming Congregation Program Facilitators:

Mary Rhine at marymeg32000@yahoo.com and Susan Dye at susan.dye@gmail.com
Dates: Wed., May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24,
Time /Location: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. / TUUC Sanctuary

The Welcoming Congregation Workshop is a UUA program for congregations to become more inclusive towards bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender people. The goal of the program is to increase our understanding of people of different sexual orientations. Some of the workshop titles include: How Homophobia Hurts Heterosexuals; Connections to Other Forms of Oppression; Gender Socialization and Homophobia; and Biblical Perspectives on Homosexuality. TUUC is already a UUA designated Welcoming Congregation. We haven't carried out the full curriculum in several years. It is a fun, challenging, enlightening program for all persons regardless of your sexual orientation. Please make a commitment to attend as many of the weekly workshops as possible.

Yoga

We meet for yoga every Thursday from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. in the church sanctuary. You do not need to have experience with yoga, only a willingness to learn. We stretch and twist for relaxation and good health. We recommend that you wear loose, comfortable clothes, and bring a yoga mat. We also ask that you show up a couple minutes early so we can start on time. Please join us! Contact Loretta Skochenko-Dhaese 863-0595 at loretta@worldstar.com

Building Your Own Theology – BYOT

Book One, Part 2

Facilitator: Co-facilitated by Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson

Dates: Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4

Time /Location: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. / TUUC Sanctuary

A chance to give your faith some “growth hormones,” as we explore various beliefs and values, and ask whether and how they apply in our own life and culture. Complete the last five sessions of Book One that we began last fall.

Building Your Own Theology – BYOT

Book Two - Exploring

Facilitator: Co-facilitated by Group Members

Two Separate Ten-week classes will be offered at TUUC

Choose one:

Dates: Thurs, 6:30–8:30 p.m. from April 16th - June 18th

Dates: Mon, 12:30–2:30 p.m., from April 20th - June 29th

You may take this class even if you missed Book One.

Beginning with an introduction to the six Sources of our UU Faith, this second book continues the credo-development process by focusing on various theological questions to help participants grow in their ability to understand and clearly articulate their own belief systems. We examines key issues in religious inquiry, including truth and authority, theological diversity, spirituality, sin and salvation, justice, suffering, death, immortality and the concept of the beloved community.

Books may be ordered online at the UUA bookstore or other online source. If you wish to purchase a book through Susie Maharry, you must register with her at smaharry@hotmail.com in advance by Feb. 8th and provide a check for \$16, payable to TUUC (or you may also purchase a set of all three BYOT books for \$38.00). In addition, our library has a few copies available on a first come first serve basis. We plan on offering Book Three in the fall of 2009.