

# Thursday, February 2, 2012

## Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation

### Weekly E-News

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Links for additional events and details:

- \* **TUUC Online Calendar** - <http://www.my.calendars.net/tuucadmin>. To automatically view event details, choose "List" format instead of "Block" at the bottom of the screen.
- \* **February 2012 Dialog Newsletter** can be seen at <http://tuuc-wa.org/Dialog-2012-02.pdf>
- \* **2011 Fall Program Guide** - <http://tuuc-wa.org/ASD Brochure Fall 2011.pdf>. There are also a few printed copies available in the front entrance of the church.
- \* **Archive of past sermons** at TUUC - <http://www.archive.org/search.php?query=TUUC&sort=-publicdate>
- \* **To sign up for or edit** your subscription to this Weekly E-news, visit [http://tuuc-wa.org/mailman/listinfo/announce\\_tuuc-wa.org](http://tuuc-wa.org/mailman/listinfo/announce_tuuc-wa.org)

## TUUC News

Sunday, February 5 - 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

### "Spiritual Practice 101"

Rev. Bill Graves

This is the first of a two-part sermon that will take a look at "spirituality". What is it and what isn't it? What are some simple practices that might help me find more of it in my life? It also might be called "soul work", or finding a sense of "sacred purpose" in life. For some, it is the most important task they ever undertake. Finding and living faithfully in that purpose is to live intensely in the here and now. That is the spiritual quest.

### Coffee Time between services

9:15 a.m. - Facilitators Covenant Group

10:30 a.m. - Youth Group

12:30 p.m. - 7th Principle Group

## Message from Bill

**Hallelujah!** Last night the Washington State Senate by vote of 28-21 passed a bill that would legalize same sex marriage. It now seems only a matter of weeks that the bill will be signed by the governor. Keeping fingers crossed! Let all know that the TUUC ministry is open to assist couples who seek a ceremony that honors the spiritual meaning of their commitment regardless of their gender or gender orientation.

--Rev. Bill Graves

## Social Action Committee

The next Social Action **committee meeting** will be after the last service on **February 12**, and we welcome all newcomers. The **next vigil** at the Northwest Detention Center will be on **February 19 at 1:00 p.m.** This is quite a remarkable experience, and we welcome you to join us in compassion for the loved ones of detainees.

**February's Change for Change** will be for the budget booster for TUUC. We do this twice a year to help plug holes in our budget, a very necessary thing to do. The committee is welcome to new ideas and projects for Change for Change, by the way. Donations for **Change for Change in January** are for the important work done at the Northwest Immigration Rights Project.

## Save the Date!

**TUUC's annual auction** will be held on **April 14th** this year. Please save the date and plan to attend. And please plan to donate items, too.

The auction is TUUC's major fundraising event of the year. We'd like to make it one of our major social events, too. To this end, we hope to have more fixed-price, lower-cost events for sale so that more people can afford to participate. Could you donate inexpensive group event items such as hikes or bike rides, a night of bridge or board games, a billiard or pool table party, or a slide show from your last exotic vacation? Of course you can! Contact Christine Stalnaker or Maryellen Martinez with any questions.

## 7th Principle Group

TUUC has recently instituted a new program under "Social Justice/Creating Peace," called the 7th Principle Group. This new group attempts to follow the guidelines of the UU Ministry for the Earth in promoting our 7th Principle in our lives, congregation, and community at large. The following is our vision: We envision a world in which reverence, gratitude, and care for the living Earth are central to the lives of all people. Our purpose is to inspire, facilitate, and support personal, congregational, and denominational practices that honor and sustain the Earth and all beings. We affirm and promote the seven principles of the UUA, including: "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."

The group meets the first Sunday of the month, downstairs in the Youth Room, at 12:30 p.m. This is YOUR group, so please show your support by attending our next meeting **February 5th**, bringing your ideas, passions, and concerns as we approach Earth Day 2011!

(Submitted by Dave Stevens)

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## CPR Certification

Anyone interested in obtaining/updating their CPR certification please contact Tim Battin at [spatialresearch@yahoo.com](mailto:spatialresearch@yahoo.com) via email and put your name in asap. We hope to arrange a class probably on a Saturday in February (4 hours). The training is free so long as we have a dozen people signed up, and we hope to do it at TUUC. We just purchased a defibrillator and will practice with this equipment. We are also updating the First Aid kits and you can contact Maryellen Martinez with any questions suggestions about the kits/locations/etc.

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## Intrepid Snowshoeing for February

We are planning outings for **February 11 and 25** with departures from TUUC at 8:00 a.m. The likely destination for the 11th is the beautiful trail along the Carbon River, just inside Mt. Rainier National Park. The destination for the 25th TBA. Appropriate winter clothing and willingness to rent snowshoes if loaners not available required. Join us and enjoy the beauty of winter! Questions and sign up with Fran at [tatooshie@yahoo.com](mailto:tatooshie@yahoo.com), or Felice at [fdavis1944@gmail.com](mailto:fdavis1944@gmail.com).

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## Valentines Dance

TUUC Valentine's Dance will be Saturday, **February 11** from 6 - 8:30 p.m.! This is an all ages event! Come dance like no one is watching to hits from the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and today! Bring a finger food to share if you can. \$5 donation per person with a \$10 limit per family. For those who come early to set up or stay after to clean up, donation is waived.

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## 20s - 30s Group

**Thursday, February 16 from 6 - 8 p.m. Twenties and Thirties Group - Tacoma Artwalk** Our scheduled activity for the month is the Tacoma Artwalk ([www.artwalktacoma.com](http://www.artwalktacoma.com)). This is rescheduled from January when weather cancelled the Third Thursday events. This is an event put on monthly by downtown Tacoma commercial art galleries as well as the downtown museums. Entry to all locations is free. We'll meet at the Bridge of Glass at 6pm. From there we can decide what venues or museums the group wants to go to. Please RSVP to Dave Cerny [xcerny@gmail.com](mailto:xcerny@gmail.com) so the group knows if we should wait for anyone else!

### Twenties and Thirties Group Meeting

Our first monthly meeting of the year will be at Forza coffeehouse at N. 21st and Pearl on **Monday February 20th from 7 - 9 p.m.** We'll be planning our group's activities for the next few months, so everyone bring your calendars and your ideas for activities. If you can't make it right at the start, don't be afraid to come in after we've started. Contact Nicole Scheer [nscheer92@gmail.com](mailto:nscheer92@gmail.com) or Dave Cerny [xcerny@gmail.com](mailto:xcerny@gmail.com)

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## February Third Friday Potluck

**February 17th** is the next date for our Third Friday Potluck. Andy Bartels will bring us a program of fun and music. Andy has performed from our pulpit on Sundays so we know he will delight us with his music and stories. Maybe we'll all be a part of the program. Come with your contribution for the noon meal on Friday, February 17th.

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## February's Circle Dinner

February's Circle Dinner will be held on **Saturday, February 18th**, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. This is a time when members and friends share a potluck dinner together and strengthen our spiritual community. If you'd like to participate, either as a guest or as a host/hostess, please sign up with Christine Stalnaker between services this Sunday.

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## Mystery Pals Begins February 19!

Mystery Pals is an exciting way to connect with people at TUUC! Just sign up with Lori and she will assign you a code name (which will be a famous UU). For four Sundays, between February 19 and March 18, you leave a clue about who you are in the Mystery Pals Mailbox that will be in the church lobby. Your pal will leave a clue for you too! If you wish you can give your pal small gifts like candy, drawings, poems, trinkets, or flowers, but gifts are optional.

On March 25 we will have a Reveal Celebration in the social hall at 10:35 a.m. If you want to be a mystery pal you must agree to be there for the Reveal Celebration to meet your pal, and give clues for all four Sundays. Adults and children are encouraged to participate in Mystery Pals. Adults will be paired with children as much as possible, to make this an inter-generational activity. Please e-mail Lori by February 5 at [dre@tuuc-wa.org](mailto:dre@tuuc-wa.org) if you'd like to participate and she'll send you instructions to get started!

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## Rebecca Parker Book Reception

Rebecca Parker  
Wine and Cheese Reception 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, February 26, 2012  
Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Rebecca Parker has been President of Starr King School for the Ministry since 1990 and Professor of Theology since 2001, the first woman to serve as the permanent head of an accredited theological school. An ordained United Methodist minister, Parker has dual fellowship with the United Methodist Church and the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Dr. Parker will speak on educational opportunities for UU lay persons offered by Starr King and the concepts in her book "House for Hope". There will be time for questions and books will be available for sale.

A House for Hope:  
The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-First Century  
by Rebecca Parker, co-authored with John Buehrens.

"Coauthors Buehrens (A Chosen Faith) and Parker (Saving Paradise), both progressive clergy, engage in conversation with each other and with theologians ancient and modern."

"This accessible, engaging book may inspire religious progressives to claim their proud history and vital role in contemporary theological conversation."  
— excerpt from Publisher's Weekly review

"They examine, from a liberal-progressive perspective, the religious frameworks that inspired generations of men and women to fight for women's rights, racial equality, economic justice, and peace. A thoughtful meditation on religion, duty, and the common good."  
— June Sawyers, Booklist Online review

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## Monday Night Meditation

**Monday Night Meditation, TUUC sanctuary, 7 - 8:45 p.m.** If you care to, join us on Monday evenings 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.

Monday, February 6th, Audrey facilitating: "The Power of Compassion, Part 4" by The Dalai Lama, read by Derek Jacobi. We will also have a discussion about trying a new series based on the book [Dancing with Life](#), by Phillip Moffitt. If you have a chance, please visit the website and consider finding a copy of the book to read. It may also help to listen to the on-line introductory talk if you missed it last week.

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## Wednesday Evening Adult Spiritual Development

### **Bill Moyers Faith and Reason Series Parts 3 & 4**

Facilitator: Lori Fernholz-Hartman  
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 15 6:30 p.m.

Join a thoughtful group of curious minds as we watch and discuss Bill Moyers' interviews with author Salman Rushdie on Feb. 8 and Buddhist nun Pema Chodron on Feb. 15, 6:30-8:00 in the sanctuary.

Lori Fernholz-Hartman will lead discussion and offer questions for you to reflect or journal on.  
Childcare provided on request. [dre@tuuc-wa.org](mailto:dre@tuuc-wa.org).

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# On-Line/Hard Copy Photo Directory Update

Later this month the Membership Committee plans to pass out the 2011 new members supplement along with a color photo collage of the congregation. This will be given to all those who have purchased the 3-ring binder directory. New directories will be on sale for \$10 no later than the first part of February.

Another way to view the TUUC membership is by going online. In 2010 / 2011 all members were given pass codes to access the online system which, along with a variety of useful information, includes a pictorial directory updated regularly. If you've misplaced your pass codes or not received them, please contact Susan Kunkel at [skswim100@hotmail.com](mailto:skswim100@hotmail.com)

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## Kudos and Thanks, Etc.

Many thanks to Mary Jane Long, Steve Fortson, Bob Lane, Darel Jenkins, and James Venturini for their deft hands and quick wit as we folded the February Dialog. Mary Jane's still-warm, gooey, apple dessert dish made the experience tasty, as well.  
--Bruce Rowan

And many thanks to Bruce for such great work every issue in pulling together a folding and mailing party and then getting all the pieces to the Post Office!  
--James Venturini

*This "Kudos and Thanks, Etc." section is about noticing someone else's kindness or effective, generous service for the good of the church and its members. Who do you want to thank or high-five? Send the editor an email at [editor@tuuc-wa.org](mailto:editor@tuuc-wa.org) with the subject KUDOS or THANKS.*

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## Next Publication Due Dates:

- February 6 - Monday noon - any items for next Caring Community email message.
- February 8 - Wednesday noon - any items for next Weekly E-News message.
- February 9 - Thursday noon - any items for Sunday, February 12 Order of Service.

IMPORTANT: If your announcement includes a date for the TUUC calendar, please contact both administration staff members:  
(1) Mike Field via [admin@tuuc-wa.org](mailto:admin@tuuc-wa.org) [for facility coordination and church calendar] and  
(2) James Venturini via [editor@tuuc-wa.org](mailto:editor@tuuc-wa.org) [for publications].

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## ... About this Weekly Message

This Weekly E-news is for church business, event updates, committee news, schedule changes, program/class/member-fellowship invitations, Kudos & Thanks to acknowledge others' service rendered in support of TUUC, and limited other announcements of interest to the congregation. Sign up or edit your subscription at [http://tuuc-wa.org/mailman/listinfo/announce\\_tuuc-wa.org](http://tuuc-wa.org/mailman/listinfo/announce_tuuc-wa.org).

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Please send new announcements to [editor@tuuc-wa.org](mailto:editor@tuuc-wa.org) by noon on Wednesdays for inclusion in the next Weekly E-news message. If your announcement includes a date, please also contact Mike Field, church administrator, at [admin@tuuc-wa.org](mailto:admin@tuuc-wa.org) / [253-474-4646](tel:253-474-4646) to ensure facility coordination and TUUC online calendar posting. Thank you!

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